REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1167881

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

FOR

HASTINGS AND ROTHER SAMARITANS CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charities main objectives are to provide support for people who are suicidal, despairing or in distress in order to reduce the incidence of suicide; and to advance education by providing society with a better understanding of suicide, suicidal behaviour and the value of expressing feelings that may lead to suicide.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity is dependent upon the work of its volunteers, many of whom, in addition to their duties, raise money via a series of events and appeals. Local businesses, charities, churches and individuals also give considerable support. Details of donations received are set out in the attached notes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed a reserves policy that a cash position representing 24 months of annual outgoings should be maintained where possible. Fund balances at 31 March 2026 totalled £242,813 of which net current assets were £18,251. The trustees consider that the trust can meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The trust remains dependent on the generosity of its supporters, and the trustees would like to thank everyone involved in the trust's activities during the year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted upon registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 13 Trustees. All Trustees retire at each AGM but may offer themselves for re-election, save that the maximum term of service is 6 years.

Annually, volunteers are requested to put their names forward to fill vacancies and are elected at the Annual General Meeting. New trustees are given training on appointment and each trustee has a handbook.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1167881

Principal address

26 St Andrews Square
Hastings
East Sussex
TN34 1SR

Trustees
Ms G Angel
Ms K Williams
G Mulhern (resigned 28/4/2025)
I Marsh
D Tasker (resigned 23/11/2025)
G Wilson (appointed 17/7/2025)
D V Simpkinson
Ms J A Tomalin
Ms M C Amato
A S Carnwath (appointed 17/2/2026)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 August 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A S Carnwath - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings and Rother Samaritans CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hastings and Rother Samaritans CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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1 September 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	5,750	-	5,750	6,576
Other trading activities	4	8,736	-	8,736	2,812
Investment income	5	217	-	217	699
Total		14,703	-	14,703	10,087
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provide a telephone service, the recruitment and training of volunteers and the publicity for the charity's work		8,754	2,600	11,354	54,391
Governance costs		617	-	617	576
Total		9,371	2,600	11,971	54,967
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		5,332	(2,600)	2,732	(44,880)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		234,219	5,862	240,081	284,961
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		239,551	3,262	242,813	240,081

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	224,562	-	224,562	224,562
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	979	-	979	-
Cash at bank		15,131	3,262	18,393	37,409
		16,110	3,262	19,372	37,409
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,121)	-	(1,121)	(21,890)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		14,989	3,262	18,251	15,519
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		239,551	3,262	242,813	240,081
NET ASSETS		239,551	3,262	242,813	240,081
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				239,551	234,219
Restricted funds:					
Improvements in training				391	391
Benefit the people of Hastings				500	2,000
Recruitment				1,104	2,204
Pears grant				1,267	1,267
				3,262	5,862
TOTAL FUNDS				242,813	240,081

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 August 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

A S Carnwath - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hastings and Rother Samaritans is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principle address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

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3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations, legacies and gifts	5,750	6,576

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Events and activities	8,438	2,346
Centre Shop	298	466
	8,736	2,812

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Interest received	217	699

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5,076	1,500	6,576
Other trading activities	2,812	-	2,812
Investment income	699	-	699
Total	8,587	1,500	10,087
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provide a telephone service, the recruitment and training of volunteers and the publicity for the charity's work	53,891	500	54,391
Governance costs	576	-	576
Total	54,467	500	54,967
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(45,880)	1,000	(44,880)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	280,099	4,862	284,961

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	234,219	5,862	240,081

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	224,562
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2026	224,562
At 31 March 2025	224,562

No depreciation is charged in respect of the freehold property, as the charity maintains the property and any depreciation charge would be minimal.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Prepayments	979	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Other creditors	1,121	21,890

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	234,219	5,332	239,551
Restricted funds			
Improvements in training	391	-	391
Benefit the people of Hastings	2,000	(1,500)	500
Recruitment	2,204	(1,100)	1,104
Pears grant	1,267	-	1,267
	5,862	(2,600)	3,262
TOTAL FUNDS	240,081	2,732	242,813

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,703	(9,371)	5,332
Restricted funds			
Benefit the people of Hastings	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
Recruitment	-	(1,100)	(1,100)
	-	(2,600)	(2,600)
TOTAL FUNDS	14,703	(11,971)	2,732

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted fund	280,099	(45,880)	234,219
Restricted funds			
Improvements in training	391	-	391
Benefit the people of Hastings	1,000	1,000	2,000
Recruitment	2,204	-	2,204
Pears grant	1,267	-	1,267
	4,862	1,000	5,862
TOTAL FUNDS	284,961	(44,880)	240,081

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted fund	8,587	(54,467)	(45,880)
Restricted funds			
Benefit the people of Hastings	1,000	-	1,000
Harry's Fund	500	(500)	-
	1,500	(500)	1,000
TOTAL FUNDS	10,087	(54,967)	(44,880)

Improvements in Training
These monies were donated by Tesco, via their 'Bags of Help' scheme. The monies have been earmarked to pay for improvements to the training room.

Benefit the people of Hastings

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

These monies were donated by The Francis and Eric Ford Trust to help pay to benefit the people of Hastings.

Recruitment
These monies were donated by the Co-Op to assist with the recruitment of volunteers.

Pears Grant
The purpose of the Pears Grant was to assist organisations in managing the challenges they faced with Covid.Those challenges are now past and the trustees have resolved to apply it to the cost of periodic Legionella testing and any works necessitated by that.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.