

**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

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year to 31 March 2022

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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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.

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Professional Advisers

Bank: Santander

Independent Examiners: Northcott Trumfield , Chartered Accountants

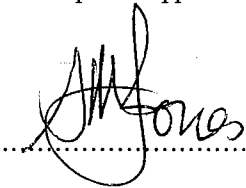
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This report is approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 11 January 2023 by Steven Jones :-


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Receipts and Payments
For the year to 31 March 2022

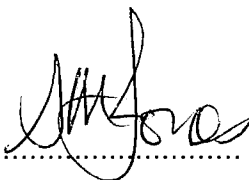
	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
		£
Receipts		
Donations		
Solicitors	26,950	24,500
Donations and events	7,638	2,986
Refunds	185	766
Total receipts	<u>34,773</u>	<u>28,252</u>
Payments		
Awareness events and fundraising	5,805	1,312
Printing and stationery	1,477	1,330
Charitable donations: 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
Total payments	<u>37,733</u>	<u>10,744</u>
Cash fund brought forward	41,532	24,024
Receipts	34,773	28,252
Payments	37,733	10,744
Cash funds at this year end	<u>38,572</u>	<u>41,532</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 March 2022

	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash Funds		
Cash	80	38
Crisis fund cash	300	300
Bank balance	38,192	41,194
Cash funds at year end	<u>38,572</u>	<u>41,532</u>
 Assets retained for charity use		
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	-
	<u>3,479</u>	<u>1,583</u>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 11 January 2023 by Steven Jones.

Signed 

Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts
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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.

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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 2022 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
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Date: 11 January 2023