

Company Registration Number : NI 636051

Derry Samaritans
Financial Statements and Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

Status :

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland on 27 January 2016 and is recognised as a charity by Revenue & Customs. The governing document is a Memorandum and Articles Of Association.

Directors:

Rosemary O'Doherty
Brian Logue
Noella O'Neill
Giovanni Doran
Eamon Fisher
Jacqueline Ferris

Accountants :

Fergus McAteer & Co.
Chartered Accountants
31/33 Clarendon Street
Derry
BT48 7ER

Main Bankers :

Bank Of Ireland
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Derry
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Solicitors :

Hasson & Co
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Registered Office:

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Derry
BT48 7ET

Company Number :

NI 636051

Charity Commission of Northern Ireland Number:

NIC 106360

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Directors are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (NI) 2022, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019.)

Structure, Governance and Management

Derry Samaritans was incorporated on 27 January 2016 and is a Private Company, Limited by Guarantee. The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company number is NI 636051 and the registered office is 16 Clarendon Street, Derry BT48 7ET. The company is a registered Northern Ireland charity - reference NIC 106360.

Management, Internal Control and Risk Management

The day-to-day management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Charity, who are responsible for the implementation of Samaritans strategy and to support the work of Samaritan volunteers in the Charity.

The Trustees have the overall responsibility for the system of internal control for the Charity, including the safety of Charity assets and the integrity of the accounting procedures.

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the Charity) are the trustees for the purposes of Charity Law. The trustees during the year end and at 31 March 2023 were as follows:

Rosemary O'Doherty	Giovanni Doran
Brian Logue	Eamon Fisher
Noella O'Neill	Jacqueline Ferris

Public Benefit Statement

Derry Samaritans offers support to those at risk of suicide by being there to listen and encourage the recognition and exploration of their options. By doing so we aim to help people find ways of coping with their distress without choosing to die by suicide. We also seek to support those whose distress is less acute, in the hope that they will not reach the point of feeling that they wish to end their lives. We make our support available in many ways, including by telephone, email, letter, and face-to-face.

Samaritans' service is open to people who are suicidal, despairing or are in distress. The branch provides a service primarily intended for the benefit of persons in Derry and the surrounding area. However, it also works with all Samaritan branches to ensure 24-hour availability of the service across the UK.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Branch's aims and objectives in planning future activities.

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Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity are:

- (a) to enable persons in Derry and the surrounding area (but without specific limitations as to area) 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 to improve their emotional health and to reduce the incidence of suicide.
- (b) 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
- (c) to collaborate with and support the Samaritans Central Charity and its affiliated branches in fulfilling these objectives.

Vision, Mission and Values

Samaritans' Vision is that fewer people die by suicide. We work to achieve this by making it our Mission to alleviate emotional distress and reduce the incidence of suicidal feelings and suicidal behaviour.

We do this by being available round the clock to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide.

- Reaching out to high-risk groups and communities to reduce the risk of suicide.
- Working in partnership with other organisations, agencies and experts to achieve our Vision. Influencing public policy and raising awareness of the challenges of reducing suicide.
- We are committed to the following Values:
 - Listening Confidentiality
 - People making their own decisions
 - Being non judgemental
 - Human Contact

Achievements and Performance

Calls and Emails responded to :-

In the 12 months from April 2022 to March 2023 our volunteers responded to 17,172 calls by telephone and email.

Face-to-Face, Outreach and Awareness Raising :-

We have continued supporting people through our telephone and email helplines, which remained open 24/7. However, we understand that some people prefer to talk to a Samaritans volunteer in person. We are working towards reintroducing the face-to-face service, but first we need to do some work to review and improve the way it is delivered. It's an important service and we need to make sure that it's as effective as possible for both the people who use the service and our volunteers.

We are delighted that we have been able to begin the Outreach events to local community organisations such as sports clubs, health awareness events and student events. These opportunities offer awareness of our service and how people can contact us for support or to volunteer.

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Volunteers

Derry Samaritans could not operate without the dedication and skill of our volunteers who lead the branch in every aspect of its work, and we thank every one of them for their continuing commitment to the needs of our callers. Our service continues to be delivered over the daytime and overnight hours.

At the 31st of March 2023 we had 63 Listening Volunteers who respond to our callers by phone and email and we had 6 volunteers on leave. We have 3 support volunteers who include our Treasurer and other former listening volunteers who wish to continue supporting our work and take part in talks to external organisations and fundraising efforts.

