

Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106776

Details

Status	Received
Company number	644871
Registered	2017-07-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: To enable persons in Dundrum Bay to Caslebellingham and including South Down, South Armagh and North Louth and the surrounding area as well as elsewhere in who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those who may be at risk of suicide, to receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night in order to improve their emotional health and to reduce the incidence of suicide; To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health; and To collaborate with and support the Combined Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objects.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works: Counselling/support, General charitable purposes, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), General public, Mental health, Older people, Sexual orientation, Tenants, Travellers, Unemployed/low income, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,876	£28,011	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Carlisle		
Martin Darling		
Maureen Carvill		
Mr Padraig Mcelhinney		
Ms Mabel Mccarthy		
Ms Patricia Mccormack		
Oonagh Marian Brown		

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Accounts

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY
(NI 644871;
CCNI 106776)
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

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COMPANY INFORMATION

1. Reference and administration

Full name of Charity:	Samaritans of Newry. (CCNI 106776) The Charity is an incorporated organisation (CLG NI 644871) and is recognised by the Organisation as an affiliated branch of the Organisation. The Organisation Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.
Organisation:	The Company limited by guarantee called Samaritans of Newry is affiliated to the wider Samaritan Organisation which was incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 on 11 April 1963 and is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.
Company Registered office:	19 St. Colman's Park, Newry, BT34 2BX
Charity address:	19 St. Colman's Park, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 2BX
Trustees serving 2024/25:	Oonagh Brown Martin Darling Anne Carlisle Padraig McElhinney Patricia McCormack Mabel McCarthy Maureen Carvill
Secretary	Maureen Carvill
Treasurer	Padraig McElhinney
Custodian Trustees:	Samaritans The Upper Mill Kingston Road Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AF
Principal Banker:	A.I.B Bank 42-44 Hill Street, Newry, BT34 1AU
Principal Solicitors:	The Elliot Trainor Partnership, 3 Downshire Road Newry BT341EE
Accountants:	RPB Chartered Accountants 22 St. Colman's Park Newry, BT34 2BX
Insurance Brokers:	PIB Insurance Brokers Poppleton Grange Low Poppleton Lane York YO26 6GZ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2025

The Trustees hereby present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

These documents are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and, voluntarily, in accordance with international best practice (Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 2015) as recommended by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustee's Annual Report under the Statements of Recommended Practice guidelines.

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Samaritans of Newry (CLG NI 644871; CCNI 106776) is, and is recognised by the Organisation as an affiliated branch of the Organisation.

The Organisation called Samaritans was incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 on 11 April 1963 and is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, and a charity registered in England and Wales (charity registered number 219432) and in Scotland (Scottish charity number SC040604) ("the Central Charity").

The Organisation's Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.

2. Management, Internal Control and Risk Management

The day-to-day management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Charity who are responsible for the implementation of Samaritans strategy and to support the work of Samaritan volunteers in the Charity.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the system of internal control for the charity including the safety of Charity assets and the integrity of the accounting procedures.

The Branch Leadership Team is comprised of:

- (i) Branch Director, Secretary, Treasurer and
- (ii) 6 members who shall be Deputy Directors, (appointed by the Director/Chair), who have responsibility for the areas of, Health and Safety, Recruitment, Volunteer Care, Publicity, Rota and Training.
- (iii) 4 Trustees from the above
- (iv) and may also include co-opted members.

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A member shall not serve for more than three consecutive years in a given role. The exception to this is the Branch Secretary who may serve for six consecutive years.

In the event of any vacancy in the elected members of the BLT (other than ex-officio members) the BLT shall require the Secretary to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to elect a Samaritan to fill such vacancy.

Casual vacancies on the BLT may be filled by the Director/Chair.

The Trustees shall meet as often as may be required but at least three times a year. Three members of the Trustees shall be a quorum.

It is recommended that the BLT meet at least every 6 – 8 weeks.

3. Public Benefit Statement

In planning our activities for the year Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Samaritans offers support to those at risk of suicide by being there to listen and encourage the recognition and exploration of their options. By doing so we aim to help people find ways of coping with their distress without choosing to die by suicide. We also seek to support those whose distress is less acute, in the hope that they will not reach the point of feeling that they wish to end their lives. We make our support available by telephone and email.

Samaritans' service is open to people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress. It works with all Samaritans branches to ensure 24-hour availability of the service across the UK.

4. Objectives and Activities

4.1 Objectives

Samaritans of Newry main objects are:

- To provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair including those that may lead to suicide;
- To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health; and
- To support the Organisation, Samaritans, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, registered charity number 219432.

4.2 Principal Activities

Samaritans of Newry principal activities include the following:

- Providing confidential emotional support via telephone;
- Raising awareness and understanding of Samaritans;
- Developing partnerships with related agencies, voluntary groups and statutory bodies to better implement Samaritans' strategic objectives and improve our service for 'callers';

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- Liaising with statutory bodies on behalf of the charity;
- Implementing the research policy and best practice standards generated by Samaritans;
- Networking with other organisations who share similar values and objectives.

5. Mission and Values

Samaritans' *Vision* is that fewer people die by suicide.

We work to achieve this by making it our *Mission* to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour.

We do this by being available round the clock to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide:

Reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide.

Working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts to achieve our Vision.

Influencing public policy and raising awareness of the challenges of reducing suicide.

We are committed to the following *Values*:

Listening Confidentiality

People making their own decisions

Being non-judgmental

Human Contact

6. Volunteers

Samaritans of Newry could not exist without the dedication, skill and commitment of its volunteers. We are committed to best practice in volunteering and invest substantially in initial training and on-going training to ensure that the highest standards of training and volunteer management are maintained in the branch.

All new listening volunteers are required to clear Samaritans disclosure and barring service before commencing emotional support duties.

Our volunteers know how important it is that we are always available, providing a safe place, where people can be themselves when they need us most. Our volunteers are ordinary people who do extraordinary things, and we could do nothing without them. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

To this end we have a comprehensive volunteer support system, comprising of a volunteer care team, mentors, Leaders and on-call Deputy Directors

7. Helpline

Samaritans operate a 24-hour freephone and email helpline service. The Newry branch is one of the eight branches in Northern Ireland connected to the UK Listening Service.

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The *Listening Service* is a resilient digital platform which ensures that callers are connected to the service as quickly as possible and that capacity can be monitored to ensure that the service offers optimal capacity. Samaritans is also signposted to by other service providers, and many other helplines, not in a position to offer a 24-hour service.

8. Awareness raising, is mainly conducted via Social and Print Media and Outreach

Samaritans of Newry deliver a range of awareness raising sessions in the community. The broad themes of our Branch outreach/awareness activity are:

- To deliver emotional awareness presentations in post primary schools, to help young people to cope better with life's challenges and to develop their emotional health and well-being;
- To take the Samaritans message to vulnerable groups;
- To make the Samaritans service known to local organisations/businesses.

During the period we supported Southern Regional College Freshers day.

We have been in contact with schools and businesses and delivered emotional wellbeing talks.

