

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
for  
Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset CIO

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Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare  
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare & North Somerset was constituted on 15 July 1985 under a trust deed.

The Charity operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 27 March 2018.

The Charity operates independently from the national Samaritans charity, but receives, and gives, donations and support from, and to, the national charity, where required.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The purpose of the Charity is to offer support to those apparently at risk of suicide by being available to listen and encourage the exploration of their options. Support is also provided to those whose distress is not yet acute, in the hope that they will not finally resort to ending their lives. Support is available through telephone and email.

### **Public benefit**

The public benefit of the Charity is achieved by its objectives and aims.

### **Grants and Donations**

The Charity receives grants from organisations in the public and private sectors, in addition to general donations from members of the public and various spiritual bodies.

### **Volunteers**

The Charity is dependent upon volunteers for its operations, and volunteers are dealt with in a fair and professional way. Volunteers undergo rigorous training for their role as crisis support, and this is ongoing.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The Trustees continue to progress the charitable activities of the Charity, and fundraising during the year was considered satisfactory for this purpose.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

*Treasurer's report*

*Income for the year was £41,987, and expenditure for the year totalled £38,068, giving a profit for the year of £3,919.*

*Donations and legacies totalled £10,458, which included generous contributions from the URC in Wrington, Mrs Cran, the Wraxall Lodge and, last, but by no means least, the Wedmore beer festival which contributed £1,000. As in previous years, many volunteers donated back their travel expenses which allowed the Charity to recover Gift Aid.*

*Fundraising activities provided a further £10,896, from a number of events, including the Samarathon, the Swing Fever festival, sentry duty work at Glastonbury festival, a jumble sale and winning first prize in the Yeo Valley competition for Yeokens! Further funds were raised by the unstoppable Mac who continues to give outreach talks to local organisations.*

*Grants received in the year amounted to £20,633, thanks to sterling work by Nick Green, an invaluable support volunteer.*

*The bank balance at 31 March 2024 was £39,151, of which £33,213 are unrestricted funds and the balance restricted funds. £35,000 is also held in a 452 day term deposit account with Lloyds Bank. The Branch Leadership Team (BLT) continues to monitor the Charity's £60,000 investment in the M&G Charibond fund, the value of which stood at £58,487 at 31 March, 2024.*

*Management accounts are produced regularly and the Treasurer prepares bi-monthly accounts of the Charity's financial position. The BLT reviews the latest accounts at each of its bi-monthly meetings, to ensure that both income and expenditure are closely scrutinised.*

*Investment policy and objectives*

*There are no restrictions on the Charity's powers to invest. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees and is decided upon as and when cash is available for investment. Cash is invested in low risk funds.*

*Reserves policy*

*The Charity seeks to maintain a reserve of £30,000 of (unrestricted) general funds. Restricted funds can only be used for designated building works and rental costs. General funds are used to maintain the objectives of the Charity and keep it running on a daily basis. Trustees monitor expenditure based on the cash position of the Charity.*

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

*Governing document*

*The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and is an incorporated charity.*

*Recruitment and appointment of new trustees*

*The appointment and removal of trustees is decided by a vote of branch members at each AGM.*

*Decision making*

*Decision making is undertaken by the BLT at regular bi-monthly committee meetings.*

### *Induction and training of new trustees*

*New trustees are trained and inducted by the existing and outgoing trustees as to their responsibilities and obligations. They must also undertake mandatory online training required by the Samaritans Central Charity.*

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### *Risk management*

*The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. A risk register is maintained and reviewed regularly at BLT meetings.*

*In the case of any complaints, these should be made in writing to the Trustees at the principal address.*

### *REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS*

*Registered Charity number  
1177715*

*Principal address  
137 High Street  
Weston Super Mare  
North Somerset  
BS23 1HN*

*Trustees  
Mrs J H Green (appointed 1 April 2023)  
Mr P R Lemanski  
Mrs G A Smith (retired 10 October, 2023)  
Mrs Angela Howe (appointed 10 October, 2023)  
Mrs Marina Jonas (appointed 10 October 2023)  
Mr J Pawle (appointed 10 October 2023)*

*Independent Examiner  
Adam Turrell (ICAEW FCA)  
Maxwells Chartered Accountants  
4 King Square  
Bridgwater  
Somerset  
TA6 3YF*

*Bankers  
Lloyds Bank plc  
PO Box 1000  
Andover  
BS23 1HN*

*Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:*

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*Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset  
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset  
(the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.*

*Responsibilities and basis of report*

*As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements  
of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').*

*I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my  
examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.*

*Independent examiner's statement*

*I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the  
examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:*

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or*
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or*
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out  
in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true  
and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.*

*I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be  
drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.*

*Adam Turrell (ICAEW FCA)  
Maxwells Chartered Accountants  
4 King Square  
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TA6 3YF*

*Date: .....*

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	10,458	0	10,458	25,182
Fundraising activities and grants	3	22,229	9300	31,529	8,949
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,687</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>41,987</b>	<b>34,131</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		562	0	562	4,065
Charitable activities		22,557	14,949	37,506	49,426
Building improvements		0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,119</b>	<b>14,949</b>	<b>38,068</b>	<b>53,491</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>9,568</b>	<b>-5,649</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>-19,360</b>
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets		2,588	0	2,588	-2,931
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>12,156</b>	<b>-5,649</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>-22,291</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>79,194</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>90,781</b>	<b>113,072</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>91,350</b>	<b>5,938</b>	<b>97,288</b>	<b>90,781</b>

