REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1170657

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

FOR

BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

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BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
for the year ended 31 March 2026

TRUSTEES	N Bachmann S Brookes A Collinge I Flowers D Grundy L Moore (appointed 1.9.25) J Rowland (appointed 24.7.25) O Tudor - Director J Smart (appointed 1.9.25) A Smith K Smith D Whitehead
DIRECTOR	O Tudor
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	16 Edward Street Blackpool Lancashire FY1 1BA
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1170657
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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).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, Governance and Management

The Samaritans Organisation as a whole includes more than 200 branches/satellites and hubs across the UK and Ireland, either as full or affiliated members of the Samaritans Central Charity.

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans is an affiliated member.

It is through the volunteers within these units that Samaritans provide confidential emotional support service via the telephone and a 'webchat' service. During financial year 2025/2026 email was available to callers, this service is to be phased out gradually beginning April 2026.

The governing body of the Central Charity is the Board of Trustees supported by various committees to which is delegated the various aspects of running the organisation.

All of our branch trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are in receipt of the Charity Commission Guideline booklet, in addition they have all completed the online Learning Trustee training and obtained their certificates.

Governing document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in December 2016 as charity number 1170657.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are:

To enable persons in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre and the surrounding area as well as elsewhere who are experiencing feelings of distress and 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.

KEY OBJECTIVES

Emotional support

To continue to provide emotional support by telephone 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.
The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings.

Publicity and recruitment

To increase awareness of the Samaritans service in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area and also to increase the number of volunteers in order to improve and expand our availability.

Fund-raising

To continue trading in our Charity Shop, collecting goods and saleable stock. We are grateful to all donors who have generously supported us throughout the year.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2026

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charity shop

Running our charity shop has not been without its challenges yet again this year. From fluctuating donations, weather issues, road works and closures, to the daily demands of running the shop; there have been many obstacles along the way. However, our team has remained dedicated and determined to keep moving forward. We are continually working towards increasing our quantity and quality of donations and building a sustainable and profitable space that can continue to support the vital service we all care so dearly about.

For 2026 - with the help of our volunteers, donors and customers, we are committed to growing the shop and making a lasting difference.

HMP Kirkham

Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans continue to work in partnership with HMP Kirkham, supporting and training 'Listeners'-prisoners who provide vital emotional support to their peers.
Fortnightly meetings remain in place, enabling the Branch Prison Team to support Listeners and work alongside the Safer Custody team to maintain the effectiveness of the scheme. Listeners continue to play an important role in supporting those experiencing emotional distress within the prison.
While 2025-26 has remained a challenging year, with ongoing operational difficulties and communication issues, we have maintained a steady flow of Listeners. Although numbers have at times been low, the scheme has continued to function and provide support where it is most needed.
I would like to thank the Branch Prison Support Team-Carolyn, Lisa, Mick, and Tony-for their ongoing commitment and support in sustaining the scheme through another demanding year. Your optimism and perseverance provide hope for the future of a meaningful legacy at HMP Kirkham.

Partnership/outreach

The remit of Samaritans covers a very wide range of emotions, events and occurrences. This in itself can stretch the requirements and challenges that face us as Samaritan volunteers. Also, of course, why so many of us continue to continue the work we do. Outreach adds to these challenges and adds the variety that face-to-face discussions bring. This makes me particularly proud to carry out this work alongside my Outreach colleagues, Joan, Jess, Gordon, Steven, Lisa, Scott, Angie, Gina and Jade.
The events over the last year have included supporting national Samaritans events, Brew Monday and Small Talk Saves Lives as well as local initiatives such as presentations at Sparks, Blackpool College and University and Fleetwood Fire Stations mental health meetings, Police work at Crossleys Bridge and a Crime Prevention seminar as well as one off events such as supporting the Baton of Hope parade and the local M.P.s call for action on poverty.
Thank you for all your ongoing support

Publicity

In 2025/26, publicity has focused on volunteer recruitment and advertising for the shop.

