

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset CIO

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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 by telephone.

### **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 £39,779, and expenditure for the year totalled £34,292, giving a surplus for the year of £5,487.

Donations and legacies totalled £20,519, which included generous contributions from Thatchers, the URC in Wrington, the Michael Axentis Charitable Trust, the Brent Knoll PC and a legacy gift. As in previous years, many volunteers donated back their travel expenses totalling £10,390, which allowed the Charity to recover Gift Aid thereon

Fundraising activities, organised by Michelle and her team, provided a further £8,451 from a number of events, including a very funny Comedy Night in Wedmore, and a slightly dangerous abseiling event, as well as more sentry duty work at the Glastonbury festival!

No grants were received in the year, but Nick is back on the case with a vengeance.

The bank balance at 31 March 2025 was £9,638. £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 £59,855 at 31 March, 2025.

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  
Mr P R Lemanski  
Mrs Angela Howe  
Mrs Marina Jonas  
Mr J Pawle

Independent Examiner  
Adam Turrell (ICAEW FCA)  
Maxwells Chartered Accountants  
4 King Square  
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Bankers  
Lloyds Bank plc  
PO Box 1000  
Andover  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
J Green - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Samaritans of Weston-super-Mare  
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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 2025.

**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  
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Date: .....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	30,909	0	30,909	10,458
Fundraising activities and grants	3	8,451	0	8,451	31,529
Interest received		419	0	419	0
Total		39,779	0	39,779	41,987
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		2,524	0	2,524	562
Charitable activities		25,830	5,938	31,768	37,506
Total		28,354	5,938	34,292	38,068
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		11,425	(5,938)	5,487	3,919
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets		1,368	0	1,368	2,588
Net movement in funds		12,793	(5,938)	6,855	6,507
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		91,350	5,938	97,288	90,781
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		104,143	0	104,143	97,288

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Balance Sheet  
as at 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
Notes	£	£	£	£	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Charibond		59,855	0	59,855	58,487
Cash at bank		44,638	0	44,638	44,800
		104,493	0	104,493	103,287
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	350	0	350	350
NET CURRENT ASSETS		104,143	0	104,143	102,937
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		104,143	0	104,143	102,937
NET ASSETS		104,143	0	104,143	102,937
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				104,143	91,350
Restricted funds				0	5,938
TOTAL FUNDS	8			104,143	97,288

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  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

## 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 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 inclusive 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**

Un-restricted 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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**2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Donations	20,519	3,088
Gift Aid given back	10,390	7,370
	<u>30,909</u>	<u>10,458</u>

**3 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Fundraising	8,451	10,896
Grants	0	20,633
	<u>8,451</u>	<u>31,529</u>

**4 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses were paid and generally donated back to the charity.

No significant costs to the Charity were incurred as a result of trustees' expenses in both 2025 and 2024.

**5 STAFF COSTS**

Staff costs for shop employees were nil for the year (2024 - nil). Volunteers generally repay their expenses back into the charity as donations.

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**6 2024 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	10,458	0	10,458
Fundraising activities	22,229	9,300	31,529
Total	32,687	9,300	41,987
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	562	0	562
Charitable activities	22,557	14,949	37,506
Building improvements	0	0	0
Total	23,119	14,949	38,068
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,568	(5,649)	3,919
Transfers between funds	0	0	0
Realised loss on investment	2,588	0	2,588
Net movement in funds	12,156	(5,649)	6,507
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	79,194	11,587	90,781
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	91,350	5,938	97,288

**7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors (Accountants Examination fees)	350	350

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8 **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	91,350	12,793	0	104,143
Restricted funds				
Restricted	5,938	(5,938)	0	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>97,288</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104,143</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	39,779	28,354	1,368	12,793
Restricted funds				
Restricted	0	5,938	0	(5,938)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>39,779</b>	<b>34,292</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>6,855</b>

Restricted funds are retained for a specific designated use. Restricted funds in this case relate to building improvements, including rent paid for the year of £6,000 (2024: £6,000) and building repairs of £nil (2024: £8,949).

Comparatives for movements in funds:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Realised loss on revaluation £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,194	9,568	2,588	91,350
Restricted funds				
Restricted	11,587	(5,649)	0	5,938
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>90,781</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>97,288</b>

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9      **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025 (31 March 2024: £nil).

10     **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REMUNERATION**

The independent examiner’s remuneration for 31 March 2025 was £350 (2024: £350).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies	30,909	10,458
Fundraising activities and grants	8,451	31,529
Interest received	419	0
Total incoming resources	<b>39,779</b>	41,987
EXPENDITURE:		
Fundraising costs	2,524	562
Donations to Barnstaple Samaritans	0	0
Charitable activities:		
Affiliation fee	5,895	1,159
Regional charges	300	0
Housekeeping	1,901	1,625
Rent	6,000	7,362
Rates	419	430
Water & Sewage	389	(256)
Light & Heat	1,636	3,681
Insurance	1,946	1,673
Equipment costs	1,536	1,019
Repairs & renewals	2,206	8,949
Telephone	731	970
Room hire	0	0
Printing, postage & stationery	0	0
Training costs	17	395
Parking	0	20
Recruitment	(82)	122
Volunteer costs	8,337	9,378
Publicity	0	273
AGM costs	152	320
Sundry expenses	35	36
Independent examiners fees	350	350
	31,768	37,506
Total resources expended	<b>34,292</b>	38,068
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	<b>5,487</b>	3,919