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Balance Sheet  
as at 31 March 2024

				2024	2023
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Charibond		58,487	-	58,487	55,899
Cash at bank		33,213	5,938	39,151	35,232
		<u>91,700</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>97,638</u>	<u>91,131</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	350	-	350	350
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>91,350</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>97,288</u>	<u>90,781</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>91,350</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>97,288</u>	<u>90,781</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>91,350</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>97,288</u>	<u>90,781</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds				91,350	79,194
Restricted funds				<u>5,938</u>	<u>11,587</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	8			<u>97,288</u>	<u>90,781</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
*J Green - Trustee*

.....  
*P R Lemanski - Trustee*

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*Notes to the Financial Statements  
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*1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES*

*Basis of preparing the financial statements*

*The financial statements of the Charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.*

*The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis under the historical cost convention.*

*Income*

*All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, and the funds have been received in the bank. This relates to donations, legacies, grants and fundraising.*

*All income is stated net of VAT.*

*Expenditure*

*Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.*

*Taxation*

*The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.*

*Fund accounting*

*Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.*

*Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.*

*Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.*

#### *Hire purchase and leasing commitments*

*Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.*

#### *Donated goods*

*Donated goods are valued according to the discretion of the trustees where appropriate to reflect the current value to the charity.*

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#### *Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024*

#### 2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
Donations	3,088	26,318
Gift Aid given back	7,370	10,998
	<u>10,458</u>	<u>37,316</u>

#### 3 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS

	2023	2022
Fundraising	10,896	9,456
Grants	20,633	-
	<u>31,529</u>	<u>9,456</u>

#### 4 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

*There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024, nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.*

##### *Trustees' expenses*

*Trustees' expenses were paid and donated back to the charity. No costs to the Charity were incurred as a result of trustees' expenses in both 2024 and 2023.*

#### 5 STAFF COSTS

*Staff costs for shop employees were nil for the year (2023 - nil). Volunteers generally repay their expenses back into the charity as donations.*

6 2023 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<i>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</i>			
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	26,318	0	26,318
<i>Fundraising activities</i>	9,456	0	9,456
<i>Total</i>	35,774	0	35,774
<i>EXPENDITURE ON:</i>			
<i>Raising funds</i>	331	0	331
<i>Charitable activities</i>	27,677	680	28,357
<i>Building improvements</i>	618	0	618
<i>Total</i>	28,626	680	29,306
<i>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</i>	7,148	-680	6,468
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	0	0	0
<i>Realised loss on investment</i>	-1,170	0	-1,170
<i>Net movement in funds</i>	5,978	-680	5,298
<i>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</i>			
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	95,502	12,267	107,769
<i>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</i>	101,480	11,587	113,067

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors (Accountants Examination fees)	350	350

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8 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	79,194	12,156	0	91,350
Restricted funds				
Restricted	11,587	-5,649	0	5,938
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>90,781</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97,288</b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Realised Gain on revaluation £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General	32,687	23,119	2,588	12,156
Restricted funds				
Restricted	9,300	14,949	0	-5,649
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>41,987</b>	<b>38,068</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>6,507</b>

Restricted funds are retained for a specific designated use. Restricted funds in this case relate to

building issues, including rent paid for the for year (£6,000) and repairs to the building (£8,949). A grant of £9,300 was received from the National Lottery for expenditure relating to the building.

Comparatives for movements in funds:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Realised loss on revaluation £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	101,485	-19,360	-2931	79,194
Restricted funds				
Restricted	11,587	-	-	11,587
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>113,072</b>	<b>-19,360</b>	<b>-2,931</b>	<b>90,781</b>

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#### 9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023- £nil).

#### 10 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

The independent examiner's remuneration for 31 March 2024 was £350 (2023: £350).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
Donations and legacies	10,458	25,182
Fundraising activities and grants	31,529	8,949
Total incoming resources	<u>41,987</u>	<u>34,131</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>		
Fundraising costs	562	4,065
Donations to Barnstaple Samaritans	-	10,000
Charitable activities:		
Affiliation fee	1,159	7,305
Housekeeping	1,625	1,773
Rent	7,362	6,030
Rates	430	430
Water & Sewage	- 256	487
Light & Heat	3,681	3,733
Insurance	1,673	1,419
Equipment costs	1,019	1,016
Repairs & renewals	8,949	4,412
Telephone	970	737
Room hire	-	38
Printing, postage & stationery	-	70
Training costs	395	142

<i>Parking</i>	20	274
<i>Recruitment</i>	122	-
<i>Volunteer costs</i>	9,378	11,018
<i>Publicity</i>	273	-
<i>AGM costs</i>	320	156
<i>Sundry expenses</i>	36	36
<i>Independent examiners fees</i>	350	350
	<hr/> 37,506	<hr/> 39,426
 <i>Total resources expended</i>	 <hr/> 38,068	 <hr/> 43,491
  <i>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)</i>	  <hr/> <hr/> 3,919	  <hr/> <hr/> (9,360)