We raised our profile through social media campaigns and features in the local press.

9. Achievements, performance and plans for the future

In the 12-month period to the end of March 2025 the Branch answered 19331 calls and 4261 hours were spent on the telephone. Showing an increase on the previous years figures. All callers were provided with confidential, non-judgmental, emotional support.

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Recruitment and Training of new volunteers is ongoing in the Branch. Two cohorts received training during the period of the report, one finishing in June 2024 and the other, having finished their initial training, are in the process of Embedment training. Ongoing training of established volunteers continued via digital modules. In September 2024 we had a very successful training session in a local hotel involving all volunteers. Our thanks go to the training team for their dedication in delivering very high quality of training.

A number of volunteers attended the Regional Conference in Malahide and participated in a number of workshops and information sessions.

Members of the BLT attended various online conferences, webinars and workshops.

Samaritans was a nominated charity by Mylife and we were charity partners with Newry Chamber of Commerce in June.

10. Financial Review

10.1 Results for the year

Financial results for the year ended 31 March 2025 are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

10.2 Income Generation

Samaritans of Newry raised total income of £33,876 in the year to 31st March 2025.

10.3 Resources Expended

Total resources expended by Samaritans of Newry amounted to £28011 for the year to 31 March 2025. Of the Charities expenditure 85% was spent on direct charitable activities and 15% on governance.

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10.4 Reserve Policy

In accordance with recommended best practice, the Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which is concerned with how much 'free' (or unallocated) reserves the charity retains.

This excludes the following:

- Restricted funds
- Designated funds
- Income funds that could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Samaritans of Newry has the responsibility for establishing an appropriate Reserve Policy. Having reviewed the reserves of the charity, the policy of the Trustees is to retain sufficient reserves to ensure the continuity of operations and to absorb periodic setbacks, while committing the maximum amount available for the provision of services.

11. Statement of responsibilities of members of the Board in respect of the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Law and regulation.

The Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including SORP Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Charity financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Padraig Mc Elhinney

Trustee

Date:

Martin Darling

Trustee

Date:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT *for the year to 31st March 2025*

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 20.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Samaritans of Newry for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

RPB Chartered Accountants
Independent examiner
22 St. Colman's Park
Newry
BT34 2BX

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year to 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Income and Endowments					
<i>Donations and Legacies</i>	2	18,190	3,346	21,536	20,938
<i>Income from Charitable Activities:</i>	3	1,339	11,000	12,340	12,144
<i>Investment Income</i>		-	-	-	-
Total Income and Endowments		19,529	14,346	33,876	33,082
Expenditure					
<i>Expenditure on raising funds:</i>					
<i>Fundraising and Publicity</i>		435	-	435	1,640
<i>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</i>		19,009	8,567	27,575	20,593
Total Expenditure	4/5	19,444	8,567	28,011	22,233
Net incoming (outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses					
		85	5,779	5,865	10,849
Funds transferred from Samaritans of Newry		-	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		256,227	37,476	293,703	282,854
Total Funds Carried Forward		256,312	43,255	299,568	293,703

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Padraig McElhinney
Trustee
Date:

Martin Darling
Trustee
Date:

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY**BALANCE SHEET**
As at 31st March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	203,795	203,795
Investments		-	-
		<u>203,795</u>	<u>203,795</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	-	-
Cash at bank and short-term deposits		<u>98,765</u>	<u>90,358</u>
		98,765	90,358
Creditors: due within one year	10	<u>(2,991)</u>	<u>(450)</u>
Net current assets		<u>95,774</u>	<u>89,908</u>
Total net assets		<u>299,568</u>	<u>293,703</u>
Funds			
General funds	11,12 & 14	256,313	256,227
Restricted funds		43,255	37,476
Designated funds			
Total funds		<u>299,568</u>	<u>293,703</u>

On behalf of the Trustees

Padraig McElhinney
*Trustee**Date:***Martin Darling**
*Trustee**Date:*

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

As at 31st March 2025

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year	5,865	10,849
Prior year adjustment		
Total recognised gains (losses) for the year	<u>5,865</u>	<u>10,849</u>
Reserves at the beginning of the year	293,703	282,854
Transfer from Samaritans of Newry Designated Reserves		
Reserves at the end of the year	11,12 & 14. <u>299,568</u>	<u>293,703</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st March 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and UK statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

Funding accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for specific purposes. Costs relating to such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, there is reasonable certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations

Accounted for when received.

Legacies

Entitlement is the earlier of the charity receiving final estate accounts (or other similar evidence) which provides sufficient certainty of receipt and reliability of value, or the legacy actually being received. No value is included where the legacy is subject to a life interest held by another party.

Grants and Contracts

Where contracts are related to specific deliverables income is recognised to the extent that those deliverables have been achieved. Where income through contract or grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other Income

Income generated from other activities is recognised as earned.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the assets to their estimated residual values over the course of their anticipated working lives.

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The rate of depreciation used is as follows: -

- Furniture, fittings and equipment - 20% straight line
- Computer Equipment - 20% straight line
- Freehold - 2% straight line

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources. Support costs have been allocated on the basis of spend to program areas and to Fundraising and Governance activities. The following specific policies apply to categories of expenditure:

i) Grants

Grants are charged to the statement of financial activities when there is a liability to pay.

ii) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

iii) Governance Costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity which relate to the general running of the charity to distinguish from those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity. Included within this category are costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents income received in advance.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents consist of short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

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2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising activities</i>				
Individual donation	18,190	3,346	21,536	20,938
Legacies and covenants	-	-	-	-
Total Fundraising Activities	18,190	3,346	21,536	20,938
<i>Trusts and Foundations</i>				
Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Total Trusts and Foundations	-	-	-	-
Total Voluntary Income	18,190	3,346	21,536	20,938

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	1,339	11,000	12,340	12,144
	1,339	11,000	12,340	12,144

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*for the year ended 31st March 2025***4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Services</i>				
Property & maintenance	4,635	-	4,635	1,192
Telephone & computer	1,540	-	1,540	2,620
Light & heat	3,150	-	3,150	2,184
Travel & courses	350	-	350	2,546
Fundraising and advertising	435	2,459	2,894	1,640
Branch running costs	4,331	-	4,331	2,731
Volunteer costs	-	6,108	6,108	-
Sundry costs	974		974	
Total Direct Costs	15,415	8,567	23,982	12,913
Support costs	3,489	-	3,489	8,722
Accountancy	540	-	540	598
Total charitable expenditure	19,444	8,567	28,011	22,233

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5 ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

The charity identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between the charitable activities undertaken in the period. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and analysis of support and governance costs.

	General Support		Governance Function		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£		
Postage & Stationary	563	-	-	-	563	702
Water Rates	-	-	-	-	-	274
Housekeeping	203	-	-	-	203	702
Insurance	1,877	-	-	-	1,877	2,150
Bank charges	846	-	-	-	846	339
Accountancy	-	-	540	-	540	598
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	4,555
	3,489	-	540	-	4,029	9,320

2025

6 STAFF COSTS

Administration support
Charitable Activities

Samaritans of Newry is entirely volunteer led and as such has no employees.