We regularly recruit listening volunteers throughout the year. This year we received 40 enquiries and selected 15 for our initial training. Core Development training was delivered to two groups. The process of completing initial training takes approximately 8 months until the volunteer is a full listening volunteer. This year we admitted 8 full listening volunteers, with 8 who were awaiting completion of their Embedding training.

Our core development and embedding training moved back to face-to-face and took place in the Branch once again. We've also delivered training to our volunteers who have become Leaders and recruitment interviewers.

Mandatory training for our current volunteers continues annually with topics this year including "Applying our Key Policies", "Safe-guarding", and "Best Practice for Email Conversations". These topics are delivered online on the Samaritans Learning system which is accessible to all volunteers. In addition, "Applying our Key Policies" was delivered in several face-to-face sessions.

We operate our service from a building owned since the 1980's and while we have some excellent facilities, we are aware that there are limitations within the building for some volunteers. We continue to review work required to make the building fully accessible to all volunteers and eventually face-to-face callers. We are aware that we may need to seek other more suitable premises should modifications be required to our current premises or that may prove impossible to deliver.

Related Parties

The Charity works with the Samaritans Central Charity to promote a better understanding in society of suicide and suicidal behaviour. This includes support for and participation in organisation wide initiatives and activities at a local level.

Financial review

During the year income of £43,899 was received and total costs were £40,244. This left a surplus for the year of £3,655 which when added to opening reserves of £192,702 left the Charity with reserves at the year end of £196,357 at the year end.

The Directors were pleased with the results for the year. The unrestricted reserves at the year-end were £196,357.

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Principal Risks

The principal risks facing the branch are insufficient volunteers to keep the branch open, insufficient funds to run the branch and the possibility of breach of confidentiality.

- New volunteer recruitment is essential to ensure that we always have adequate cover. Through information sessions, a careful interview process followed by a comprehensive training programme, we have over the past year increased the number of volunteers by 8 at the year end.

- Fundraising is also essential to meet running costs as well as to pay a contribution to the central charity towards the costs of the services and systems, without which branches could not operate.

- A cornerstone of Samaritans' service is that all those who contact us are guaranteed a confidential and non-judgemental conversation with a trained volunteer. Policies and procedures, including DBS checks, continuous development training for all volunteers, are in place to ensure we deliver a safe service.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

As branch income is heavily dependent on donations it cannot be guaranteed. The Trustees consider that around 18 months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves to maintain, to meet working capital needs. In addition, the Trustees set up a fund of £50,000 in designated reserves to cover the cost of future renovations to the premises to make them more accessible and suitable for growing our number of active listening volunteers.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected by the members of the Branch at the Annual General Meeting. Appointment of the Chair (Branch Director) is subject to approval by the Samaritans Central Charity. Following an internal process of Director Selection, the change of Director happened in June 2022 with Brian Logue completing his 3-year term and Rosemary O'Doherty taking on the role of Branch Director and Chair of the Trustees. Brian agreed to continue to be involved at Trustee level and was elected to that role in December 2022. There have been no other changes to the Trustees in this year.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of the Derry Samaritans for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year.

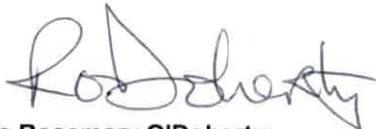
In preparing these the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 4 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Ms Rosemary O'Doherty
Director

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**Independent Examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Derry Samaritans
Year ended 31 March 2023**

We report solely to the Charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Derry Samaritans and its Trustees as a body for our work or for this report. As a practising member firm of Chartered Accountants Ireland, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.charteredaccountants.ie.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the Charity Trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your Charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us concern to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act and with methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practise applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic Of Ireland.
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Fergus McAteer
Fergus McAteer & Co
Chartered Accountants
31/33 Clarendon Street
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BT48 7ER



4 September 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals £	Totals 2022 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	5	17,074	-	17,074	20,140
Income from activities of furtherance of charitable objects	5	24,779	-	24,779	23,839
Income from activities for generating funds	5	2,046	-	2,046	-
Total incoming resources		43,899	-	43,899	43,979
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Charitable expenditure:					
Furtherance of charitable activities	6	14,059	-	14,059	12,503
Management and administration	6	24,988	-	24,988	18,950
Depreciation	6	1,197	-	1,197	599
Total resources expended		40,244	-	40,244	32,052
Net movement in funds in year		3,655	-	3,655	11,927
Total funds brought forward at 31 March 2022		192,702	-	192,702	180,775
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2023		196,357	-	196,357	192,702