Recruitment, selection and training

During 2025/2026 we had 52 people apply to become a volunteer, we interviewed 40 of which 25 chose to make the decision to train to become a full Samaritans volunteer.
From March 2025 we trained 16 of the 25 volunteers face to face, 9 were either no shows or pulled out during training.
We currently have 6 people being mentored, 4 people have become full volunteers and 6 more are nearly there when they complete their Embedding. We have also had 5 volunteers from other branches transfer to our branch. The Embedding is now done with STS on Zoom, however if dates are not available our training team will hold sessions for our branch.
By March 2026 we now have 80 Listening Vols, we have 7 support volunteers and 10 shop volunteers.
As we go into the second half of 2026, focus will be on increasing our volunteer numbers not only in the branch, but our shop and our support volunteers also.
We also have support volunteers who undergo digital learning before taking up their role.
Many thanks to all Samaritans who dedicate their time to increasing our numbers because it is much appreciated by our callers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees take into consideration the level of reserves to be held for the management of working assets, commitments and contingencies, aiming to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash reserves to continue operating for at least eighteen months.
This is considered prudent due to the uncertainty of any future income.

The total free reserves at 31st March 2026 were £281,777 including a legacy of £199,143 received during the year which the branch is currently unable to utilise whilst central charity is looking at future proofing the Samaritans organisation. Therefore the amount of £82,634 is in line with maintaining unrestricted cash to allow the continuation of activities for at least eighteen months based on expenditure between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2026.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we close the financial year, I am pleased to present the annual accounts for Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans. This year the charity as a whole has faced significant challenges and announced a number of big plans that will impact us over the next 10 years. But as always I continue to be proud of the impact we have in support of our mission.
In July 2025, Samaritans announced plans to close at 100 of its 201 branches across the UK and Ireland as part of a major restructuring strategy aimed at improving service delivery and reducing infrastructure costs. Samaritans intends to move volunteers into larger regional centres and trial a remote volunteering model. This change is intended to provide greater flexibility, increase the number of volunteers on shift at any one time and reduce spending on building maintenance. These plans are known as 'Future Proofing'. In January 2026, a Pathfinder exercise was launched in response to volunteer feedback. The Samaritans Board has agreed to adopt a 'test and learn' approach in three 'pathfinder' areas: South East Region, Yorkshire & Humberside Region and Scotland. These areas will be involved in testing models of scaling capacity, trialling a shared rota, testing how to evolve outreach and a new model for prisons, and trialling the creating of new volunteering opportunities. The pathfinders are expected to last until 2028. Until then, it is paramount that Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Samaritans continues to operate and be a success in supporting our many callers.
I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters. Their time, energy, and unwavering support have been invaluable to the charity. The contribution they make on a daily basis plays a vital role in enabling us to achieve our mission, and we are deeply grateful for their efforts throughout the year.
This financial year, we received a large legacy of £199,142.72 from Eleanor Spence. We are grateful to have received a legacy gift through a will. In line with our governance responsibilities, and due to current uncertainties within the charity, we are unable to commit or spend these funds at this time. The funds will be held securely in reserve until greater clarity allows for their appropriate use. The Branch Leadership Team continues to remain vigilant regarding our financial integrity and are continuously well guided by our experienced Treasurer to enable the provision of a safe and fully functioning branch from which to deliver our service.
Our Charity Shop on Topping Street, continues to be an asset that we are keen to optimise. Margins in 2025 have continued to decline and we made the decision to reduce staffing hours to manage costs and financial stability. Looking ahead, we are renewing our focus on maximising the shops potential with our Shop Manager to increase volunteers and improve sales. Our aim has always been to strengthen this important income stream and ensure it continues to play a sustainable role in supporting our work.
We continue to receive a contribution to branch overheads from the Prison Listening Scheme in addition to the reimbursements in respect of expenses incurred by our volunteers visiting H.M.P. Kirkham. The early release scheme continues to impact our efforts at H.M.P. Kirkham and the team continue to support. The Governor continues to offer support for our service.
I would like to personally thank all the Branch Leadership Team, including our Trustees, who continue to support our charity. To all our Listening, Support and Shop Volunteers, your support is vital and deeply appreciated.
As I close the book on my third and final chapter of being Director, I look back with immense pride and I am humbled by the support and trust the team have offered to me.
I look forward to stepping down and passing on the baton to the next Director and will enjoy picking up the phone to continue supporting our callers.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1 June 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