7 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

Result for the year arrived after charging:	2025
	£
Depreciation	-
Accountancy fees	540

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8 FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 st April 2004	231,092	-	30,914	262,006
Additions	-			
Disposals				
At 31 March 2025	231,092	-	30,914	262,006
Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2024	27,477	-	30,734	58,211
Charge for year	-		-	-
Disposals				
At 31 March 2025	27,477	-	30,734	58,211
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	203,615	-	180	203,795

The assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

9 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments		
Accrued Income		
Debtors falling due within one year		

10. CREDITORS: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals		
Trade Creditors	2,991	450

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11 STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	General fund	Restricted fund	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	256,227	37,476	293,703
Net incoming resources, before transfers and recognised gains	86	5,779	5,865
Transfer from Samaritans of Newry			
Balance at end of year	256,313	43,255	299,568

12 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total
	£	£	£
Opening balance	256,227	37,476	293,703
Income	19,529	14,346	33,876
Charitable activities costs	(15,415)	(8,567)	(23,982)
Accountancy	(540)	-	(540)
Support Costs	(3,489)	-	(3,489)
Closing Balance	256,313	43,255	299,568

13 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments have been made to board members in respect of remuneration during the year.

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14 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at
	01-Apr-24	£	£	£	31-Mar-25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted: Accumulated	256,227	19,529	(19,444)	-	256,312
Restricted Funds	37,476	14,346	(8,567)	-	43,255
Total accumulated funds	293,703	33,876	(28,011)	-	299,568

15 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the balance sheet date.

16 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees approved the financial statements on

Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106776

Accounts

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY
(NI 644871;
CCNI 106776)
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2024

COMPANY INFORMATION

1. Reference and administration

Full name of Charity:	Samaritans of Newry. (CCNI 106776) The Charity is an incorporated organisation (CLG NI 644871) and is recognised by the Organisation as an affiliated branch of the Organisation. The Organisation Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.
Organisation:	The Company limited by guarantee called Samaritans of Newry is affiliated to the wider Samaritan Organisation which was incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 on 11 April 1963 and is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.
Company Registered office:	19 St. Colman's Park, Newry, BT34 2BX
Charity address:	19 St. Colman's Park, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 2BX
Trustees serving 2023/24:	Oonagh Brown Maire Hughes Martin Darling Anne Carlisle
Secretary	Martin Darling
Treasurer	Anne Carlisle
Custodian Trustees:	Samaritans The Upper Mill Kingston Road Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AF
Principal Banker:	A.I.B Bank 42-44 Hill Street, Newry, BT34 1AU
Principal Solicitors:	The Elliot Trainor Partnership, 3 Downshire Road Newry BT341EE
Accountants:	RPB Chartered Accountants 22 St. Colman's Park Newry, BT34 2BX
Insurance Brokers:	PIB Insurance Brokers Poppleton Grange Low Poppleton Lane York YO26 6GZ

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2024

The Trustees hereby present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024.

These documents are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and, voluntarily, in accordance with international best practice (Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 2015) as recommended by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustee's Annual Report under the Statements of Recommended Practice guidelines.

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024.

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Samaritans of Newry (CLG NI 644871; CCNI 106776) is, and is recognised by the Organisation as an affiliated branch of the Organisation.

The Organisation called Samaritans was incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 on 11 April 1963 and is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, and a charity registered in England and Wales (charity registered number 219432) and in Scotland (Scottish charity number SC040604) ("the Central Charity").

The Organisation's Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.

2. Management, Internal Control and Risk Management

The day-to-day management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Charity who are responsible for the implementation of Samaritans strategy and to support the work of Samaritan volunteers in the Charity.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the system of internal control for the charity including the safety of Charity assets and the integrity of the accounting procedures.

The Branch Leadership Team is comprised of:

- (i) Branch Director, Vice Director, Secretary, Treasurer and
- (ii) 6 members who shall be Deputy Directors, (appointed by the Director/Chair), who have responsibility for the areas of, Hub Liason, Recruitment, Volunteer Care, Publicity, Rota and Training.
- (iii) 4 Trustees from the above
- (iv) and may also include co-opted members.

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A member shall not serve for more than three consecutive years in a given role. The exception to this is the Branch Secretary who may serve for six consecutive years.

In the event of any vacancy in the elected members of the BLT (other than ex-officio members) the BLT shall require the Secretary to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to elect a Samaritan to fill such vacancy.

Casual vacancies on the BLT may be filled by the Director/Chair.

The Trustees shall meet as often as may be required but at least three times a year. Three members of the Trustees shall be a quorum.

It is recommended that the BLT meet at least every 6 – 8 weeks.

3. Public Benefit Statement

In planning our activities for the year Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Samaritans offers support to those at risk of suicide by being there to listen and encourage the recognition and exploration of their options. By doing so we aim to help people find ways of coping with their distress without choosing to die by suicide. We also seek to support those whose distress is less acute, in the hope that they will not reach the point of feeling that they wish to end their lives. We make our support available by telephone and email.

Samaritans' service is open to people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress. It works with all Samaritans branches to ensure 24-hour availability of the service across the UK.

4. Objectives and Activities

4.1 Objectives

Samaritans of Newry main objects are:

- To provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair including those that may lead to suicide;
- To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health; and
- To support the Organisation, Samaritans, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, registered charity number 219432.

4.2 Principal Activities

Samaritans of Newry principal activities include the following:

- Providing confidential emotional support via telephone;
- Raising awareness and understanding of Samaritans;
- Developing partnerships with related agencies, voluntary groups and statutory bodies to better implement Samaritans strategic objectives and improve our service for 'callers';

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- Liaising with statutory bodies on behalf of the charity; and
- Implementing the research policy and best practice standards generated by Samaritans.
- Network with other organisations who share similar values and objectives.

5. Mission and Values

Samaritans' *Vision* is that fewer people die by suicide.

We work to achieve this by making it our *Mission* to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour.

We do this by being available round the clock to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide:

Reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide.

Working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts to achieve our Vision.

Influencing public policy and raising awareness of the challenges of reducing suicide.

We are committed to the following *Values*:

Listening Confidentiality

People making their own decisions

Being non-judgmental

Human Contact

6. Volunteers

Samaritans of Newry could not exist without the dedication, skill and commitment of its volunteers. We are committed to best practice in volunteering and invest substantially in initial training and on-going training to ensure that the highest standards of training and volunteer management are maintained in the branch.

All new listening volunteers are required to clear Samaritans disclosure and barring service before commencing emotional support duties.

Our volunteers know how important it is that we are always available, providing a safe place, where people can be themselves when they need us most. Our volunteers are ordinary people who do extraordinary things, and we could do nothing without them. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

To this end we have a comprehensive volunteer support system, comprising of a volunteer care team, mentors, Leaders and on-call Deputy Directors

7. Helpline

Samaritans branches collectively operate a 24-hour freephone and email helpline service. The Newry branch is one of the eight branches in Northern Ireland connected to the UK telephony network, *Link*.

