

Samaritans of Preston and District

Trustees & Financial Report

Year Ended 31 March 2019

Purposes of the Charity

To work for the assistance of persons who are suicidal, despairing or in distress by providing a service primarily intended for the benefit of persons in Preston and the surrounding area (but without specific limitation as to area) to enable such persons to receive immediate help, compassion and befriending from members of the Charity selected and prepared for the purpose working under direction; and also where appropriate; in accordance with Samaritan procedure.

Main Activities

Increase awareness of the Samaritans branding in the Preston area and also to increase the number of volunteers to enable us to achieve this.

Further develop our Charity Shop by collecting good and saleable stock.

Provide emotional support by telephone, personal visit, e-mail, SMS and reaching out activities. Samaritans vision is for a society in which:

- fewer people die by suicide
- people are able to explore their feelings
- people are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others
- our values are based on these beliefs
- the importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings
- that being listened to, in confidence, and accepted without prejudice, can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings; and
- that everyone has the right to make fundamental decisions about their own life, including the right to die by suicide

The public benefit which the charity provides includes the following;

- helping individuals with problems
- contribution to the good mental and physical health of those with whom they are in contact
- raise the profile of active listening to the public

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in determining the objectives and activities of the charity.

Achievements & Performance

The Preston branch continued to provide support by telephone, E-mail, SMS and face to face. A team also assists in training and supporting Listeners in Preston Prison and offer emotional support outside the branch with partner organisations where appropriate. The Branch continues to work closely with Partners to address areas where suicide is high – including working with Network Rail to attempt to reduce suicide on the railways. The branch is also working with staff at Preston Bus Station - as with the railways, volunteers will react to instances where members of staff or the public have been affected by incidents.

The recruitment, training and support of volunteers in the branch is undertaken by a dedicated team of volunteers who undertake these tasks in addition to their shifts supporting callers. We are always delighted to welcome new faces to the team.

Our shop volunteers continue to raise funds on our behalf and we appreciate the time they give to us.

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Accounts Report

Year Ended 31 March 2019

Registered Charity No: 1173718

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Financial report for the year

Funds were received by way of private donations from individuals, grants and sales in the charity shop. Interest was received on the balance in the bank account.

The financial results of the Samaritans for the year to 31 March 2019 are set out in the financial report. The accounts show a deficit in the amount of £9,212 for the year. During this financial year there has been exceptional expenditure relating to the setting up and establishing of a new shop on Plungington Road, following the end of the lease for the previous shop on Blackpool Road. In addition, the Branch contribution to Central Office was £9,969, this is based upon the previous financial year and so reflected the income and reserves relating to 2017/2018, which included a £100,000 legacy.

The property was last professionally valued in the year ended 31st December 2000 at £50,000 and this is reflected in the accounts.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans

The reserves are healthy. Liquid reserves (excluding the value of the building at 11 St. Wilfrid Street, Preston - £50,000) stand at £113,336. The branch seeks to maintain a minimum liquid reserve of 6 to 12 months running costs, current levels represent almost 2.5 years running costs.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Preston and District Branch of the Samaritans

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2019, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

M E Davenport
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Preston PR3 0JF

Signed:.....*M E Davenport*.....

Date:.....*7/5/19*.....

Samaritans of Preston and District

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 18/19 £	Total 17/18 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary income - donations and grants		24,085	1,918	26,003	116,525
Investment income - interest received		121	-	121	16
Funds arising from charitable activities		11,843	-	11,843	19,830
Other income		0	-	0	0
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Total Incoming Resources		36,049	1,918	37,967	136,371
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Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Charitable activities	2	35,429	1,706	37,135	35,233
Governance costs	2	10,044	-	10,044	1,260
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Total Resources Expended		45,473	1,706	47,179	36,493
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(9,424)	212	(9,212)	99,878
Reconciliation of funds					
Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2018		173,980	(1,148)	172,832	72,954
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Balance carried forward at 31 March 2019		164,556	(936)	163,620	172,832
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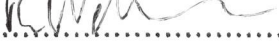
The notes on page 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

	Notes	2018/19		2017/18	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Property at valuation			50000		50000
Current assets					
Cash at bank		2,138		1,279	
Reserve bank account		110,712		121,647	
Cash in hand		487			
		113,337		122,926	
Less current liabilities		(283)		94	
Net current assets			113,620		122,832
Net assets			163,620		172,832
Represented by					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			164,556		173,980
Restricted funds	6		(936)		(1,148)
			163,620		172,832

On behalf of the Trustees:

Sign.....

Print name...R. WENHAM

Sign.....

Print name...S. A. EASTHAM

Approved by the Trustees on Date below

Date: 25/6/19

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities (“the 2005 SORP”).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees’ discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds can only be used for specified purposes.

Incoming resources

Donations, Legacies and Other Voluntary Income are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustees meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 (continued)

2 Total Resources Expended

	Charitable Activities Costs 18/19 £	Gov'nce Costs 18/19 £	Total 18/19 £	Total 17/18 £
Staff costs	2,921	-	2,921	-
Training and hire of venues	1,358	-	1,358	2,111
Rent and rates	8,566	-	8,566	10,398
Advertising and publicity	107	-	107	745
Printing, stationery and postage	534	-	534	1,254
Telephone	1,589	-	1,589	1,824
Insurance	1,445	-	1,445	1,091
Light and heat	4,022	-	4,022	2,325
Miscellaneous and general expenses	11,165	-	11,165	13,201
Accountancy charges	-	75	75	75
Branch contribution	-	9,969	9,969	603
Repairs and renewals	4,954	-	4,954	2,284
Bank charges and interest	-	-	-	-
Legal & Professional	474	-	474	582
	<u>37,135</u>	<u>10,044</u>	<u>47,179</u>	<u>36,493</u>

3 The charity engaged a part time paid shop manager in October 2018

4 None of the trustees received any emoluments during the year.

5 Governance include a small Audit Fee and the annual contribution which the Branch pays towards the support received from the Central Charity.

6 The restricted element of the Prison Grant is now claimed based upon expenditure already incurred and therefore, as the grant is claimed in arrears, the figure shows as a deficit.

Structure, Governance & Management

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 7th July 2017 and originally registered as a charity on 19th September 1970. It was established under a Governing Document. Trustees of the Charity are elected for a period of three years or can be co-opted by the elected trustees to perform specific tasks within the organisation as required.

Reference & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Samaritans of Preston & District
Other name the Charity uses: Preston Samaritans
Registered Charity Number: 1173718
Principal Address: 11 St Wilfrid Street, Preston PR1 2US

Trustees

Eileen Brierley	Director	1/4/18-31/10/18
Sally Ann Eastham	Director	1/11/18-31/03/19
Mary Lynn Rankin	Secretary	1/11/18-31/03/19
Sarah Helen Jackson	Treasurer	
Jacqueline Smith		
Patricia Attard		
Karrie Anne Walsh		
Michael Beeston		
Philip Curwen		
Rebecca Wenham		
Michael Morgan		
Christopher Ian James Hall		14/6/18-31/03/19

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature

Full Name

Position

Date