NEWBURY SAMARITANS

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31st March 2026

Charity Registration Number: 1170562

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Branch Secretary:	Tom Lally
Branch Treasurer:	Jerry Dixon
Other Trustees:	Stewart Townsend
	Rachel Bond
	Natasha Pope
	Andrew Melsom
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
Independent Examiner:	David Carter ACMA/CGMA 30 Broadmeadow End, Thatcham, RG18 4ED

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Hughes

Branch Co-Director

Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the Charity are:

- To enable persons in Newbury 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.

The Trustees are satisfied that the services provided by the branch are for the public benefit. The branch has continued to offer its services in accordance with its objectives and no changes are expected in the future.

Achievements & Performance

We have succeeded in providing the afore-mentioned services to our callers throughout the year.

Volunteers

The charity relies completely on the services of volunteers in fundraising, administration of the charity and to provide the support which is the main objective of Newbury Samaritans. There are no paid staff, but volunteers may claim travelling expenses.

Financial Review

The principal funding sources are donations, grants, gifts and other fundraising activities.

Reserves policy

1) The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires that:

    - Reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that Newbury Samaritans core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

    - A proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

2) The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle.

3) It takes into account:

- Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted
- Planned activity level
- Organisation's commitments

4) Other considerations
   - Newbury Samaritans own outright the freehold of the premises at 58, West Street, Newbury.
   - There is insurance in place to cover any major incident.
   - It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain the property to a high standard.
5) It is the policy of the Trustees to hold £5000 in reserve for any major breakdown or cost not covered by insurance.
6) It is the policy of the Trustees to hold in reserve sufficient funds to cover annual running costs for a period of 18 months.
7) **Restricted funds** can only be used for particular purposes of a charity that are narrower than the overall charitable purposes of the charity. Restricted funds include endowments and restricted income funds and are excluded from the definition of reserves. However, the nature and amount of restricted funds may influence the amount of reserves held by the charity.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Branch is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is a public benefit entity. The Branch is governed by a constitution that is reviewed periodically by the Trustees to ensure it is still appropriate.

Independent Examiners Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newbury Samaritans.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 seeks 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 & 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 came 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 comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   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.

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Statement of Financial Activities

Newbury Samaritans

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2026

		2026	2025	
INCOME:				
	Bank Interest	£ 873	£ 524	
	Fundraising	£ 4,681	£ 14,776	
	Gifts & Donations	£ 6,651	£ 8,146	
	Gift Aid	£ 1,357	£ 1,585	
		£ 13,562	**£ 25,030**	
EXPENDITURE:				
	Recruitment & Selection	£ 35	£ -	£ 35
	Training	£ 65	£ 56	£ 9
	Volunteer Support	£ 1,173	£ 1,574	-£ 401
	Travel	£ -	£ 29	-£ 29
	Marketing Costs	£ 36	£ -	£ 36
	Fundraising	£ -	£ 112	-£ 112
	Outreach	£ 184	£ 137	£ 48
	AGM/Director Expenses	£ 202	£ 349	-£ 147
	Centre running expenses	£ 5,036	£ 4,752	£ 284
	Repairs and Improvements	£ 3,264	£ 730	£ 2,534
	IT/Telecoms equipment	£ 835	£ 3,486	-£ 2,651
	IT/Telecoms running costs	£ 67	£ 652	-£ 585
	Professional Fees and Insurance	£ 1,286	£ 1,282	£ 3
	Sundry Expenses			£ -
	Branch Contribution	£ 9,260	£ 9,674	-£ 414
		£ 21,444	**£ 22,833**	-£ 1,389
Net of receipts/(payments)		**-£ 7,882**	**£ 2,197**	
Total of Cash Funds at Year End		**£ 60,948**	**£ 68,829**	

Notes

There are no restricted or designated funds.

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026

		2026	2025
Fixed Assets			
	Tangible Assets	£200,000	£200,000
	Investments	£ -	£ -
		£ 200,000	**£ 200,000**
Current Assets			
	Debtors	£ -	£ -
	Cash at bank	£ 60,948	£ 68,829
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Liabilities			
	Creditors	£ -	£ -
Net Current Assets		**£ 60,948**	**£ 68,829**
Net Assets		**£ 260,948**	**£ 268,829**

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There are no restricted or designated funds.

The single tangible asset referred to is the property 58, West Street, which Newbury Samaritans own and from which it operates its services. This was last valued in February 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

1) These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:
   a) The Charities Act 2011
   b) The Charities (Reports & Accounts) Regulations 2008
   c) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
   d) The Charities SORP (FRS102) (effective January 2015)

2) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102
3) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting policies

4) Fund accounting
   a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
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