

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08018086 (Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1148804

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025
FOR
ASBESTOS AWARENESS & SUPPORT CYMRU
LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Asbestos Awareness & Support Cymru (AASC) was established in Wales to facilitate a network of help and support to victims of asbestos-related diseases and their families. As well as offering one to one and group support it also acts as a signposting service to guide victims of asbestos disease and their families to the help they need from health, social care, and specialist advice services, in the statutory, voluntary, and private sectors to ensure that they are aware of the best assistance that is available within Wales. The principal activity of the Charity is to enhance the quality of life for those living with asbestos related diseases in Wales.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Achievements & Performance

Whilst an increase in the number of referrals from health professionals was noted, the number of referrals received from legal professionals was much lower than the previous year and a drop in the number of referrals from third sector organisations and self-referrals from the internet was also noted. Therefore, the total number of new enquiries received was significantly lower than the previous year. This may reflect the absence of a specialist Mesothelioma Nurse for Wales for several months. However, it was reported at a national meeting that some groups had seen as much as a 50% reduction in new enquiries at the start of 2025. At present, it is unknown whether the reduction in new enquiries is a result of fewer diagnosed cases nationally or whether there have been delays in diagnosing patients. However regular contact is currently being maintained with 108 families affected by asbestos-related illnesses in Wales resulting in 657 outbound calls being made through the support line to families affected by Mesothelioma and other asbestos-related illnesses such as asbestosis and pleural thickening.

Despite the absence of a Mesothelioma UK Specialist Nurse for Wales for several months, we have maintained the provision of support for families affected by Mesothelioma in Wales. Thankfully, our Specialist Support Officer was able to enhance our service further by offering additional online personalised support via Zoom for patients and carers who required further support and who wished to discuss personal matters confidentially 'face to face' in addition to the regular telephone support and online and in person support group meetings.

In response to feedback and requests a new friendship group for bereaved carers was set up by volunteer Trustee Mary Bryan in the Neath Port Talbot area, meeting monthly and providing an opportunity for bereaved carers with a shared understanding to meet informally over coffee and optional lunch.

Overview of Activities

- AASC continued to raise awareness of the dangers of asbestos exposure through social media and key events throughout the year. Additionally, articles were placed in the local press covering the Swansea area during Global Asbestos Awareness Week in order to raise awareness of the dangers of asbestos exposure in the hope of protecting future generations whilst also promoting the support service available to victims of asbestos-related illnesses through AASC. The Global Asbestos Awareness Week event was also hosted in Swansea in the hope of reaching out to new patients and carers in that area.
- Hospital information packs were updated and distributed to every known Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist in hospitals throughout Wales to replenish stocks and in order to share information with patients and carers affected by Mesothelioma.
- Updated Information Packs and A4 Posters also sent to key Respiratory professionals to replenish stocks and in the hope of continuing to reach out to patients and carers affected by benign illness such as asbestosis.
- Regular updates sent by the Charity Administrator to patients, carers, and health professionals on mailing lists for support groups and events also managing online enquiries from Help Desk.
- Part Time Support Officer maintained regular contact with patients, carers, and bereaved carers to provide support and help improve mental well-being resulting in 657 outbound calls. (N.B Due to sensitive nature, length of call duration and times are not restricted).
- AASC continues to work closely with key health professionals including the newly appointed Mesothelioma UK Specialist Nurse for Wales having developed a calendar of mesothelioma support groups and events for the year ahead.
- Facilitated regular quarterly Mesothelioma Zoom Support Group meetings for patients and carers, introducing families to the newly appointed Mesothelioma UK Specialist Nurse for Wales and also to other specialist guest speakers e.g., dietitian.
- Made additional support available to families through support meetings, events and calls where required from AASC's Part Time Specialist Support & Clinical Liaison Officer (Sarah Morgan, Retired Mesothelioma UK Specialist Nurse).
- Facilitated regular quarterly Online Zoom Support Group Meetings for patients and carers affected by Asbestosis and Pleural Thickening working closely with Lead Specialist ILD Nurses.
- Facilitated 'in person' events in various locations for patients, carers, bereaved carers sharing information, providing support, and raising awareness including Action Mesothelioma Day held in Bridgend, Festive Lunch in Newport and Global Asbestos Awareness Week event in Swansea. Unfortunately, due to the resignation of the previous Mesothelioma UK Specialist Nurse with no immediate replacement and a reduction in new enquiries in the area, the preplanned Patient & Carer Day event was postponed. However, additional one-to-one telephone and online support was offered to patients and carers in Wales.
- New volunteer-led friendship group for bereaved carers was set up meeting monthly however despite the initial positive response, attendance reduced throughout the year.
- Developed and confirmed a full calendar of support events for patients affected by all asbestos-related illnesses for the year ahead.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Maintained relationships, support, and information available from Specialist Legal Panel
 - Attended various professional Study Days creating links and presented at two key national Educational Days for health professionals raising awareness of the support service provided by AASC and highlighting the need for early referral following diagnosis to maximise and enable the provision of support at the earliest opportunity.
 - Provided regular updates and awareness campaigns via social media.
 - Sent out Patient and Carer packs to every new enquiry signposting to helping agencies and sharing information.
- Promoted need for fundraising and volunteers at key events and through social media for future provision and development of service.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

In common with many small charities the reserves are not always at the level the trustees would wish, with income remaining at a level sufficient to cover management, administration, and support costs in the coming twelve months thus ensuring continuity in the services provided by the Charity. However, pledges from regular donors have been secured for the future.

