

Rotherham Samaritans

**22 Percy Street
Rotherham
South Yorkshire
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**Charity Registration Number
117 3826**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the 12 Months Ended
31 March 2020**

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Trustees' Report

for the period ended 31 March 2020

The officers present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2020

Governance

From 1st October 2017 Rotherham Samaritans has been a Charitable Incorporated Institution (CIO) with charity registration number 117 3826. Prior to that, it was an unincorporated charity, called The Samaritans of Rotherham charity, number 105 7161. It is also an independent affiliated branch of The Samaritans which is a legally constituted company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and whose registered office is situated at The Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 2AF

The administration, control and management of the Rotherham Samaritans are vested in a local Director together with a number of Trustees, no less than three and not more than thirteen. The Trustees, together with the Secretary and Treasurer, are elected by the members at the AGM.

Principal Objective

Rotherham Samaritans was formed for the purpose of working for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress in and around Rotherham.

Investment Powers

Under its constitution the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit.

Reserves

The reserves policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least one year in the unlikely event of our receiving no income from any source. The funds are held as short term investments as shown in the statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 6.

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting for Charities published in 2005 and applicable accounting standards. These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when received. All expenditure is accounted for and when paid. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct cost of activities. Where cash costs relate to more than one functional category, they have been split as appropriate.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

for the period ended 31 March 2020

Trustees

Trustees during the year were:

Director	Mrs Helen Mortimer	Elected May 2018
Treasurer	Mr John Sparrow	Re-elected September 2020
Elected Member	Bethany Burgin	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	John Glynn	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Nicole Lyons	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Joanne Toon	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Christine Wilson	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Nicole Lyons	Elected September 2020
Elected Member	Mr John Charles	Resigned September 2020
Elected Member	Mrs May Johnson	Resigned September 2020
Elected Member	Mrs Rose McNeely	Resigned September 2020
Elected Member	Ms Kate Parkin	Resigned September 2020
Elected Member	Mr David Pinder	Resigned September 2020
Elected member	Mrs Janet Sparrow	Resigned September 2020

The trustees are recruited from the charity's membership. They must be volunteers who have undertaken a course of preparation and had sufficient experience of the charity to be considered worthy of being a Samaritan. Trustees are given a copy of the Charity Commission guidelines for trustees and on-line training is available via the Samaritan General Office.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Throughout the year, the volunteers at Rotherham Samaritans have been there for those people who are in distress or despair or who may have suicidal thoughts or feelings. We offer confidential, emotional support by listening carefully and empathising with what they are going through. We do not judge people, give advice or offer solutions. We talk through their concerns and try to help people come to their own decisions. All the volunteers at Rotherham are trained in delivering the service by phone, email or SMS, and they reply to callers on the phone, by email or text. Visitors are also welcome to the branch to talk face to face.

The application process for becoming a Samaritan is now done on-line and it has resulted in a greater number of people applying to become volunteers. Twenty six applicants were originally selected to begin the training but for a varied number of reasons – family circumstances, time commitments or, during the intense training decided that being a Samaritan volunteer was not for them, left the course. The three training sessions held this year, each lasting nine weeks, resulted in thirteen new volunteers joining our branch bringing the number of listening volunteers to forty six. Two five hour sessions of On Going Training had been arranged during the year to enable the volunteers to keep their skills on track and up to date.

Our Outreach team continues to develop close links with Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber Mental Health Trust (RDASH), Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) and the Suicide Prevention Group for Rotherham MBC. We deliver talks to organisations throughout Rotherham and the Education team have been active, visiting schools in the borough to explain to young people what Samaritans do and helping them develop ways of coping with today's stresses. Our work with HMP

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Lindholme and HPM Hatfield has unfortunately had to be wound up and the support for these prisons has been taken over by other branches within the region.

