

# SOUTH WEST ASBESTOS SUPPORT & AWARENESS GROUP CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1178353

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-05-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO 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 AVAILABLE TO SUFFERERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND CARERS.

**Activities:** Supporting people along the south west peninsula suffering from asbestos related disease. The charity holds monthly meeting in the south west for those dealing with such conditions to meet.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£45,106	£43,535	-	-
2024-04-30	£50,849	£57,949	-	-
2023-04-30	£47,785	£51,118	-	-
2022-04-30	£34,773	£37,733	-	-
2021-04-30	£28,252	£10,744	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
STEVE JONES	Chair	2018-05-11
HELEN ROWE		2018-05-11
JULIE MICHELLE PLEAU		2020-05-11

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(Charity No. 1178353)**

**Operating as SWASAG**

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**Trustees' Annual Report and  
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**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Main activities in the period**

During the period 01/04/2024-31/03/2025 the charity has continued to strive towards its stated aim of providing support to all persons diagnosed with an asbestos related illness, and to achieve this have had a presence at many peninsula events raising awareness of the dangers of asbestos.

It became apparent during the course of the last 12 months that the Southwest Peninsula was bucking the national trend of a reduction in mesothelioma/asbestos disease cases, and in fact was demonstrating an increase, and a decision was made to commence a further support coffee morning to cover the Exeter area, hopefully to encompass North and East Devon. Despite its infancy this group is already growing, and feedback is very positive. The groups in both Plymouth and Truro continue to grow and also receive very positive feedback.

SWASAG will continue over the next 12 months to listen and respond to the patrons it serves and will shape the group to deliver the support required as needed. There will continue to be a presence at local and national events as requested and fundraising efforts will be maintained in partnership with local businesses. We are looking forward to the challenges the next 12 months will bring, whilst keeping our focus on the patients, families and carers who use our service.

**Financial Review**

The trustees are pleased with the level of donations in the year which total £44,312 which are all unrestricted. Expenditure was £43,535 and therefore at the end of the financial year there was £29,710 in the charity bank account which represents unrestricted funds. During the year we donated to Mesothelioma UK (note 3), purchased services for beneficiaries, promotional merchandise along with the normal operational costs.

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**Professional Advisers**

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**Receipts and Payments  
For the year to 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025 Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Solicitors	35,584	34,855
Donations and events	8,728	15,994
Refunds	794	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>45,106</u>	<u>50,849</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Awareness events and fundraising	15,614	28,562
Printing and stationery	1,111	490
Charitable donations: Mesothelioma UK	13,170	11,817
Charitable donations: Beneficiaries	474	721
Subscriptions	320	200
General administration	2,691	3,383
Website management	1,073	901
Training	1,668	1,107
Merchandise for sale and promotional goods	1,757	2,850
Independent Examination	480	420
Research and training travel costs	3,617	7,498
	<u>41,975</u>	<u>57,949</u>
Purchase of assets	1,560	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>43,535</u>	<u>57,949</u>
<b>Cash fund brought forward</b>	28,139	35,239
Receipts	45,106	50,849
Payments	43,535	57,949
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>29,710</u>	<u>28,139</u>

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
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**Statement of assets and liabilities  
As at 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025 Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds £</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Crisis fund cash	126	150
Bank balance	29,584	27,989
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>	<u>29,710</u>	<u>28,139</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	180
Mobile	242	242
Lenovo Laptop and accessories	1,236	1,236
Printers (3 of)	500	500
Shredder	160	160
Sum up reader	120	120
Collection pots	270	270
Lenovo ThinkPad 2 of	1,560	-
	<u>5,429</u>	<u>3,869</u>

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Signed  
Trustee



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**Notes to the Accounts  
For the year to 31 March 2025**

**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.

**3. Charitable donations**

<b>(a) Institutions</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Mesothelioma UK C.I.O. (Reg. No. 1177039)		
Medical Research	1,580	-
Nursing care	11,590	11,817
	<u>13,170</u>	<u>11,817</u>
 <b>(b) Beneficiaries</b>		
Medical support and equipment	<u>474</u>	<u>721</u>

**4. Trustee Expenses**

The 3 Trustees are reimbursed for travel costs incurred attending meetings in the South West peninsula.

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
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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 2025 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:**  
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**Chartered Accountants**  
**Devonshire Villa**  
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**Date: 16 September 2025**

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**Financial Review**

The trustees are pleased with the level of donations in the year which total £50,849 which are all unrestricted. Expenditure was £57,949 and therefore at the end of the financial year there was £28,139 in the charity bank account which represents unrestricted funds. During the year we donated to Mesothelioma UK (note 3), purchased services for beneficiaries, promotional merchandise along with the normal operational costs.