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The *Link* system is a resilient digital platform which ensures that callers are connected to the service as quickly as possible and that capacity can be monitored to ensure that the service offers optimal capacity. Samaritans is also signposted to by other service providers, and many other helplines, not in a position to offer a 24-hour service.

8. Awareness raising, Outreach and face to face

Samaritans of Newry deliver a range of awareness raising sessions in the community. The broad themes of our Branch outreach/awareness activity are:

- To deliver emotional awareness presentations in post primary schools, to help young people to cope better with life's challenges and to develop their emotional health and well-being;
- To take the Samaritans message to vulnerable groups;
- To make the Samaritans service known to local organisations/businesses.

During the period of this report, we were involved in the "Darkness into Light" walk in Kilbroney Park on 24th May 2023.

We also were in attendance at the Vintage Car Rally in Rostrevor in June 2023.

We have been in contact with schools and businesses and delivered emotional wellbeing talks.

We raised our profile through social media campaigns and features in the local press.

9. Achievements, performance and plans for the future

In the 12-month period to the end of March 2024 the Branch answered 18325 calls and 3829 hours were spent on the telephone. Showing an increase on the previous years figures. All callers were provided with confidential, non-judgmental, emotional support.

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for the year to 31st March 2024

Recruitment and Training of new volunteers is ongoing in the Branch. Two cohorts received training during the period of the report, one finishing in June 2023 and the other, having finished their initial training, are in the process of Embedment training. Ongoing training of established volunteers continued via digital modules. In September 2023 we had a very successful training session in a local hotel involving all volunteers. Our thanks go to the training team for their dedication in delivering very high quality of training.

A number of volunteers attended the Regional Conference in Bangor and participated in a number of workshops and information sessions.

The Branch Director and members of the BLT attended various online conferences, webinars and workshops including Samaritans AGM Regional Council meeting.

We are celebrating 50 years in Newry this year and to raise our profile in the local community, we were featured in the local newspaper. The publicity was useful to our recruitment drive also.

Samaritans was a nominated charity by Mylife and we were charity partners with Newry Chamber of Commerce in June.

10. Financial Review

10.1 Results for the year

Financial results for the year ended 31 March 2024 are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

10.2 Income Generation

Samaritans of Newry raised total income of £33,082 in the year to 31st March 2024.

10.3 Resources Expended

Total resources expended by Samaritans of Newry amounted to £22,233 for the year to 31 March 2024. Of the Charities expenditure 60% was spent on direct charitable activities and 40% on governance.

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10.4 Reserve Policy

In accordance with recommended best practice, the Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which is concerned with how much 'free' (or unallocated) reserves the charity retains.

This excludes the following:

- Restricted funds
- Designated funds
- Income funds that could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Samaritans of Newry has the responsibility for establishing an appropriate Reserve Policy. Having reviewed the reserves of the charity, the policy of the Trustees is to retain sufficient reserves to ensure the continuity of operations and to absorb periodic setbacks, while committing the maximum amount available for the provision of services.

11. Statement of responsibilities of members of the Board in respect of the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Law and regulation.

The Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including SORP Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Charity financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Anne Carlisle
Trustee
Date: 26th June 2024

Oonagh Brown
Trustee
Date: 26th June 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT *for the year to 31st March 2024*

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 20.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Samaritans of Newry for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

RPB Chartered Accountants
Independent examiner
22 St. Colman's Park
Newry
BT34 2BX

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year to 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income and Endowments					
<i>Donations and Legacies</i>	2	19,438	1,500	20,938	23,455
<i>Income from Charitable Activities:</i>	3	12,144	-	12,144	7,000
<i>Investment Income</i>		-	-	-	-
Total Income and Endowments		31,582	1,500	33,082	30,455
Expenditure					
<i>Expenditure on raising funds:</i>					
<i>Fundraising and Publicity</i>		1,640	-	1,640	3,542
<i>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</i>		20,593	-	20,593	20,073
Total Expenditure	4/5	22,233	-	22,233	23,615
Net incoming (outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses					
		9,349	1,500	10,849	6,840
Funds transferred from Samaritans of Newry		-	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		246,878	35,976	228,854	276,014
Total Funds Carried Forward		256,227	37,476	293,703	282,854

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Anne Carlisle
Trustee
Date: 26th June 2024

Oonagh Brown
Trustee
Date: 26th June 2024

SAMARITANS OF NEWRYBALANCE SHEET
As at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	203,795	208,350
Investments		-	-
		<u>203,795</u>	<u>208,350</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	-	-
Cash at bank and short-term deposits		<u>90,358</u>	<u>74,954</u>
		90,358	74,954
Creditors: due within one year	10	<u>(450)</u>	<u>(450)</u>
Net current assets		<u>89,908</u>	<u>74,504</u>
Total net assets		<u>293,703</u>	<u>282,854</u>
Funds			
General funds	11,12 & 14	256,227	246,878
Restricted funds		37,476	35,976
Designated funds			
		<u>293,703</u>	<u>282,854</u>

On behalf of the Trustees

Anne Carlisle
*Trustee**Date: 26th June 2024***Oonagh Brown**
*Trustee**Date: 26th June 2024*

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES
As at 31st March 2024

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year	10,849	6,840
Prior year adjustment		
Total recognised gains (losses) for the year	10,849	6,840
Reserves at the beginning of the year	282,854	276,014
Transfer from Samaritans of Newry Designated Reserves		
Reserves at the end of the year	11,12 & 14. 293,703	282,854

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st March 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and UK statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

Funding accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for specific purposes. Costs relating to such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, there is reasonable certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations

Accounted for when received.

Legacies

Entitlement is the earlier of the charity receiving final estate accounts (or other similar evidence) which provides sufficient certainty of receipt and reliability of value, or the legacy actually being received. No value is included where the legacy is subject to a life interest held by another party.

Grants and Contracts

Where contracts are related to specific deliverables income is recognised to the extent that those deliverables have been achieved. Where income through contract or grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other Income

Income generated from other activities is recognised as earned.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the assets to their estimated residual values over the course of their anticipated working lives.

