

## **PERTH SAMARITANS SCIO**

### **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

**31 March 2025**



***Samaritans' vision is that fewer people die by suicide***

# ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Charity Name** Perth Samaritans SCIO

**Charity Number** SC048125

**Principal Address** 18 Unity Terrace  
Perth  
PH1 2BQ

**Website address** <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/perth/>

**Current Trustees**

**Other Trustees who served during the year**

**Bankers**

Unity Trust Bank plc  
4 Brindley Place  
Birmingham  
B1 2JB

**Independent Examiner**

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### **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing Document**

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) that was registered on 07 February 2018 and is governed by its constitution from that date. It is the successor charity to Perth Samaritans which was an unincorporated association (Charity Number SC016369) which was established in 1974.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The board of trustees consists of the Branch Director (whose appointment is subject to the approval of the board of trustees of the Samaritans Central Charity), a Secretary, a Treasurer and up to eight trustees elected by the members of the Branch. The trustees may co-opt two further trustees, but are not required to do so.

The Branch Director serves for three years. All other trustees retire at the AGM but are eligible for re-election if they have not served for six or more consecutive years.

New trustees are inducted and trained in accordance with Samaritans' national policy.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The board of trustees, which is responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity, meets every second month.

#### **Risk Management**

The trustees regularly review the risks, including Health and Safety of its volunteers, to which the charity is exposed. They do not believe there are any substantial risks beyond the liabilities disclosed in the accounts. The property, which the charity owns, is maintained in good order and properly insured.

The trustees accept that Samaritans' reputation could be at risk through misuse of confidential information but has policies and procedures in place, including Protection of Vulnerable Groups checks on all listening volunteers, to mitigate this risk.

Samaritans Central Charity policies and procedures, including safeguarding, have been implemented within the Branch and integrated into our standard practice.

### **OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the charity are:

- to enable persons in Perth and the surrounding area as well as elsewhere 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 Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objects.

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.



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### ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

It has been another busy year at Perth Samaritans with the volunteers spending 1716 hours (2,221 in 23/24) on the phone answering 6890 calls (9,219 in 2023/24\*). Volunteer numbers have grown to 62 and we have others in the pipeline awaiting training.

*\* A reduction in listening hours versus the previous year was due to branch closure ahead of a move in premises, and downtime connected with the introduction of new 'Listening Centre' technology by the Central Charity.*

We have continued to carry out our training via Zoom (which brings valuable flexibility) and will start to supplement this with a return to traditional (in-branch) training. Other training has taken place online through the Samaritans portal and via Zoom to ensure that our longer serving volunteers remain up to date. There are numerous training opportunities through the Samaritans portal of which many volunteers have availed themselves.

We are involved regionally and nationally with the Samaritans Central Charity and take an active part in their initiatives.

During the year we moved to new premises at Unity Terrace, Perth which is more accessible than our previous office. We plan to refurbish these premises to accommodate additional listening room space, an interview room, offices and a training space.

In April 2024, we also recruited and trained a further 4 Listeners in HMP Perth. We currently have 7 trained Listeners and we are very pleased that we are able to support HMP Perth. We have worked with other local organisations to provide support for the local community. During the year we also attended the Braco Show, Perth Pride, the Blairgowrie Highland Games Station and a local charity fayre organised by the Rotary Club to raise awareness of our services within the local community. We also took part in the Samaritans Small Talk Saves Lives campaigns with an event at the St Johns Centre. Live Active Perth have also allowed us to use the area outside Bells Sports Centre at the North Inch to interact with the local community. Over these events we interacted with around 2,500 members of the public.

We are grateful to Morrisons Supermarkets for their support and for hosting us on a number of occasions and permitted us to collect donations and hand out awareness raising material.

We are proud of what we have achieved during the last with the volunteers going well above what was expected of them so that the branch, and the service, stayed open for the callers.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Overview

Our principal sources of income continue to be donations, grants and the proceeds of fund raising, with the expenditure focussed on service delivery and the costs of the Branch building. The following is a summary of our income and expenditure for the year:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts	172,680	0	<b>172,680</b>	161,926
Payments	271,446	0	<b>271,446</b>	32,584
Surplus/(deficit for the year)	-98,766	0	<b>-98,766</b>	129,342

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### **Donated Facilities & Services**

We thank all the volunteers in the Branch for their dedication and the time they give to the Branch. They are the heart of our service and it is due to them that there is a safe space and a confidential listening ear for anyone feeling down, depressed, unable to cope or suicidal.

We also thank all of our financial donors who enable us to continue our work and our heartfelt thanks go to:

Perth and Kinross Council  
Enthuse  
Roy Henderson  
Colin Stewart  
The late Norma Fenwick  
The late Maureen Buchanan  
CAF  
Gift Aid  
Can collections

### **Reserves Policy**

Given the uncertainty of recurring income from donations, the trustees believe that 12 to 18 months of expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves. The exact reserves amount was yet to be determined at the time of writing due to ongoing conversations with Samaritans Central Charity about the final level of Central Charity Contribution for the financial year.

### **Future Plans**

We plan to continue our support for the local community by undertaking outreach in rural and city locations. We will work with Perth & Kinross council to further our engagement in structured initiatives to support those in distress.

We intend to maximise the opportunity provided by our new premises to increase in-person interaction between branch volunteers, while increasing listening capacity (aligning as best as possible with hours of need identified by Central Charity). We will identify opportunities to raise additional funds by renting out branch space (where it is safe to do so without impacting our listening service delivery).

We will continue to engage with local organisations and give talks where feasible. We will continue to support HMP Perth by running the Listeners Scheme. We hope to be able to widen our pop-up events in local green spaces during the year.