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**Receipts and Payments**  
**For the year to 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
		<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Solicitors	34,855	40,500
Donations and events	15,994	7,285
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>50,849</b>	<b>47,785</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Awareness events and fundraising	28,562	21,998
Printing and stationery	490	2,388
Charitable donations: Mesothelioma UK	11,817	12,561
Charitable donations: Beneficiaries	721	3,229
Subscriptions	200	-
General administration	3,383	2,605
Website management	901	340
Training	1,107	1,500
Merchandise for sale and promotional goods	2,850	1,572
Independent Examination	420	420
Research and training travel costs	7,498	4,115
	<b>57,949</b>	<b>50,728</b>
Purchase of assets	-	390
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>57,949</b>	<b>51,118</b>
<b>Cash fund brought forward</b>	<b>35,239</b>	<b>38,572</b>
Receipts	50,849	47,785
Payments	57,949	51,118
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<b>Cash Funds</b>		
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Bank balance	27,989	34,939
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**Financial Review**

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For the year to 31 March 2023**

	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Solicitors	40,500	26,950
Donations and events	7,285	7,638
Refunds	-	185
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>47,785</u>	<u>34,773</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Awareness events and fundraising	21,998	5,805
Printing and stationery	2,388	1,477
Charitable donations: Mesothelioma UK	12,561	16,340
Charitable donations: Beneficiaries	3,229	420
Subscriptions	-	200
General administration	2,605	3,146
Website management	340	340
Training	1,500	430
Merchandise for sale and promotional goods	1,572	4,291
Independent Examination	420	396
Research and training travel costs	4,115	2,992
	<u>50,728</u>	<u>35,837</u>
Purchase of assets	390	1,896
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>51,118</u>	<u>37,733</u>
<b>Cash fund brought forward</b>	38,572	41,532
Receipts	47,785	34,773
Payments	51,118	37,733
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>35,239</u>	<u>38,572</u>

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
Operating as SWASAG**

**Statement of assets and liabilities  
As at 31 March 2023**

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Cash	-	80
Crisis fund cash	300	300
Bank balance	34,939	38,192
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>	<b>35,239</b>	<b>38,572</b>
 <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	180
Mobile	242	242
Lenovo laptop and accessories	1,236	1,236
Printers (3 of)	500	500
Shredder	160	160
Sum up reader	120	-
Collection pots	270	-
	<b>3,869</b>	<b>3,479</b>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 1 February 2024 by Steven Jones.

Signed  .....

Trustee

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)**  
**Operating as SWASAG**

**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year to 31 March 2023**

**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.

**3. Charitable donations**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>(a) Institutions</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Mesothelioma UK C.I.O. (Reg. No. 1177039)		
Medical Research	-	10,160
Nursing care	12,561	6,180
	12,561	16,340
<b>(b) Beneficiaries</b>		
Medical support and equipment	3,229	420

**4. Trustee Expenses**

The 3 Trustees are reimbursed for travel costs incurred attending meetings in the South West peninsula £1,692.

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
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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 2023 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:

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**Date: 1 February 2024**

**SOUTH WEST ASBESTOS SUPPORT & AWARENESS GROUP CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1178353

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# Accounts

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**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 2022**

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
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**Trustees' Annual Report**

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- (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.

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

Steven Jones  
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Helen Rowe

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
Operating as SWASAG**

**Trustees' Annual Report continued**

**Main activities in the period**

The period of this report marks the ending of most of the SARS Cov-2 restrictions and the resumption of "normal" daily life.

The SWASAG trustees had a presence at an International Ladies Day event organised by Mesothelioma UK in Manchester.

Armed Forces Day 2022 was a full event on the Hoe in June at which the whole team was present and spoke with many visitors on wide ranging topics from asbestos awareness to current treatment for asbestos related injuries. As an awareness recognition event, it was a complete success.

Action Mesothelioma Day in July was held in China Fleet Country Club with an array of speakers both National and International and was attended by about 80 patients and carers, who enjoyed a 3 course meal and a very poignant butterfly release alongside the most informative presentations. It was very well received and feedback was excellent.

In October a coach transported 35 SWASAG patients, carers and supporters to Mesothelioma UK's Annual Patient and Carer Day in Nottingham, where there were afforded a 2 night stay, alongside a further array of National and International presentations. Again the feedback from this event was excellent.

In December we had our annual Christmas Dinner in the Carlyon Bay Golf Club in Cornwall attended by almost 60 patients, carers and supporters, who all had a fabulous time.