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The rate of depreciation used is as follows: -

- Furniture, fittings and equipment - 20% straight line
- Computer Equipment - 20% straight line
- Freehold - 2% straight line

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources. Support costs have been allocated on the basis of spend to program areas and to Fundraising and Governance activities. The following specific policies apply to categories of expenditure:

i) Grants

Grants are charged to the statement of financial activities when there is a liability to pay.

ii) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

iii) Governance Costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity which relate to the general running of the charity to distinguish from those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity. Included within this category are costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents income received in advance.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents consist of short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

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for the year ended 31st March 2024

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising activities</i>				
Individual donation	19,438	1,500	20,938	13,741
Legacies and covenants	-	-	-	1,943
Total Fundraising Activities	19,438	1,500	20,938	15,684
<i>Trusts and Foundations</i>				
Grant Income	-	-	-	7,771
Total Trusts and Foundations	-	-	-	7,771
Total Voluntary Income	19,438	1,500	20,938	23,455

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	12,144	-	12,144	7,000-
	12,144	-	12,144	7,000

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4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Services</i>				
Property & maintenance	1,192	-	1,192	2,104
Telephone & computer	2,620	-	2,620	2,446
Light & heat	2,184	-	2,184	2,585
Travel & course	2,546	-	2,546	1,520
Fundraising and advertising	1,640	-	1,640	3,542
Branch running costs	2,731	-	2,731	2,152
Motor expenses	-	-	-	-
Total Direct Costs	12,913	-	12,913	14,349
Support Costs	8,722	-	8,722	8,526
Accountancy	598	-	598	740
Total charitable expenditure	22,233	-	22,233	23,615

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5 ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

The charity identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between the charitable activities undertaken in the period. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and analysis of support and governance costs.

	General Support		Governance Function		Total 2024	Total 2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Postage & Stationary	702	-	-	-	702	30
Water Rates	274	-	-	-	274	-
Housekeeping	702	-	-	-	702	527
Insurance	2,150	-	-	-	2,150	1,590
Bank charges	339	-	-	-	339	273
Accountancy	-	-	598	-	598	740
Depreciation	4,555	-	-	-	4,555	6,106
	8,722	-	598	-	9,320	9,266

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6 STAFF COSTS

Administration support
Charitable Activities

Samaritans of Newry is entirely volunteer led and as such has no employees.

7 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

Result for the year arrived after charging:	2024
	£
Depreciation	4,555
Accountancy fees	598

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8 FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 st April 2023	231,092	-	30,914	262,006
Additions	-			
Disposals				
At 31 March 2024	231,092	-	30,914	262,006
Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2023	23,355	-	30,301	53,656
Charge for year	4,122		433	4,555
Disposals				
At 31 March 2024	27,477	-	30,734	58,211
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	203,615	-	180	203,795

The assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

9 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments		
Accrued Income		
Debtors falling due within one year		
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10. CREDITORS: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	450	450
Trade Creditors		
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	450	450
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11 STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	General fund	Restricted fund	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	246,878	35,976	282,854
Net incoming resources, before transfers and recognised gains	9,349	1,500	10,849
Transfer from Samaritans of Newry			
Balance at end of year	256,227	37,476	293,703

12 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total
	£	£	£
Opening balance	246,878	35,976	282,854
Income	31,582	1,500	33,082
Charitable activities costs	(12,913)	-	(12,913)
Accountancy	(598)	-	(598)
Support Costs	(8,722)	-	(8,722)
Closing Balance	256,227	37,476	293,703

13 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments have been made to board members in respect of remuneration during the year.

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14 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31-Mar-24 £
Unrestricted: Accumulated	246,878	13,582	(22,233)	-	256,227
Restricted Funds	35,976	1,500	-	-	37,476
Total accumulated funds	282,854	33,082	(22,233)	-	293,703

15 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the balance sheet date.

16 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees approved the financial statements on

Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106776

Annual report

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
for the year to 31st March 2024

COMPANY INFORMATION

1. Reference and administration

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Trustees serving 2023/24:	Oonagh Brown Maire Hughes Martin Darling Anne Carlisle
Secretary	Martin Darling
Treasurer	Anne Carlisle
Custodian Trustees:	Samaritans The Upper Mill Kingston Road Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AF
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SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2024

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1. Structure, Governance and Management

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The Organisation's Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.

2. Management, Internal Control and Risk Management

The day-to-day management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Charity who are responsible for the implementation of Samaritans strategy and to support the work of Samaritan volunteers in the Charity.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the system of internal control for the charity including the safety of Charity assets and the integrity of the accounting procedures.

The Branch Leadership Team is comprised of:

- (i) Branch Director, Vice Director, Secretary, Treasurer and
- (ii) 6 members who shall be Deputy Directors, (appointed by the Director/Chair), who have responsibility for the areas of, Hub Liason, Recruitment, Volunteer Care, Publicity, Rota and Training.
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The Trustees shall meet as often as may be required but at least three times a year. Three members of the Trustees shall be a quorum.

It is recommended that the BLT meet at least every 6 – 8 weeks.

3. Public Benefit Statement

In planning our activities for the year Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Samaritans offers support to those at risk of suicide by being there to listen and encourage the recognition and exploration of their options. By doing so we aim to help people find ways of coping with their distress without choosing to die by suicide. We also seek to support those whose distress is less acute, in the hope that they will not reach the point of feeling that they wish to end their lives. We make our support available by telephone and email.

Samaritans' service is open to people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress. It works with all Samaritans branches to ensure 24-hour availability of the service across the UK.

4. Objectives and Activities

4.1 Objectives

Samaritans of Newry main objects are:

- To provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair including those that may lead to suicide;
- To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health; and
- To support the Organisation, Samaritans, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, registered charity number 219432.

4.2 Principal Activities

Samaritans of Newry principal activities include the following:

- Providing confidential emotional support via telephone;
- Raising awareness and understanding of Samaritans;
- Developing partnerships with related agencies, voluntary groups and statutory bodies to better implement Samaritans strategic objectives and improve our service for 'callers';

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- Liaising with statutory bodies on behalf of the charity; and
- Implementing the research policy and best practice standards generated by Samaritans.
- Network with other organisations who share similar values and objectives.

5. Mission and Values

Samaritans' *Vision* is that fewer people die by suicide.

We work to achieve this by making it our *Mission* to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour.

We do this by being available round the clock to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide:

Reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide.

Working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts to achieve our Vision.

Influencing public policy and raising awareness of the challenges of reducing suicide.

We are committed to the following *Values*:

Listening Confidentiality

People making their own decisions

Being non-judgmental

Human Contact

6. Volunteers

Samaritans of Newry could not exist without the dedication, skill and commitment of its volunteers. We are committed to best practice in volunteering and invest substantially in initial training and on-going training to ensure that the highest standards of training and volunteer management are maintained in the branch.

All new listening volunteers are required to clear Samaritans disclosure and barring service before commencing emotional support duties.

Our volunteers know how important it is that we are always available, providing a safe place, where people can be themselves when they need us most. Our volunteers are ordinary people who do extraordinary things, and we could do nothing without them. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

To this end we have a comprehensive volunteer support system, comprising of a volunteer care team, mentors, Leaders and on-call Deputy Directors

7. Helpline

Samaritans branches collectively operate a 24-hour freephone and email helpline service. The Newry branch is one of the eight branches in Northern Ireland connected to the UK telephony network, *Link*.

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The *Link* system is a resilient digital platform which ensures that callers are connected to the service as quickly as possible and that capacity can be monitored to ensure that the service offers optimal capacity. Samaritans is also signposted to by other service providers, and many other helplines, not in a position to offer a 24-hour service.

