

**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 2021**

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**Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the year to 31 March 2021**

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

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**Trustees' Annual Report continued**

**Main activities in the period**

This period covers the first 12 months of the Sars-Cov 2 pandemic and the restrictions that were placed.

Given the nature of the pandemic and the clinically extremely vulnerable patients we care for, all face to face meetings and fundraising events were cancelled. Support meetings were moved to a virtual platform, namely Zoom, and a subscription was paid to allow us to have as many participants as needed for as long as needed. We asked all the current and new patients if they possessed the hardware and software necessary and where there were gaps, we purchased equipment, mainly tablets and cameras to assist and ensured safe delivery. We also purchased mobile phones and tablets to ensure patients who were admitted could communicate with families. The feedback from these small gestures was very positive.

Zoom meetings were held weekly initially and then smaller groups were set up as different needs were assessed and met. This involved a lot of time and input from the trustees and the specialist nurse but was very much needed.

The major fundraising events were cancelled (namely Armed Forces Day, Action Mesothelioma Day, Patient and Carer Day, The Christmas Lunch and Johnny Cowling memorial event) and a close eye was kept on charitable expenditure. However it did become apparent that we were in a stable financial position and a donation of £10,000 was planned for Mesothelioma UK.

There was no expenditure on education as all events moved to a virtual platform and were free.

We remain hopeful that the pandemic will not place restrictions on life as we move forward in to 2021 and hope to re-instate all face to face meetings and to continue to offer support in whatever ways we can.

**Financial Review**

The trustees are pleased with the level of donations in this starting period of the charity which total £28,252 which are all unrestricted. Expenditure was £10,744 and therefore at the end of the financial year there was £41,532 in the charity bank account which represents unrestricted funds. During the period we purchased Covid 19 PPE for beneficiaries, promotional merchandise, a mobile phone and educational medical books on breathing along with the normal operational costs.

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**

Bank: Santander

Independent Examiners: Northcott Trumfield, Chartered Accountants

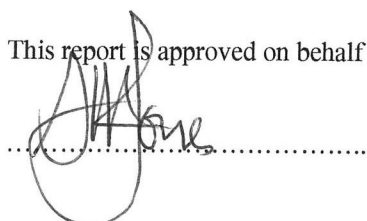
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This report is approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 27 January 2022 by Steven Jones :-



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**Receipts and Payments**  
**For the year to 31 March 2021**


	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Solicitors	24,500	17,800
Collection cans	-	696
Donations and events	2,986	10,363
Refunds	766	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>28,252</u>	<u>28,859</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Awareness events and fundraising	1,312	8,864
Printing and stationery	1,330	1,462
Charitable donations	818	5,000
Subscriptions	193	500
General administration	1,156	1,274
Website management	1,675	1,843
Training	-	230
Merchandise for sale and promotional goods	1,651	1,002
Covid 19 PPE	1,016	-
Independent Examination	396	-
Research and training travel costs	775	3,659
	<u>10,322</u>	<u>23,834</u>
Purchase of assets	422	809
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>10,744</u>	<u>24,643</u>
<b>Cash fund brought forward</b>	24,024	19,808
Receipts	28,252	28,859
Payments	10,744	24,643
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>41,532</u>	<u>24,024</u>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**As at 31 March 2021**

	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Cash	38	8
Crisis fund cash	300	-
Bank balance	41,194	24,016
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>	<u>41,532</u>	<u>24,024</u>
 <b>Assets retained for charity use</b>		
Computer	300	300
Collection cans	52	52
Gazebo and heater	387	387
Projector	362	362
Shredder	60	60
Books	180	-
Mobile	242	-
	<u>1,583</u>	<u>1,161</u>
 <b>Other Debtor</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>766</u>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 27 January 2022 by Steven Jones.

Signed  .....

Trustee

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)**  
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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year to 31 March 2021**

**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 2021 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:



**Guy Ian Northcott**  
**FCA, Bsc(Econ) Hons, DChA**  
**For and on behalf of:**  
**Northcott Trumfield**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Devonshire Villa**  
**52 Stuart Road**  
**Stoke**  
**Plymouth**  
**PL3 4EE**

**Date: 27 January 2022**