Alongside these events, we have continued to provide monthly support groups in both Plymouth and Truro, again attended by 30-35 patients and carers regularly.

SWASAG continues to fund 0.2 WTE Mesothelioma CNS and she attends all meetings and events. At the Plymouth meeting, she runs an "ad hoc" clinic answering health questions and organising tests and appointments as required.

SWASAG, this year, have also agreed to fund Expert Witness Training for their funded nurse and for the National Peritoneal CNS based on Basingstoke.

In January 2023 we will hold our annual comedy night fundraiser with Johnny Cowling in the Alverton Hotel in Truro.

Over the last 12 months we have continued to offer support in whatever way it is required, be that psychological, physical or financial by the provision of equipment as necessary and we hope to continue that over the next 12 months.

In May 2023 we will celebrate 5 years since achieving charitable status and we aim to mark the occasion with a Summer Ball in the Alverton Hotel in Truro, inviting local dignitaries alongside our supporters to join us. We will also look forward to the annual events such as Action Mesothelioma Day, Armed Forces Day and of course the annual trip to Mesothelioma UK's Patient and Carer Day which has become a highlight of the year to many of our patients and supporters. We will continue with our fundraising efforts which will enable us to take our support to Exeter/Barnstaple and Torbay, hopefully in the next 12 months.

**Financial Review**

The trustees are pleased with the level of donations in the year which total £34,773 which are all unrestricted. Expenditure was £37,733 and therefore at the end of the financial year there was £38,572 in the charity bank account which represents unrestricted funds. During the year we donated to Mesothelioma UK (note 3), purchased equipment for beneficiaries, promotional merchandise, computers and printers along with the normal operational costs.

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

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
Operating as SWASAG**

**Trustees' Annual Report continued**

**Professional Advisers**

Bank: Santander

Independent Examiners: Northcott Trumfield , Chartered Accountants

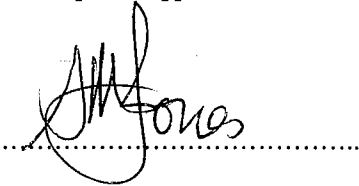
**Contact Details**

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This report is approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 11 January 2023 by Steven Jones :-



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**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
Operating as SWASAG**

**Receipts and Payments  
For the year to 31 March 2022**

	<b>2022 Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>2021 Unrestricted Funds £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Solicitors	26,950	24,500
Donations and events	7,638	2,986
Refunds	185	766
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>34,773</u>	<u>28,252</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Awareness events and fundraising	5,805	1,312
Printing and stationery	1,477	1,330
Charitable donations: Mesothelioma UK	16,340	-
Charitable donations: Beneficiaries	420	818
Subscriptions	200	193
General administration	3,146	1,156
Website management	340	1,675
Training	430	-
Merchandise for sale and promotional goods	4,291	1,651
Covid 19 PPE	-	1,016
Independent Examination	396	396
Research and training travel costs	2,992	775
	<u>35,837</u>	<u>10,322</u>
Purchase of assets	1,896	422
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>37,733</u>	<u>10,744</u>
<b>Cash fund brought forward</b>	41,532	24,024
Receipts	34,773	28,252
Payments	37,733	10,744
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>38,572</u>	<u>41,532</u>


**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
Operating as SWASAG**

**Statement of assets and liabilities  
As at 31 March 2022**

	<b>2022 Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2021 Unrestricted Funds £</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Cash	80	38
Crisis fund cash	300	300
Bank balance	38,192	41,194
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>	<b>38,572</b>	<b>41,532</b>
 <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	180
Mobile	242	242
Lenovo laptop and accessories	1,236	-
Printers (3 of)	500	-
Shredder	160	-
	<b>3,479</b>	<b>1,583</b>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 11 January 2023 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 2022**

**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.

**3. Charitable donations**

**(a) Institutions**

	2022 £	2021 £
Mesothelioma UK C.I.O. (Reg. No. 1177039)		
Medical Research	10,160	-
Nursing care	6,180	-
	<u>16,340</u>	<u>-</u>

**(b) Beneficiaries**

Equipment	<u>420</u>	<u>818</u>
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**4. Trustee Expenses**

The 3 Trustees are reimbursed for travel costs incurred attending meetings in the South West peninsula £1,485.

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group**

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

**Operating as SWASAG**

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts**

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

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

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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>

**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)  
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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>	<b>41,532</b>	<b>24,024</b>
 <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	-
	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,161</b>
 <b>Other Debtor</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>766</b>

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