8. Awareness raising, Outreach and face to face

Samaritans of Newry deliver a range of awareness raising sessions in the community. The broad themes of our Branch outreach/awareness activity are:

- To deliver emotional awareness presentations in post primary schools, to help young people to cope better with life's challenges and to develop their emotional health and well-being;
- To take the Samaritans message to vulnerable groups;
- To make the Samaritans service known to local organisations/businesses.

During the period of this report, we were involved in the "Darkness into Light" walk in Kilbroney Park on 24th May 2023.

We also were in attendance at the Vintage Car Rally in Rostrevor in June 2023.

We have been in contact with schools and businesses and delivered emotional wellbeing talks.

We raised our profile through social media campaigns and features in the local press.

9. Achievements, performance and plans for the future

In the 12-month period to the end of March 2024 the Branch answered 18325 calls and 3829 hours were spent on the telephone. Showing an increase on the previous years figures. All callers were provided with confidential, non-judgmental, emotional support.

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Recruitment and Training of new volunteers is ongoing in the Branch. Two cohorts received training during the period of the report, one finishing in June 2023 and the other, having finished their initial training, are in the process of Embedment training. Ongoing training of established volunteers continued via digital modules. In September 2023 we had a very successful training session in a local hotel involving all volunteers. Our thanks go to the training team for their dedication in delivering very high quality of training.

A number of volunteers attended the Regional Conference in Bangor and participated in a number of workshops and information sessions.

The Branch Director and members of the BLT attended various online conferences, webinars and workshops including Samaritans AGM Regional Council meeting.

We are celebrating 50 years in Newry this year and to raise our profile in the local community, we were featured in the local newspaper. The publicity was useful to our recruitment drive also.

Samaritans was a nominated charity by Mylife and we were charity partners with Newry Chamber of Commerce in June.

10. Financial Review

10.1 Results for the year

Financial results for the year ended 31 March 2024 are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

10.2 Income Generation

Samaritans of Newry raised total income of £33,082 in the year to 31st March 2024.

10.3 Resources Expended

Total resources expended by Samaritans of Newry amounted to £22,233 for the year to 31 March 2024. Of the Charities expenditure 60% was spent on direct charitable activities and 40% on governance.

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10.4 Reserve Policy

In accordance with recommended best practice, the Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which is concerned with how much 'free' (or unallocated) reserves the charity retains.

This excludes the following:

- Restricted funds
- Designated funds
- Income funds that could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Samaritans of Newry has the responsibility for establishing an appropriate Reserve Policy. Having reviewed the reserves of the charity, the policy of the Trustees is to retain sufficient reserves to ensure the continuity of operations and to absorb periodic setbacks, while committing the maximum amount available for the provision of services.

11. Statement of responsibilities of members of the Board in respect of the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Law and regulation.

The Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including SORP Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Charity financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Anne Carlisle

Trustee

Date: 26th June 2024

Oonagh Brown

Trustee

Date: 26th June 2024

Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106776

Annual return

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT *for the year to 31st March 2024*

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RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Samaritans of Newry for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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RPB Chartered Accountants
Independent examiner
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Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106776

Accounts

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY
(NI 644871;
CCNI 106776)
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023

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- To make the Samaritans service known to local organisations/businesses.

During the period of this report, we were involved in the "Darkness into Light" walk in Kilbroney Park on 7th May 2022.

We also were in attendance at the Newry City Half Marathon on 29th May 2022.

While we supported Josh Patterson on 12th March 2023, in his challenge of running 76 marathons to raise money for Samaritans, we set up a stall and distributed leaflets to raise awareness of our work.

We have been in contact with schools and businesses and have plans to deliver emotional wellbeing talks.

9. Achievements, performance and plans for the future

In the 12-month period to the end of March 2023 the Branch answered 17589 calls and responded to 361 emails: 3829 hours were spent on the telephone. All callers were provided with confidential, non-judgmental, emotional support.

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A number of volunteers attended the Regional Conference in Cork and participated in a number of workshops and information sessions.

The Branch Director attended the Annual Conference in Birmingham where valuable workshops were delivered.

Fundraising is the cornerstone of our continued existence and we must thank the community in South Down and North Louth for their continued support financially and otherwise. In May 2022, we were chosen as the designated monthly charity of Maxol stations in Dundalk. We also seized the opportunity to do some outreach work during this time.

We are celebrating 50 years in Newry this year and to raise our profile in the local community, we were featured in the local newspaper. The publicity was useful to our recruitment drive also.

We had a very successful raffle in February 2023 as part of our activities to celebrate our anniversary. A number of other events are in the planning stage.

10. Financial Review

10.1 Results for the year

Financial results for the year ended 31 March 2023 are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

10.2 Income Generation

Samaritans of Newry raised total income of £30,454 in the year to 31st March 2023.

10.3 Resources Expended

Total resources expended by Samaritans of Newry amounted to £23,615 for the year to 31 March 2023. Of the Charities expenditure 60% was spent on direct charitable activities and 40% on governance.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT *for the year to 31st March 2023*

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Anne Carlisle
Trustee
Date: 9th June 2023

Oonagh Brown
Trustee
Date: 09th June 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year to 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and Endowments					
<i>Donations and Legacies</i>	2	11,345	12,110	23,455	23,230
<i>Income from Charitable Activities:</i>	3	7,000	-	7,000	-
<i>Investment Income</i>		-	-	-	-
Total Income and Endowments		18,345	12,110	30,455	23,230
Expenditure					
<i>Expenditure on raising funds:</i>					
<i>Fundraising and Publicity</i>		3,225	317	3,542	2,237
<i>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</i>		20,073	-	20,073	28,424
Total Expenditure	4/5	23,298	317	23,615	30,661
Net incoming (outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses					
		(4,953)	11,793	6,840	(7,431)
Funds transferred from Samaritans of Newry		-	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		251,830	24,183	276,014	283,445
Total Funds Carried Forward		246,878	35,976	282,854	276,014

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Anne Carlisle
Trustee
Date: 9th June 2023

Oonagh Brown
Trustee
Date: 09th June 2023

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

BALANCE SHEET As at 31st March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	208,350	214,546
Investments		-	-
		<u>208,350</u>	<u>214,546</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	-	-
Cash at bank and short-term deposits		<u>74,954</u>	<u>61,808</u>
		74,954	61,808
Creditors: due within one year	10	<u>(450)</u>	<u>(250)</u>
Net current assets		<u>74,504</u>	<u>61,558</u>
Total net assets		<u>282,854</u>	<u>276,104</u>
Funds			
General funds	11,12 & 14	246,878	251,831
Restricted funds		35,976	24,183
Designated funds			
Total funds		<u>282,854</u>	<u>276,014</u>

On behalf of the Trustees

Anne Carlisle
Trustee

Date: 9th June 2023

Oonagh Brown
Trustee

Date: 9th June 2023

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES
As at 31st March 2023

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year	6,840	(7,432)
Prior year adjustment		
Total recognised gains (losses) for the year	6,840	(7,432)
Reserves at the beginning of the year	276,014	283,446
Transfer from Samaritans of Newry Designated Reserves		
Reserves at the end of the year	11,12 & 14. <u>282,854</u>	<u>276,014</u>

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st March 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and UK statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

Funding accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for specific purposes. Costs relating to such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, there is reasonable certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations

Accounted for when received.