We plan to move to more appropriate premises to enable a wider range of individuals to volunteer with us and to access our services.

### **APPROVAL**

This report was approved by the trustees on 10 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:





# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/members of Perth Samaritans SCIO**

**Registered charity number SC048125**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

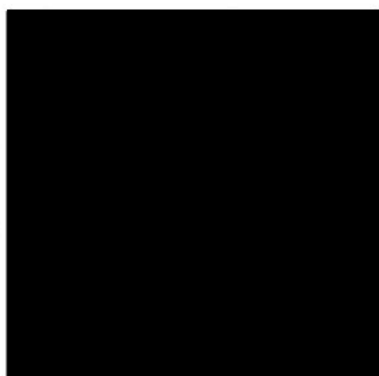
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 9th July 2025

Name:

Address:



# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**PERTH SAMARITANS SCIO**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations		2,859		2,859	5,212
Gift Aid		1,946		1,946	190
Legacies		600		600	134,784
Prison grant		2,139		2,139	2,625
Other grants		6,450		6,450	11,242
Property rents		2,000		2,000	6,000
Fund raising		1,686		1,686	1,873
		17,680	0	17,680	161,926
Sale of fixed assets		155,000		155,000	0
		172,680	0	172,680	161,926
<b>Payments</b>					
Fund raising costs		1,065		1,065	1,225
Central charity contribution		0		0	10,281
Charitable activities					
Branch costs	7	41,583		41,583	9,735
Service delivery	8	8,613		8,613	11,308
Governance costs					
Data protection register		35		35	35
Donation in lieu of IE fee		150		150	0
		51,446	0	51,446	32,584
Purchase of fixed assets		220,000		220,000	0
		271,446	0	271,446	32,584
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for year</b>		-98,766	0	-98,766	129,342

The Notes on pages 3 and 4 form an integral part of these accounts.



# STATEMENT OF BALANCES

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

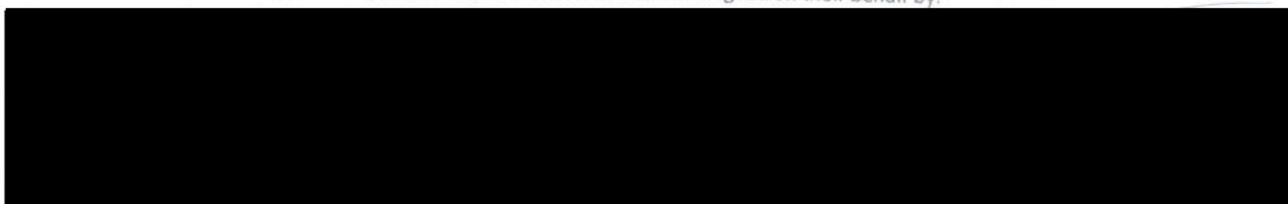
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### PERTH SAMARITANS SCIO STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Cash at Bank</b>					
Balance as at 1 April 2024		364,867		364,867	235,525
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		-98,766		-98,766	129,342
Balance as at 31 March 2024		266,101	0	266,101	364,867
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	9	236,170		236,170	228,926
Debtors		1,867		1,867	1,936
		238,037	0	238,037	230,862
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Central charity dues		23,114		23,114	25,366
Other creditors		4,531		4,531	692
		27,645	0	27,645	26,058

The notes on pages 3 and 4 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, were approved by the trustees on 26th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### PERTH SAMARITANS SCIO NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

#### 1. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

#### 2. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

There are no restricted funds in the year ending 31 March 2025.

#### 3. Taxation

The charity is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities, and is not registered for VAT. All costs shown in the accounts are inclusive of VAT.

#### 4. Trustee remuneration

There were no remuneration payments made to trustees during the year or in the previous year.

#### 5. Trustee expenses

	2025		2024	
	No of Trustees	Amount £	No of Trustees	Amount £
Travelling expenses	5	637	5	1987

#### 6. Transaction with related parties

There were no other transaction with related parties during the year or in the previous year.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

#### 7. Branch costs

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Bank charges	159	137
Cleaning and housekeeping	1142	1474
Heating and lighting	2780	2717
Insurance	2329	1361
New equipment	16822	0
Professional fees	10581	3048
Repairs and maintenance	7588	968
Sundries	182	30
	<u>41583</u>	<u>9735</u>

The increased costs for equipment purchases, professional fees and repairs are due to the sale of 3 Kings Place and the purchase of 18 Unity Terrace which were completed during the year.

#### 8. Service delivery costs

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Advertising and publicity	409	50
Conferences and training	59	27
Outreach	169	885
Postage and stationery	870	0
Prison expenses	368	404
Telephone	2388	2750
Travelling expenses	4350	7192
	<u>8613</u>	<u>11308</u>



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### PERTH SAMARITANS SCIO NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

#### 9. Fixed assets

During the year the charity sold the property at 3 Kings Place, Perth and moved to premises purchased at 18 Unity Terrace, Perth, which the charity now owns.

The value shown in the current year's accounts is the purchase price of the property.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Buildings	220000	180000
Contents	16170	48926
	<u>236170</u>	<u>228926</u>

#### 10. Movement in funds

	As at 31/03/2024	Receipts	Payments	As at 31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	364,867	172,680	-271,446	266,101

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Perth Samaritans are very grateful for all the support received throughout the year and, in particular, would like to thank the following:

Perth and Kinross Council

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Roy Henderson

Colin Stewart

The late Norma Fenwick

The late Maureen Buchanan

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and many others, some of whom prefer to support us privately or anonymously