

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Registered Charity No : 1186479**

**ASBESTOS SUPPORT CENTRAL ENGLAND CIO**

**Charity No 1186479**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Period from 19th November 2019  
to 31st March 2021**

## **ASBESTOS SUPPORT CENTRAL ENGLAND**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2021.

#### **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The charity's objects, as set out in its Constitution are :

- 1) To relieve persons who have been injured by asbestos or who have asbestos related diseases, their families and carers and who are in need by reason of their ill health, disability or financial circumstances or other disadvantage, in particular by the provision of support information, advocacy and advice
- 2) To educate the public in the subject of asbestos, its hazards and asbestos related injury or disease with a view to reducing and helping to prevent further harm.

The areas of benefit are England and Wales.

The charity was established to continue the work of Asbestos Support Central England, which was set up in 2008 (known then as Asbestos Support West Midlands) by West Midlands Hazards Trust [Charity No: 1125322 ] to help and support people with asbestos related diseases, and their families and carers.

It was felt that the project should become a separate charity, both because its geographical remit had gone beyond the West Midlands, and because it would be better placed to attract funding to support its work.

The service, which is mostly delivered through home visits, provides :

- expert help and advice about DWP benefits associated with asbestos related diseases, especially Industrial Injury Disablement Benefit.
- information on compensation that might be available.
- practical assistance in the completion of all appropriate paperwork.
- information about reputable and experienced firms of solicitors who can help with legal claims for compensation.
- self help support groups to enable families to talk to others going through a similar experience.

Educational, campaigning and other support activities are also part of the work. Asbestos Support CE is a member of the Asbestos Support Groups Forum UK, and participates in national campaigns as appropriate.

The CIO gained charitable recognition in November 2019, and it was intended that the transfer would take place from 1st April 2020 but the transfer was delayed due to COVID and staff changes, and took place as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. All staff were transferred under TUPE arrangements as from that date; new bank account, payroll, pensions, insurance arrangements, and email accounts were set up, website and social media updated, and policies such as Equal Opportunities, Safeguarding and Health and Safety adopted.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Trustees have referred to the guidance from the Charity Commission on 'Charities and Public Benefit'. The Trustees are confident that the aims and activities of the CIO are in accordance with the regulations on public benefit. No member of the charity, including the Trustees, receives any financial benefit from their involvement with the Charity.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial statements, including the notes, have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) . The analysis of income and expenditure reflects the classification of activities, together with costs relating to administration.

As stated above, the charity did not begin operation until 1st April 2021, so in effect it was dormant for the period covered by these accounts. However, donations of £18,125 were received to cover its work in 2021-22. In addition, in 2021-22 the charity will receive a transfer of funds from West Midlands Hazards Trust amounting to £18,414 ( including the Butterfly Group Restricted Fund).

**ASBESTOS SUPPORT CENTRAL ENGLAND  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by its Constitution, and the policies made from time to time by its Trustees.

The Trustees serving during the period under review and at the date of this report were:

Neil Vernon  
Yvonne Washbourne  
Nick Woolf  
Kathy Gaffney [ from 9th November 2020 ]  
John Blunt [ from 8th January 2021 ]  
Julia Simcox [ from 28th January 2021 ]  
Beverley Broll [ from 25th May 2021 ]  
Marian Singles [ from 25th May 2021 ]

**Bankers for 2020-21**

Unity Trust Bank, Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HB

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

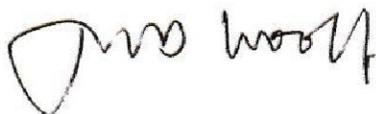
The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the profit or loss of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity are exposed and have adopted suitable mechanisms to manage those risks.

**APPROVAL**

This Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



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Date

28-Sep-21

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John Nicholas Drillien Woolf - Trustee

## Asbestos Support Central England CIO

### Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the period 19th November 2020 to 31st March 2021

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME FROM :</b>			
<b>Donations &amp; legacies</b>	18,125		18,125
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			0
<b>Other trading activities</b>			0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>18,125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,125</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
<b>Raising funds</b>			0
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>18,125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,125</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>18,125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,125</b>

## Asbestos Support Central England CIO

### Balance Sheet at 31st March 2021

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#### Current assets

Cash at bank and in hand	500
Debtors & prepayments	17,625
	<b>18,125</b>
Creditors & accruals falling due within one year	0
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>18,125</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>18,125</b>
Representing :	
General Fund	18,125
Restricted Funds	0
	<b>18,125</b>

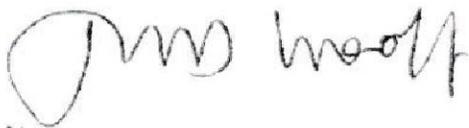
For the period ending 31st March 2021, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit.

*The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period.*

*In line with guidance from the Charity Commission, as the charity's income was below £25,000, the Trustees agreeded not to have an Independent Examination.*

*The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charity Commission with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.*

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 August 2021.



John Nicholas Drillien Woolf - Trustee



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on  
the accounts**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Asbestos Support Central England CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March  
2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1186479

**Set out on pages**

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

*Patricia Coles*

**Date:**

02/11/2021

**Name:**

Patricia Coles

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

N/A

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Bucknell Close  
Solihull, B91 2UJ

(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

I note that the sum of £36,539 will be transferred by the West Midlands Hazards Trust to Asbestos Support Central England in the financial year 2021-22. The reasons for this are explained on page 2 in the Trustee Report.

This sum includes the total funds carried forward to 2021-22 in the SOFA on page 3 plus other monies that were held on 31 March 2021 by the West Midlands Hazards Trust for its asbestos support project and the Butterfly Group, which supports people who have been bereaved by the death of a loved one from an asbestos related disease.