Legacies

Entitlement is the earlier of the charity receiving final estate accounts (or other similar evidence) which provides sufficient certainty of receipt and reliability of value, or the legacy actually being received. No value is included where the legacy is subject to a life interest held by another party.

Grants and Contracts

Where contracts are related to specific deliverables income is recognised to the extent that those deliverables have been achieved. Where income through contract or grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other Income

Income generated from other activities is recognised as earned.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the assets to their estimated residual values over the course of their anticipated working lives.

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The rate of depreciation used is as follows: -

- Furniture, fittings and equipment - 20% straight line
- Computer Equipment - 20% straight line
- Freehold - 2% straight line

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources. Support costs have been allocated on the basis of spend to program areas and to Fundraising and Governance activities. The following specific policies apply to categories of expenditure:

i) Grants

Grants are charged to the statement of financial activities when there is a liability to pay.

ii) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

iii) Governance Costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity which relate to the general running of the charity to distinguish from those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity. Included within this category are costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents income received in advance.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents consist of short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

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2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising activities</i>				
Individual donation	9,719	4,022	13,741	17,498
Legacies and covenants	1,626	317	1,943	-
Total Fundraising Activities	11,345	4,339	15,684	17,498
<i>Trusts and Foundations</i>				
Grant Income	-	7,771	7,771	5,732
Total Trusts and Foundations	-	7,771	7,771	5,732
Total Voluntary Income	11,345	12,110	23,455	23,230

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	7,000	-	7,000	-
	7,000	-	7,000	

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4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Services</i>				
Property & maintenance	2,104	-	2,104	6,519
Telephone & computer	2,446	-	2,446	2,212
Light & heat	2,585	-	2,585	3,118
Travel & course	1,520	-	1,520	-
Fundraising and advertising	3,225	- 317	3,542	2,237
Branch running costs	2,151	-	2,151	4,796
Motor expenses	-	-		-
Total Direct Costs	14,301	317	14,348	18,882
Support Costs	8,526	-	8,526	11,198
Accountancy	740	-	740	582
Total charitable expenditure	23,297	317	23,614	30,662

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5 ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

The charity identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between the charitable activities undertaken in the period. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and analysis of support and governance costs.

	General Support		Governance Function		Total 2023	Total 2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Postage & Stationary	30	-	-	-	30	2,334
Water Rates	-	-	-	-	-	247
Housekeeping	527	-	-	-	527	1,626
Insurance	1,590	-	-	-	1,590	636
Bank charges	273	-	-	-	273	247
Accountancy	-	-	740	-	740	582
Depreciation	6,106	-	-	-	6,106	6,108
	8,526	-	740	-	9,266	11,780

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6 STAFF COSTS

Administration support
Charitable Activities

Samaritans of Newry is entirely volunteer led and as such has no employees.

7 NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

Result for the year arrived after charging:	2023
	£
Depreciation	6,106
Accountancy fees	740

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8 FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 st April 2022	231,092	-	30,914	262,006
Additions	-			
Disposals				
At 31 March 2023	231,092	-	30,914	262,006
Depreciation				
At 1 st April 2022	19,233	-	28,317	47,550
Charge for year	4,122		1,984	6,106
Disposals				
At 31 March 2023	23,355	-	30,301	53,656
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	207,737	-	613	208,350

The assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

9 DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments		
Accrued Income		
Debtors falling due within one year		
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10. CREDITORS: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	450	250
Trade Creditors		
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	450	250
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11 STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	General fund	Restricted fund	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	251,830	24,183	276,013
Net incoming resources, before transfers and recognised gains	(4,953)	11,793	6,839
Transfer from Samaritans of Newry			
Balance at end of year	246,878	35,976	282,854

12 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total
	£	£	£
Opening balance	251,830	24,183	276,013
Income	18,345	12,110	30,455
Charitable activities costs	(14,031)	(317)	(14,348)
Accountancy	(740)		(740)
Support Costs	(8,526)		(8,526)
Closing Balance	246,878	35,976	282,854

13 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments have been made to board members in respect of remuneration during the year.

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14 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 01-Apr-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31-Mar-23 £
Unrestricted: Accumulated	251,830	18,345	(23,298)	-	246,877
Restricted Funds	24,183	12,110	(317)	-	35,976
Total accumulated funds	276,013	30,455	(23,615)	-	282,853

15 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the balance sheet date.

16 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees approved the financial statements on

Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106776

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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COMPANY INFORMATION

1. Reference and administration

Full name of Charity:	Samaritans of Newry. (CCNI 106776) The Charity is an incorporated organisation (CLG NI 644871) and is recognised by the Organisation as an affiliated branch of the Organisation. The Organisation Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.
Organisation:	The Company limited by guarantee called Samaritans of Newry is affiliated to the wider Samaritan Organisation which was incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 on 11 April 1963 and is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.
Company Registered office:	19 St. Colman's Park, Newry, BT34 2BX
Charity address:	19 St. Colman's Park, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 2BX
Trustees serving 2022/23:	Oonagh Brown Maire Hughes Martin Darling Anne Carlisle
Secretary	Martin Darling
Treasurer	Anne Carlisle
Custodian Trustees:	Samaritans The Upper Mill Kingston Road Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AF
Principal Banker:	A.I.B Bank 42-44 Hill Street, Newry, BT34 1AU
Principal Solicitors:	The Elliot Trainor Partnership, 3 Downshire Road Newry BT341EE
Accountants:	RPB Chartered Accountants 22 St. Colman's Park Newry, BT34 2BX
Insurance Brokers:	PIB Insurance Brokers Poppleton Grange Low Poppleton Lane York YO26 6GZ

SAMARITANS OF NEWRY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2023

The Trustees hereby present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023.

These documents are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and, voluntarily, in accordance with international best practice (Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 2015) as recommended by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustee's Annual Report under the Statements of Recommended Practice guidelines.

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023.

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Samaritans of Newry (CLG NI 644871; CCNI 106776) is, and is recognised by the Organisation as an affiliated branch of the Organisation.

The Organisation called Samaritans was incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 on 11 April 1963 and is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, and a charity registered in England and Wales (charity registered number 219432) and in Scotland (Scottish charity number SC040604) ("the Central Charity").

The Organisation's Trustee Board shall have power to dissolve, suspend or withdraw recognition of the Charity as a branch of the Organisation.

2. Management, Internal Control and Risk Management

The day-to-day management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Charity who are responsible for the implementation of Samaritans strategy and to support the work of Samaritan volunteers in the Charity.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the system of internal control for the charity including the safety of Charity assets and the integrity of the accounting procedures.

