

Yorkshire and Humberside Asbestos Victims Support Group (SARAG)

(Registered charity. Number 1080365)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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Legal and administrative information

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Registered Charity number

1080365

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Trustee's report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a declaration of Trust dated 18 October 1999 as amended by supplemental Deed dated 20 March 2000 and 17 February 2003, and was entered on the Register of Charities effective from 17 April 2000.

A voluntary Trustee management committee carries out the overall management of SARAG, with the day to day management carried out by the Service Manager.

The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 2 on the report.

SARAG holds several general meetings a year at different locations throughout Yorkshire to ensure they are accessible to people resident or working in all parts of the region. These meetings are attended by people affected by asbestos related diseases, their carers, medical staff, voluntary organisations and the general public

The Trustees encourage people with an interest and appropriate skills or experience to consider becoming a Trustee of the organisation and nominations for new trustees are invited each year prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

To relieve persons with asbestos-related disease by the provision of advice, information and support for such persons and their families and dependants.

To advance the education of the public in Yorkshire and Humberside (the area of benefit) by raising awareness amongst medical staff, general public and workers, in the dangers and hazards of asbestos and its related diseases.

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Trustee's report continued

Public benefit statement

The SARAG Trustees take their responsibility seriously and are confident that the activities of the organisation meet the Charity Commission public benefit guidance.

Our beneficiaries are members of the general public from throughout Yorkshire, Humberside and North Nottinghamshire who are directly affected by asbestos-related disease, or indirectly affected for example carers, relatives, colleagues, and any member of the general public who may need information about the historical consequences of asbestos and the continuing hazards of asbestos.

We aim:

- to provide a free and confidential, quality advice and information service for all people in the locality whose life is affected by asbestos related disease.
- to advocate on behalf of those affected by working in partnership with other groups and organisations that share our concerns by raising issues facing those affected and seeking to effect relevant policy change.
- to facilitate mutual support and enable people whose life is affected by asbestos related disease.
- to meet one another to share experiences.
- to produce and disseminate appropriate information to the wider general public that increases understanding about asbestos related diseases and the continuing hazards of asbestos.

Our main activities are the provision of advice, information, assistance and support for people affected by asbestos related diseases, the majority of whom are terminally ill with mesothelioma cancer, asbestos related lung cancer or have chronic health problems from diseases such as asbestosis and pleural thickening. We provide a home visiting service for everyone who may be terminally ill, chronically sick or disabled.

We also provide individual support, group support meetings and arrange outings, which are an effective way of supporting people who are often isolated by their very aggressive terminal condition.

We provide information and awareness briefings to the wider community which have proved to be a very effective way of increasing understanding about the continuing hazards of asbestos, the incidence of disease in the region and the issues facing sufferers.

Working with 'The Asbestos Forum UK' we have been effective in bringing about social policy change that should go some way towards preventing future needless exposure and consequential disease.

The Trustees regularly give due consideration to the Charity Commission guidance in deciding what activities SARAG will undertake and ensure that the services are appropriate to the beneficiaries and that no detriment or harm arises from the activities we carry out.

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Trustee's report continued

Review of Progress and Achievement

The SARAG financial year runs from 01 July - 30 June and the total funds carried forward on these accounts are allocated to the project running costs from July 2023.

This year our funding has come from several different sources including donations from individual members, local and Regional Trades Unions, panel solicitor firms, together with our own fundraising activities.

We would like to say a big thank you to our Solicitor panel firms, Asbestos Claims Lawyers at Hemingways Solicitors Ltd, Asbestos Law Partnership, Leigh Day, Irwin Mitchell, Slater & Gordon and Thompsons for their continued support. We are extremely grateful for their donations this year, which has enabled us to both sustain, and continue to develop our service.

Asbestos related personal injury is a specialist area, all our panel solicitors are specialists and have extensive experience of asbestos related disease claims and give independent, impartial, confidential advice.

Throughout the year, we have been extremely grateful to receive very kind donations from individual supporters, which this year totalled £15,330. Many people who donate are themselves affected by asbestos related diseases.

We would like to thank those of you who make regular donations to SARAG, and we are extremely grateful for the very kind memorial donations in support of the work and aims of SARAG.

We are fortunate to have received the continued support of our Trade Union friends throughout the region. The continued financial support from UNITE the UNION North East, GMB and the Regional TUC. We would also like to thank UNITE Branches in Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield for their regular donations and the continued support of the other trade unions; NEU, FBU and the Sheffield Trades Union Council.

