

**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 2024**

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**Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the year to 31 March 2024**

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**

Over the period of this report SWASAG trustees and specialist nurse have had a presence at local, national and international events, raising the profile and networking with colleagues.

International Ladies Day was held in March in Manchester and hosted by Mesothelioma UK. SWASAG hosted a table at the event.

May 2023 marked the 5th anniversary of the charity and a Ball was held in the Alverton Hotel in Truro, attended by 120 supporters.

June 2023 found us on the Hoe supporting Armed Forces Day and we had many interactions with visitors to our stand.

Action Mesothelioma Day is held in July and our event took place in Home Park in Plymouth, attended by 130 people who have been affected by the legacy of asbestos exposure. Our annual event includes a butterfly release as a way of remembering those we have lost.

Mesothelioma UK's annual patient and carer day was held in October in Brighton and alongside all the trustees, 40 patients and carers from the southwest made the trip, travelling in a coach funded by SWASAG.

The annual Christmas Dinner was held in Carlyon Bay Golf Club in December and had the largest attendance so far with 69 patients and carers enjoying the event.

The annual comedy night fundraiser with Johnny Cowling happens in January and this year has raised £4,300 to date.

On top of these annual events we continue to host monthly support group meetings in both Plymouth and Truro and we have held 4 meetings in Torbay. The Torbay meeting is something we will continue to build. SWASAG have committed to continue funding 1 day per week of the Mesothelioma Clinical Nurse Specialist salary and over this period funded her attendance at an international conference in Singapore and also funded her expert witness training.

We will go forward into another year committing to all the annual events listed and also expanding the support groups that are so valued by our community.

**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.

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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**Trustees' Annual Report continued**

**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 17 October 2024 by Steven Jones :-

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**South West Asbestos Support and Awareness Group (Charity no. 1178353)**  
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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>	<u>50,849</u>	<u>47,785</u>
<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
	<u>57,949</u>	<u>50,728</u>
Purchase of assets	-	390
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>57,949</u>	<u>51,118</u>
<b>Cash fund brought forward</b>	35,239	38,572
Receipts	50,849	47,785
Payments	57,949	51,118
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<u>28,139</u>	<u>35,239</u>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Crisis fund cash	150	300
Bank balance	27,989	34,939
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>	<u>28,139</u>	<u>35,239</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
	<u>3,869</u>	<u>3,869</u>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 17 October 2024 by Steven Jones.

Signed .....  
Trustee

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year to 31 March 2024**

**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>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Mesothelioma UK C.I.O. (Reg. No. 1177039)		
Medical Research	-	-
Nursing care	11,817	12,561
	<u>11,817</u>	<u>12,561</u>
 <b>(b) Beneficiaries</b>		
Medical support and equipment	<u>721</u>	<u>3,229</u>

**4. Trustee Expenses**

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



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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 2024 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**  
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**52 Stuart Road**  
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**Date: 17 October 2024**