The Branch Leadership Team is comprised of:

- (i) Branch Director, Vice Director, Secretary, Treasurer and
- (ii) 5 members who shall be Deputy Directors, (appointed by the Director/Chair), who have responsibility for the areas of, Hub Liason, Recruitment, Volunteer Care, Publicity, and Training.
- (iii) 4 Trustees from the above
- (iv) and may also include co-opted members.

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A member shall not serve for more than three consecutive years in a given role. The exception to this is the Branch Secretary who may serve for six consecutive years.

In the event of any vacancy in the elected members of the BLT (other than ex-officio members) the BLT shall require the Secretary to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to elect a Samaritan to fill such vacancy.

Casual vacancies on the BLT may be filled by the Director/Chair.

The Trustees shall meet as often as may be required but at least three times a year. Three members of the Trustees shall be a quorum.

It is recommended that the BLT meet at least every 6 – 8 weeks.

3. Public Benefit Statement

In planning our activities for the year Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Samaritans offers support to those at risk of suicide by being there to listen and encourage the recognition and exploration of their options. By doing so we aim to help people find ways of coping with their distress without choosing to die by suicide. We also seek to support those whose distress is less acute, in the hope that they will not reach the point of feeling that they wish to end their lives. We make our support available by telephone and email.

Samaritans' service is open to people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress. It works with all Samaritans branches to ensure 24-hour availability of the service across the UK.

4. Objectives and Activities

4.1 Objectives

Samaritans of Newry main objects are:

- To provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair including those that may lead to suicide;
- To promote a better understanding in society of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings which may otherwise lead to suicide or impaired emotional health; and
- To support the Organisation, Samaritans, registered in England and Wales with company number 757372, registered charity number 219432.

4.2 Principal Activities

Samaritans of Newry principal activities include the following:

- Providing confidential emotional support via telephone and e-mail;
- Raising awareness and understanding of Samaritans;
- Developing partnerships with related agencies, voluntary groups and statutory bodies to better implement Samaritans strategic objectives and improve our service for 'callers';
- Supporting prisoners in prisons;

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- Liaising with statutory bodies on behalf of the charity; and
- Implementing the research policy and best practice standards generated by Samaritans.
- Network with other organisations who share similar values and objectives.

5. Mission and Values

Samaritans' *Vision* is that fewer people die by suicide.

We work to achieve this by making it our *Mission* to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour.

We do this by being available round the clock to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide:

Reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide.

Working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts to achieve our Vision.

Influencing public policy and raising awareness of the challenges of reducing suicide.

We are committed to the following *Values*:

Listening Confidentiality

People making their own decisions

Being non-judgmental

Human Contact

6. Volunteers

Samaritans of Newry could not exist without the dedication, skill and commitment of its volunteers. We are committed to best practice in volunteering and invest substantially in initial training and on-going training to ensure that the highest standards of training and volunteer management are maintained in the branch.

All new listening volunteers are required to clear Samaritans disclosure and barring service before commencing emotional support duties.

Our volunteers know how important it is that we are always available, providing a safe place, where people can be themselves when they need us most. Our volunteers are ordinary people who do extraordinary things, and we could do nothing without them. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

To this end we have a comprehensive volunteer support system, comprising of a volunteer care team, mentors, Leaders and on-call Deputy Directors

7. Helpline

Samaritans branches collectively operate a 24-hour freephone and email helpline service. The Newry branch is one of the eight branches in Northern Ireland connected to the UK telephony network, *Link*.

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The *Link* system is a resilient digital platform which ensures that callers are connected to the service as quickly as possible and that capacity can be monitored to ensure that the service offers optimal capacity. Samaritans is also signposted to by other service providers, and many other helplines, not in a position to offer a 24-hour service.

8. Awareness raising, Outreach and face to face

Samaritans of Newry deliver a range of awareness raising sessions in the community. The broad themes of our Branch outreach/awareness activity are:

- To deliver emotional awareness presentations in post primary schools, to help young people to cope better with life's challenges and to develop their emotional health and well-being;
- To take the Samaritans message to vulnerable groups;
- To make the Samaritans service known to local organisations/businesses.

During the period of this report, we were involved in the "Darkness into Light" walk in Kilbroney Park on 7th May 2022.

We also were in attendance at the Newry City Half Marathon on 29th May 2022.

While we supported Josh Patterson on 12th March 2023, in his challenge of running 76 marathons to raise money for Samaritans, we set up a stall and distributed leaflets to raise awareness of our work.

We have been in contact with schools and businesses and have plans to deliver emotional wellbeing talks.

9. Achievements, performance and plans for the future

In the 12-month period to the end of March 2023 the Branch answered 17589 calls and responded to 361 emails; 3829 hours were spent on the telephone. All callers were provided with confidential, non-judgmental, emotional support.

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Recruitment and Training of new volunteers is ongoing in the Branch. Two cohorts received training during the period of the report, one finishing in June 2022 and the other, having finished their initial training, are in the process of Embedment training. Ongoing training of established volunteers continued via digital modules. In September 2022 we had a very successful training session in a local hotel involving all volunteers. Our thanks go to the training team for their dedication in delivering very high quality of training.

A number of volunteers attended the Regional Conference in Cork and participated in a number of workshops and information sessions.

The Branch Director attended the Annual Conference in Birmingham where valuable workshops were delivered.

Fundraising is the cornerstone of our continued existence and we must thank the community in South Down and North Louth for their continued support financially and otherwise. In May 2022, we were chosen as the designated monthly charity of Maxol stations in Dundalk. We also seized the opportunity to do some outreach work during this time.

We are celebrating 50 years in Newry this year and to raise our profile in the local community, we were featured in the local newspaper. The publicity was useful to our recruitment drive also.

We had a very successful raffle in February 2023 as part of our activities to celebrate our anniversary. A number of other events are in the planning stage.

10. Financial Review

10.1 Results for the year

Financial results for the year ended 31 March 2023 are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10.

10.2 Income Generation

Samaritans of Newry raised total income of £30,454 in the year to 31st March 2023.

10.3 Resources Expended

Total resources expended by Samaritans of Newry amounted to £23,615 for the year to 31 March 2023. Of the Charities expenditure 60% was spent on direct charitable activities and 40% on governance.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2023

10.4 Reserve Policy

In accordance with recommended best practice, the Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which is concerned with how much 'free' (or unallocated) reserves the charity retains.

This excludes the following:

- Restricted funds
- Designated funds
- Income funds that could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Samaritans of Newry has the responsibility for establishing an appropriate Reserve Policy. Having reviewed the reserves of the charity, the policy of the Trustees is to retain sufficient reserves to ensure the continuity of operations and to absorb periodic setbacks, while committing the maximum amount available for the provision of services.

11. Statement of responsibilities of members of the Board in respect of the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Law and regulation.

The Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including SORP Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Charity financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Anne Carlisle

Trustee

Date: 9th June 2023

Oonagh Brown

Trustee

Date: 09th June 2023

Samaritans of Newry

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106776

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

for the year to 31st March 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 20.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Samaritans of Newry for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

RPB Chartered Accountants
Independent examiner
22 St. Colman's Park
Newry
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