Unite Sheffield branch also supported us to secure a grant from the Alex Ferry Foundation, which allowed us to set up and run monthly support groups throughout the region.

Finally, we would like to thank and acknowledge all the individuals and organisations for the very generous and kind support we have received this year, which is not only very greatly appreciated, but is also vital in enabling SARAG to continue with its very much needed work.

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Trustee's report continued

Reserves Policy

In line with the Charity Commission guidelines on reserves it is the policy of SARAG to aim to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to approximately three to six months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs and to respond to emergency applications for grants that arise from time to time.

Additionally we will hold designated reserves at a level to cover any future redundancy costs and wind down cost should they be required, this is calculated at £8,000. On current expenditure levels, the forecast for six months running costs is £93,000. As at 30 June 2023, our reserves stand at £125,964 of which £8,000 is designated as outlined above, and the remainder will carry forward for project running costs for the next financial year.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which show the state of affairs of the charity and of net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and 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 operation.
- ☐ state whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements. The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and is signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Yorkshire and Humberside Asbestos Victims Support Group (SARAG)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yorkshire and Humberside Asbestos Victims Support Group (SARAG)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- ☐ to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- ☐ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Craig Williamson
White Rose Accounting for Charities
The Ghyll
Threapland
Aspatria
Cumbria CA7 2EL

Date: _____

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

		Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes		
Incoming Resources			
Grants and donations	4	188,322	144,343
Action Mesothelioma Day		-	-
Fundraising		1,107	27
Total Incoming Resources		189,430	144,370
Resources Expended			
Wages, NI and Payroll Service	5	155,175	131,310
Supporting events		4,673	2,433
Action Mesothelioma Day		3,291	-
Insurance		1,121	251
Software		2,566	2,575
Rent & Room Hire		4,588	5,317
Utilities		1,920	970
General running costs		4,970	6,499
Telephone and Postage		5,087	4,874
Travel and Transport		5,218	3,156
Training and Supervision		2,625	402
Independent Examination and payroll		305	280
Other Expenditure		1,247	992
Total Resources Expended		192,785	159,059
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(3,355)	(14,689)
Total funds brought forward		129,319	144,009
Total funds carried forward		125,964	129,319

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Current Assets			
Balance at Bank		150,316	151,738
Cash in Hand		-	-
		<u>150,316</u>	<u>151,738</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	2	(24,047)	(22,139)
Accruals	3	(305)	(280)
		<u>(24,352)</u>	<u>(22,419)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>125,964</u>	<u>129,319</u>
Net Assets		<u>125,964</u>	<u>129,319</u>
Represented By			
FUNDS			
Designated funds		8,000	8,000
Unrestricted Funds		117,964	121,319
		<u>125,964</u>	<u>129,319</u>

This report was approved by the Trustees on _____ and is signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Yorkshire and Humberside Asbestos Victims Support Group (SARAG)

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (effective from January 2015 and updated with effect from January 2016) - (the Charities SORP (FRS102)), as modified for smaller charities.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

(b) Income

Grants donations and Income from charitable trading activities are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received.

(c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

(d) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds are other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(e) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of V.A.T. The charity is not VAT registered.

Governance costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charity such as the costs of meetings, professional costs and statutory compliance, and includes any costs which cannot be specifically identified to another expenditure classification. In the opinion of the trustees all support costs relate to charitable expenditure.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its useful life.

(g) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either restricted funds or unrestricted general funds. Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds that can only be used for a 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.

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Notes to the Accounts continued For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

2 Creditors

These are amounts owed by the group but not paid during the accounting period.
They are in respect of:

	£
HMRC	1,938
Travel	109
Solicitor donations paid half year in advance	22,000
	24,047

3 Accruals

These are expenses that have been incurred but have not been billed or paid for during the accounting period. They are in respect of:

	£
Independent Examination	305
	305

4 Grants and donations

	£
Grants (Restricted)	
Alex Berry Foundation	6,840
Donations	
Individual supporters & PI panel donations	181,482
	188,322

5 Staff Costs and Trustees Expenses

Staff costs for the year were as follows:

	£
Salaries	152,588
Employers NIC	2,587
	155,175

The average number of employees during the year was 5

No other Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during this financial year.