The Branch Leadership Team which is a combination of the Deputies, chosen by the Director, and elected Trustees have been busy keeping the centre open and in good order for the volunteers to work in.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the organisations and individuals who have supported us financially over the past year. Also my gratitude and appreciation go to all the volunteers at Rotherham Samaritans, to those who respond to all our callers and give their time freely to listen to those people who are in distress and have no-one else to turn to and also to the support volunteers who manage finance, administration, interviews, data protection and overseeing the premises, their work is also vital to maintain the smooth and safe running of the branch.

By order of the Trustees

Helen Mortimer
Director

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Statement of Officers' Responsibilities

for the period ended 31 March 2020

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the officers to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the treasurer must follow best practice and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- (c) state whether applicable Accounting Standards of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity, and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that the charity comfortably meets the published criteria.

The following financial report covers the accounts for the charity which operated under the name of Rotherham Samaritans (117 3826). The charity changed its name half way through the financial year 2017-18 from the Samaritans of Rotherham (105 7161).

By order of the Trustees

Bankers

NatWest Bank, 27 Effingham Street, Rotherham S65 1AU

Independent Examiner

Mr David Wheeler FCA
Stratton
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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rotherham Samaritans on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 set out on pages 1 to 10

Charity number 1173826

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

David Wheeler FCA
Chartered accountant
Stratton
30 Broom Lane
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8 November 2020

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Receipts and Payments Account: 2019-20

Receipts	Notes	Total 2019-20			Total 2018-19
		Ordinary £	Restricted £	Total £	£
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources	2	17,937	0	17,937	9,916
Grants	3	32,045	15,073	47,118	15,175
Fund-raising Activities	4	1,199	0	1,199	5,711
Bank Interest		506	0	506	167
Total Receipts		51,687	15,073	66,760	30,969
Payments					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5	15,089	333	15,422	18,470
Centre Refurbishment	6	8,353	0	8,353	0
Fund-raising Costs	7	338	0	338	525
Governance Costs	8	2,071	0	2,071	1,459
Total Payments		25,851	333	26,184	20,454
Net Income (Expenditure) for Year before transfers		25,836	14,740	40,576	10,515
Net Movement of Funds	9	3,963	-3,963	0	0
Net Movement of Funds in the Year		29,800	10,776	40,576	10,515
Cash balances brought forward 1st April 2019		44,104	3,963	48,067	37,552
Cash balances carried forward 31 March 2020	**	73,904	14,740	88,643	48,067

** The £14,740 of Restricted funds carried forward are to cover specific work commissioned by Rotherham CCG and RDaSH which has not been completed due to the Covid-19 crisis.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2020

Assets	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Cash Funds					
Bank Balances					
NatWest Current Account		8,507		8,507	1,931
Old charity account		100		100	100
Virgin Charity Account		65,739	14,261	80,000	46,000
Petty Cash		36		36	36
Total Cash Funds		74,382	14,261	88,643	48,067

Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use		Unrestricted Fund Book Value 2020 £	Restricted Fund Book Value 2020 £	Unrestricted Fund Current Value 2020 £	Restricted Fund Current Value 2020 £
Fixed Assets					
Freehold Property					
Cost Brought Forward			19,348		
Total Freehold Property					75,000
Fixtures & Fittings	10	0			
Total Fixed Assets		0	19,348	0	75,000

Liabilities

The General Office contribution based on income during 2019-20 is estimated to be £6,283
This becomes due before the end of 2020

A total of £230 has been accumulated from deposits on entry fobs which is reclaimable when
a volunteers leaves.