Principal Sources

The principal source of income in the year was charitable donations. At the balance sheet date, the Charity had a fund of unrestricted reserves of £40,065 (2024: £34,960).

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees future plans are to

- continue to develop and provide services for patients, carers and bereaved carers affected by asbestos related illnesses keeping service users as the central and primary focus.
- continue to develop and nurture relationships with key health professionals to encourage referrals for increased number of enquiries and thus to offer additional support to more families who need it in Wales.
- develop 'Carers Share' Online meetings with Specialist Mesothelioma Nurse for carers and bereaved carers allowing connections to be made through a shared understanding whilst also learning from personal experiences in the hope of improving the provision of support.
- further promote the need for fundraising in the hope of securing further income for the charity
- identify new sources of income through grants etc.
- continue to advertise the services offered by the charity in the hope of reaching more patients.
- strive to recruit more volunteers.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors are required to retire by rotation. Appointment of directors is by the charity in general meeting or by the directors.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The charity is governed by a board of Trustees with three part-time staff members being accountable to them. The Support Officer manages and operates the telephone helpline and maintains regular contact with patients, carers and bereaved carers signposting to helping agencies and specialist advice services where required. The Support Officer also works closely with the Charity Administrator and Specialist Support & Clinical Liaison Officer in order to plan, arrange and facilitate both regular online Support Group Meetings and In Person Events throughout the year so that a key 'support event' is offered in every calendar month. In addition to overseeing and managing the charity's finances, regulatory requirements, online platforms (Website and Facebook) and external electronic communications, the Charity Administrator manages enquiries from patients, carers and bereaved carers via the website 'Help Desk', maintaining regular Email updates and contact and also facilitates and manages the delivery of online Zoom Support Group Meetings. In addition to providing essential additional support to families, the Specialist Support and Clinical Liaison Officer continues to develop and nurture relationships and links with key health professionals in the hope of reaching out to more patients and carers in Wales.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08018086 (Wales)

Registered Charity number

1148804

Registered office

Park View House
Ropewalk
Fishguard
Pembrokeshire
SA65 9BT

Trustees

Mrs S Baldwin Trustee (resigned 13.6.2024)
Mrs R N Williams Trustee
Dr P T Thomas Consultant
Mrs M Bryan Trustee
Mrs S L Nuckley (appointed 22.7.2025)
Mrs P P Jones (appointed 22.7.2025)

Independent Examiner

C W F Marshall FFA
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Financial Accountants
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs R N Williams - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASBESTOS AWARENESS & SUPPORT CYMRU
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Asbestos Awareness & Support Cymru Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

C W F Marshall FFA

William Marshall & Co
Financial Accountants
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31 October 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	40,212	36,080
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Asbestos Awareness & Support Cymru		35,106	30,715
NET INCOME		5,106	5,365
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		34,960	29,595
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		40,066	34,960

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	357	447
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	1,396	1,575
Cash at bank		40,518	34,323
		41,914	35,898
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,205)	(1,385)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		39,709	34,513
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		40,066	34,960
NET ASSETS		40,066	34,960
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		40,066	34,960
TOTAL FUNDS		40,066	34,960

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 April 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R N Williams - Trustee

P T Thomas - Trustee

M Bryan - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for 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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	<u>40,212</u>	<u>36,080</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Asbestos Awareness & Support Cymru	<u>28,024</u>	<u>7,082</u>	<u>35,106</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Asbestos Awareness & Support Cymru	<u>4,589</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>2,332</u>	<u>7,082</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>90</u>	<u>111</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

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7. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,290	18,377
Other pension costs	278	113
	<u>21,568</u>	<u>18,490</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Part-time	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025	2,307
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 May 2024	1,860
Charge for year	90
	<u>1,950</u>
At 30 April 2025	1,950
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 April 2025	357
	<u>357</u>
At 30 April 2024	447
	<u>447</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	1,395	1,575
	<u>1,395</u>	<u>1,575</u>

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>2,205</u>	<u>1,385</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2025.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,212	36,080
Total incoming resources	40,212	36,080
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	21,290	18,377
Travelling expenses	728	412
Online support group costs	-	346
Patient & carer events	6,006	4,992
	28,024	24,127
Support costs		
Management		
Pension contributions	278	113
Insurance	594	577
Telephone	564	556
Postage and stationery	815	679
Advertising	1,195	644
Computer running costs	-	717
Licences and subscriptions	1,083	1,115
Training	60	101
	4,589	4,502
Finance		
Bank charges	72	(83)
Other		
Depn of office equipment	89	112
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,584	1,320
Bookkeeping fees	748	737
	2,332	2,057
Total resources expended	35,106	30,715
Net income	5,106	5,365

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements