

**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 2025**

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

**For the year to 31 March 2025**

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**

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.

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**

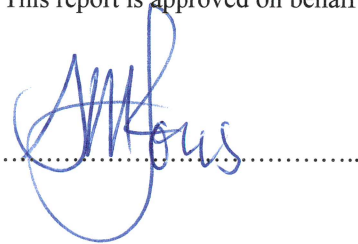
**Professional Advisers**

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Independent Examiners:	Northcott Trumfield, Chartered Accountants

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This report is approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 16 September 2025 by Steven Jones:-



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


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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</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>

These accounts are approved on behalf of all the trustees on 16 September 2025 by Steven Jones.

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.



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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:**  
**Northcott Trumfield**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
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**52 Stuart Road**  
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**Date: 16 September 2025**