

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group
(Charity No. 1178353)**

Operating as SWASAG

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustees' Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2020

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year to 31 March 2020

South West Support and Awareness Group (Charity No.1178353) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was established on the 11 May 2018 with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The principle address is 19 Windermere Crescent, Derriford, Plymouth, Devon PL6 5HX. The charity operates under the name of SWASAG.

Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity are:-

- (a) to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of sufferers of asbestos related illnesses within the geographic area of the South West of England, through the provision of financial assistance, support, education and practical advice, in particular but not exclusively to:
 - (i) help improve the living conditions and quality of life of sufferers;
 - (ii) develop local support groups; and
 - (iii) bring together in conference and work in liaison with representatives of voluntary organisations, government departments, local and other statutory authorities and individuals.
- (b) to advance the education of the general public, within the geographic area of the South West of England, in all areas relating to asbestos related illnesses including but not exclusively by providing information about the hazards of asbestos in the environment, and how to obtain reparations and other funds.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe the main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit.

Structure, governance and management

The charity's governing document is the CIO foundation model agreed by the applicants on 1 May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 11 May 2018.

The trustees are selected on the basis of their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective running of the charity.

Trustees are appointed for a period of three years except in the first year where it can be for less. There must be at least three trustees.

Trustees who have served in the period to date of approval of these accounts are:-

Steven Jones
Julie Pleau
Helen Rowe
Julia Southwell (resigned 26 September 2019)

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Main activities in the period

The charity officially launched in November 2018 and since inception the focus has been on improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with asbestos related illness throughout Devon and Cornwall. This has been achieved, in part, by the establishment of monthly support/coffee mornings in Plymouth and Truro and latterly in Barnstaple. The content of the meetings are very much peer led and we respond to any requests for professional speakers.

The charity has also sought and achieved, full membership of the National Asbestos Forum thus ensuring an element of governance with respect of the development of the solicitor panel, and all the solicitors on the panel list have been very supportive of all the activities the group organises.

In June 2019 the charity was involved with Armed Forces Day on Plymouth Hoe, celebrating the armed forces but also highlighting the work of the charity whilst raising awareness of asbestos related illness in service. It was a very successful day, and again one we hope to attend annually.

July 2019 brings another annual event, namely Action Mesothelioma Day and SWASAG chose to mark the day with a 3 course meal in St Elizabeth's House, followed by a small service of remembrance and a butterfly release. The event was attended by our current patients, and our bereaved relatives, with an update on where we are with diagnostics and treatment given by medical staff from Derriford. It was a very well received day, and again, encouraged by our members, will become an annual event in St Elizabeth's.

October 2019 brings Mesothelioma UK's annual patient and carer day, at which patients, carers and professionals are updated with all the current best practice in asbestos related illness. The night before is marked with a social event and this year's event was held in Blackpool with the theme of Strictly Comes Dancing. The idea of offering to fund members on the trip was floated early in the year, and by the time the day arrived, we found we were taking 50+ of our members on the 2 night extravaganza. SWASAG fully funded the event and it was massively appreciated by all.

Late November 2019 heralded the annual Christmas Dinner in the Carlyon Bay Hotel in St Austell.

The trustees have also attended fundraising events organised by the local community, the largest being held in Cornwall by a group of young men who offered to fundraise by participating in the Banger Rally, driving a car from Lands End to Pompeii. It was a magnificent effort and we are very grateful. We are currently considering further fundraising events that both the trustees and the group members can be involved with.

In addition to the patient focussed events, the trustees have also welcomed requests for financial support from healthcare professionals who wish to attend relevant educational events. In January 2019, the pleural fellow from Derriford was funded to attend the British Thoracic Oncology Conference in Dublin. In 2020 the Lung Cancer Nurse from Truro will be funded to attend the same conference. The trustees also funded the recent Multi-Disciplinary Team Business Meeting for the Derriford Lung Cancer Team allowing the attendance of every relevant consultant.

The trustees have funded the purchase a significant number of thermometers for those patients on low income who would struggle otherwise to receive chemotherapy safely.

The trustees are mindful of the challenges in the future months posed by the impact of Covid-19 on income generation and the provision of charitable services to current and future patients. Safe working practices have been put in place by the trustees and cashflows are being monitored closely.

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Financial Review

The trustees are pleased with the level of donations in this starting period of the charity which total £28,859 which are all unrestricted. Expenditure was £24,643 and therefore at the end of the financial year there was £24,024 in the charity bank account which represents unrestricted funds. During the period we purchased a gazebo, projector and sundry items.

As we are a newly formed charity the trustees will hold sufficient cash reserves to meet future plans and to protect against unforeseen future expenditure.

Professional Advisers

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Independent Examiners: Northcott Trumfield , Chartered Accountants

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This report is approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 26 February 2021 by Steven Jones :-


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Receipts and Payments
For the year to 31 March 2020


	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
		£
Receipts		
Donations		
Solicitors	17,800	16,550
In Memory of	-	3,734
Collection cans	696	1,112
Donations and events	10,363	5,319
Merchandise sales	-	280
Total receipts	<u>28,859</u>	<u>26,995</u>
Payments		
Awareness events and fundraising	8,864	4,257
Printing and stationery	1,462	491
Donations to Mesothelioma UK	5,000	-
Subscriptions	500	-
General administration	1,274	215
Website management	1,843	521
Training	230	733
Merchandise for sale and promotional goods	1,002	311
Donation of equipment to hospital	-	160
Travel	3,659	147
	<u>23,834</u>	<u>6,835</u>
Purchase of assets	809	352
Total payments	<u>24,643</u>	<u>7,187</u>
Cash fund brought forward	19,808	-
Receipts	29,859	26,995
Payments	24,643	7,187
Cash funds at this year end	<u>24,024</u>	<u>19,808</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 March 2020

	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Cash	8	-
Bank balance	24,016	19,808
Cash funds at year end	<u>24,024</u>	<u>19,808</u>
 Assets retained for charity use		
Computer	300	300
Collection cans	52	52
Gazebo and heater	387	-
Projector	362	-
Shredder	60	-
	<u>1,161</u>	<u>352</u>
 Other Debtor	<u>766</u>	<u>-</u>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 26 February 2021 by Steven Jones.

Signed 

Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts
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1. Guarantees and debts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations Act (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

2. Trustee remuneration

Trustees are not remunerated.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



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