Approved by the Trustees on 28/04/2020 and signed on its behalf by :

Director

Treasurer

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2. Donations

Anonymous and under £50
 Deposits on Fobs
 Donations Gift Aided
 Individuals
 Legacy
 Organisations

2019/20			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2018-19
57		57	21
130		130	
2,842		2,842	5,782
1,507		1,507	228
10,355		10,355	0
3,046		3,046	3,882
17,937	0	17,937	9,913

3. Grants & Funding Received

Rotherham CCG - April '19
 RDaSH - April '19
 Sheffield CCG - July '19
 Rotherham CCG - March '20
 RDaSH - March '20
 Prison Visiting

2019/20			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2018-19
20,000	5,000	25,000	11,003
10,000		10,000	
2,000		2,000	
	5,000	5,000	
	5,000	5,000	
45	73	118	4,172
32,045	15,073	47,118	15,175

4. Income from Fund Raising Activities

Brinsworth Gala
 Christmas Cards
 Christmas Raffle
 Concerts
 Copper Jar
 Events
 Events - Gift Aided
 Public Collections
 Rotherham Show
 Sale of Goods
 Sams Collection Houses
 Smartie Tubes
 Tax Reclaimed (Gift Aided Donations)

2019/20			Total
Ordinary	Restricted	Total	2018-19
661		661	110
0		0	10
160		160	0
0		0	529
0		0	17
89		89	1,725
0		0	20
0		0	611
0		0	170
0		0	52
102		102	97
186		186	285
0		0	2,087
1,199	0	1,199	5,711

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5. Direct Charitable Activity

		2019/20			Total 2018- 19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Centre - Building	5.1	4,596	0	4,596	5,154
Centre Operation	5.2	7,630	333	7,963	11,674
Centre - Telecommunications	5.3	2,863	0	2,863	1,643
		15,089	333	15,422	18,470

5.1 Centre - Building

		2019/20			Total 2018- 19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Cleaning - Centre		1,100		1,100	1,092
Cleaning - Materials		83		83	0
Cleaning - Windows		60		60	66
Council Tax		440		440	857
Furniture & Fittings		80		80	714
Insurance		253		253	318
Kitchen Equipment		259		259	46
Maintenance		599		599	429
Security		216		216	247.99
Utilities - Electricity		492		492	511
Utilities - Gas		423		423	371
Utilities - Water		406		406	148
Waste Disposal		184		184	354
		4,596	0	4,596	5,154

5.2 Centre - Operation

		2019/20			Total 2018- 19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Advertising & Recruitment		0		0	507
Computer Consumables		134		134	29
Courses Conferences & Training		2,500		2,500	211
Computing Equipment		0		0	470
Printing Stationery & Postage		745		745	846
Refreshments - Volunteers		196		196	188
Support Material		603	333	936	1,049
Taxis		851		851	1,271
Volunteers Mileage Expenses		2,601		2,601	7,104
		7,630	333	7,963	11,674

5.3 Centre - Telecommunications

		2019/20			Total 2018- 19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
Broadband		228		228	228
Computer Services		264		264	264
Equipment		1,486		1,486	253
Mobile Phone Recruitment		0		0	10
Phone Bills		723		723	709
Phone - Director		162		162	180
		2,863	0	2,863	1,643

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6	Centre - Refurbishment	2019/20			Total 2018-19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Building Work	4,183		4,183	0
	Decorating	2,670		2,670	0
	Fixtures & Fittings	1,500		1,500	0
		8,353	0	8,353	0

7	Cost of Fund Raising	2019/20			Total 2018-19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Equipment	307		307	289
	Gambling Licence	20		20	20
	General Expenses	11		11	216
		338	0	338	236

8	Governance Costs	2019/20			Total 2018-19
		Ordinary	Restricted	Total	
	Administration	35		35	35
	AGM Costs	198		198	182
	Branch Visit	0		0	385
	General Office Contribution	1,838		1,838	857
		2,071	0	2,071	1,459

- 9 Net Movement of Funds** The trustees decided that the unspent NOMS grant should become Unrestricted funds following the branch withdrawing from prison work

The movement of funds was to make restricted funds only applicable to the balance of the Rotherham CCG grant and the RDaSH grant which is unspent.

- 10 Fixtures & Fittings** The trustees have decided that all fixtures and fittings, including computers and office equipment, shall be written off in the year of purchase.