O Tudor - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Samaritans (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 June 2026

BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

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					
Voluntary income	2	209,289	410	209,699	23,483
Activities to generating funds	3	30,481	-	30,481	33,525
Investment income	4	8,887	-	8,887	7,732
Total		248,657	410	249,067	64,740
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Listening service		19,555	410	19,965	28,321
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs		26,632	-	26,632	31,466
Governance		2,621	-	2,621	2,194
Total		48,808	410	49,218	61,981
NET INCOME		199,849	-	199,849	2,759
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		306,928	-	306,928	304,169
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		506,777	-	506,777	306,928

The notes form part of these financial statements

BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	225,000	-	225,000	225,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	-	-	-	3,400
Cash at bank		281,921	-	281,921	78,772
		281,921	-	281,921	82,172
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(144)	-	(144)	(244)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		281,777	-	281,777	81,928
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		506,777	-	506,777	306,928
NET ASSETS		506,777	-	506,777	306,928
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				506,777	306,928
TOTAL FUNDS				506,777	306,928

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1 June 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



O Tudor - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2026

1. 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
Voluntary income including donations, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature, is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

-The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods;
-The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

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

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

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.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure compromises 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 trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets
Freehold property is included on the balance sheet at cost.

Fixtures and fittings are included at cost less accumulated depreciation.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
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.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations	10,146	19,668
Legacies	199,143	1,776
Grants	410	2,039
	209,699	23,483

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
HMP Kirkham volunteers	410	491
Listener scheme prison grant	-	1,548
	410	2,039

3. ACTIVITIES TO GENERATING FUNDS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Shop income	30,285	33,525
200 Club	196	-
	30,481	33,525

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Rents received	7,732	6,375
Interest receivable	1,155	1,357
	8,887	7,732

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Listening service	19,965	-	19,965
Fundraising trading: staff and other costs	26,632	-	26,632
Governance	-	2,621	2,621
	46,597	2,621	49,218

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. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Fundraising trading	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property	Fixtures and fittings	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	225,000	27,005	252,005
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	-	27,005	27,005
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	225,000	-	225,000
At 31 March 2025	225,000	-	225,000

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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Prepayments	-	3,400

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other creditors	144	244

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/25	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/26
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	306,928	199,849	506,777
TOTAL FUNDS	306,928	199,849	506,777

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	248,657	(48,808)	199,849
Restricted funds			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	410	(410)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	249,067	(49,218)	199,849

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	304,169	2,759	306,928
TOTAL FUNDS	304,169	2,759	306,928

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,248	(61,489)	2,759
Restricted funds			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	492	(492)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	64,740	(61,981)	2,759

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/26 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	304,169	202,608	506,777
TOTAL FUNDS	304,169	202,608	506,777

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	312,905	(110,297)	202,608
Restricted funds			
HMP Kirkham volunteers	902	(902)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	313,807	(111,199)	202,608

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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

BLACKPOOL, FYLDE AND WYRE SAMARITANS

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Voluntary income		
Donations	10,146	19,668
Legacies	199,143	1,776
Grants	410	2,039
	209,699	23,483
Activities to generating funds		
Shop income	30,285	33,525
200 Club	196	-
	30,481	33,525
Investment income		
Rents received	7,732	6,375
Interest receivable	1,155	1,357
	8,887	7,732
Total incoming resources	249,067	64,740
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Employment costs	19,921	22,024
Establishment costs	13,187	17,041
Repairs & maintenance	7,056	12,051
Travel	3,446	3,442
Postage and stationery	1,738	1,800
Advertising	713	766
Telephone	536	2661
Fundraising	-	2
	46,597	59,787
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Branch contribution	1,249	924
Subscriptions	52	40
Independent examiner	1,320	1,230
	2,621	2,194
Total resources expended	49,218	61,981
Net income	199,849	2,759