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above financial year.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	8	84,094	-	84,094	82,677
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		129,624	-	129,624	131,847
Total current assets		<u>129,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,624</u>	<u>131,847</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(17,361)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,361)</u>	<u>(21,822)</u>
Net current assets		<u>112,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,263</u>	<u>110,025</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		196,357	-	196,357	192,702
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Net assets		<u>196,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,357</u>	<u>192,702</u>
The Funds of the Charity					
Funds		<u>196,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,357</u>	<u>192,702</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 4 September 2023, and are signed on behalf of the Board by;



Ms Rosemary O'Doherty
Director

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Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The Charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 16 Clarendon Street, Derry, BT48 7ET.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Derry Samaritans meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Turnover

Turnover represents the total value of donations, grants received and receivable during the year and other income received. Grants are recognised in the Profit and Loss account when the conditions for their receipt have been complied with and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

Taxation

During the current year the company has only been involved in charitable activities in furtherance of its charitable objects and is not liable to Corporation Tax.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Building	- 0%	
Plant and machinery	- 25%	reducing balance

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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3. Limited by guarantee

Derry Samaritans is a registered charity limited by guarantee without a share capital.

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Charity Commission of NI Number: NIC 106360

4. Funds

Unrestricted Revenue Funds - comprise those revenue funds which the management committee are free to use in accordance with the company objectives.

Restricted Revenue Funds - comprise those revenue funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects.

5. Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
<u>Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources</u>				
Donations	17,074	-	17,074	20,140
	<u>17,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,074</u>	<u>20,140</u>
<u>Income from charitable activities</u>				
WH SCT	24,779	-	24,779	23,839
	<u>24,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,779</u>	<u>23,839</u>
<u>Income from other trading activities</u>				
Other income	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	2,046	-	2,046	-
	<u>2,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,046</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>43,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,899</u>	<u>43,979</u>

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6. Resources expended	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
<u>Furtherance of charitable activities</u>				
Volunteer expenses	7,739	-	7,739	7,055
Publicity	3,649	-	3,649	2,080
Telephone & internet	1,446	-	1,446	1,351
Computer costs	1,225	-	1,225	1,260
Hospitality	-	-	-	757
Total	14,059	-	14,059	12,503
<u>Management and administration costs</u>				
Branch Contribution (NBC)	15,110	-	15,110	8,299
Light and heat	2,946	-	2,946	2,097
Insurance	1,010	-	1,010	250
House keeping expenses	5,657	-	5,657	3,865
Repairs and maintenance	436	-	436	401
Printing, postage and stationery	167	-	167	468
Training	394	-	394	-
Accountancy fees	-	-	-	1,800
Bank charges	181	-	181	241
Profit on exchange	(913)	-	(913)	1,410
General expenses	-	-	-	119
Total	24,988	-	24,988	18,950
<u>Depreciation</u>				
Depreciation	1,197	-	1,197	599
	1,197	-	1,197	599
Total resources expended	40,244	-	40,244	32,052

7. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year, including the directors was 0 (2022: 0).

No remuneration was paid to the directors during the year.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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8. Tangible assets

	Freehold property	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	80,879	48,798	129,677
Additions	-	612	612
At 31 March 2023	<u>80,879</u>	<u>49,410</u>	<u>130,289</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	44,998	44,998
Charge for the year	-	1,197	1,197
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>46,195</u>	<u>46,195</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	<u>80,879</u>	<u>3,215</u>	<u>84,094</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>80,879</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>84,679</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	17,361	21,822
	<u>17,361</u>	<u>21,822</u>

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10. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Funds at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	192,702	43,899	(40,244)	-	196,357
	<u>192,702</u>	<u>43,899</u>	<u>(40,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,357</u>

Name of unrestricted fund Description of the Fund

General Funds Funds which the Charity is able to apply freely in pursuit of its own charitable objectives and related purposes.

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Funds at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Name of restricted fund Description of the Fund

Restricted Fund Funds which the Charity applies for particular purposes and projects in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
Fixed Assets	84,094	-	84,094
Cash at bank and in hand	129,624	-	129,624
Creditors	(17,361)	-	(17,361)
Total	<u>196,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,357</u>