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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178374

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Merseyside Asbestos Victims
Support Group**

Kinsella Clarke Limited
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**Chairman's Report
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

Human Resources & Outputs

Our two support officers, John Flanagan and Helen McKee have worked tirelessly to maintain the Charity's service to victims and their families, despite the guidelines and limitations imposed upon businesses by the public health response to the pandemic. John and Helen rotated their own duties between manning the office alone and working from home.

Advantage was taken of the government furlough scheme for our part-time employees. They remained unproductive at home while receiving state emoluments, which the trustees agreed to subsidise up to their normal full pay rates. This meant, of course, that they could not offer any practical input to the organisation for the duration of the scheme, though they remained committed to a return-to-work if and when circumstances improved.

In March part-time fundraiser, Helen Williams, resigned to pursue her career in another direction. In the same month we engaged an Outreach Worker, Melanie Wilson. After a short time in post, (and with the realisation that the medium to long term hazard posed by COVID 19 rendered the job for which she had been appointed quite impracticable), it was accepted that her role had become redundant. Our remaining part-timer, Kayleigh Aston, continues in post as Administrative Assistant, though she has been furloughed for a substantial part of the year.

Guidance and support continued to be provided to both new and existing victims and their family members over the same period.

Our part-time Benefits Adviser, June Fielding, reliably offered MAVS her valuable specialist resource throughout the year.

The Board met regularly every two months. Our Secretary, Marj Magee, and the Treasurer, Kenny Newton, fulfilled their duties with customary efficiency and Tom Bimpson used his skills most effectively to manage all our Zoom meetings.

To minimise risk, our volunteers were asked to stand down for the duration of the pandemic crisis and were contacted during the period by Marj Magee who acts as HR adviser to the Board. She provides the framework and encouragement for ongoing staff appraisals, together with guidance to management, in consultation with the Chair and in liaison with an external HR consultant, Beverley Turton, who volunteers her services to the group.

Donations and fundraising

It was planned to raise substantial funds during 2020 by organising two large-scale events at prestigious sporting venues. These were to involve gala dinners with substantial tombola prizes donated by local businesses and generous private individuals. After all the hard work that had been invested it was extremely sad that cancellations and postponements beyond 2020 were necessitated by the Lockdown.

As ever, our invaluable panel of solicitors offered regular donations for which the Board is most grateful.

Activities

This year "Action Mesothelioma Day" was organised as an online event only, in collaboration with other agencies across the country. Nevertheless, MAVS retained its unique flavour thanks to a video sensitively fronted by Marj. Although we began to organise the biannual "Asbestos and the Law" conference, anticipated to take place in Liverpool during the autumn of 2020, the exigencies of the pandemic led to such arrangements being held over until 2021.

Social Support Network

Prior to the first lockdown of 2020 we offered monthly face-to-face meetings for victims and their carers at "Living Well with Mesothelioma" sessions at our own premises. A guest speaker would present a relevant clinical or legal topic which would generate questions and answers. Thereafter, a general discussion would take place with relaxed sharing of experience and concerns over coffee and biscuits. Following the lockdown we were determined to retain very much the same programme, but in a virtual format, using the Zoom facility.

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At the same time, regular contact by telephone was offered by the Chair to all members, including those unable to manage the technology needed to participate in the virtual sessions.

Plans were developed to establish a complimentary service for those members of "Living Well" who had become bereaved, (as well as for any others of whom we might hear as having lost a loved one to this disease). It was to be called "Living On". Inevitably, the practical problems caused by the Coronavirus interrupted the progress of this initiative during 2020.

Dr Jeff Morgan, retired psychiatrist, offered informal telephone counselling to anxious and depressed victims, their carers and bereaved family members who contacted him over this same period.

Partners

Effort was made during 2020 to consolidate our relationship with senior clinicians working in Merseyside hospitals and health centres where it had been perceived that our footprint merited a better definition. Our rationale was to encourage referrals to MAVS by Consultants and GPs of patients newly diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, particularly mesothelioma with its limited life expectancy and, therefore, a timely need for our specialised service.

We also became more closely linked to other organisations having similar aims and objectives to our own. Mesothelioma UK set up regular online liaison meetings between most of the active Asbestos Victim Support Groups in England, Wales and Scotland, the UK Forum, the Mesothelioma Alliance and other interested parties. The purpose of these meetings is to share "best practice" developed by support groups as well as the latest developments in clinical research, trials and treatment options.

Future Plans

It is hoped that additional funding will be obtained in order to expand the advice on benefits to victims and their carers, a complex subject. This would be achieved by increasing the hours provided by our in-house expert, June Fielding.

The roll out of the "Living On" provision for those bereaved by Mesothelioma will be revisited.

We also plan to develop ever closer ties with clinicians to enhance referrals of those newly diagnosed with asbestos related diseases, whether malignant or so-called as benign.

When public health considerations permit, we intend to proceed with our educational responsibilities. We will devise appropriate presentations on the dangers of asbestos in the built environment for the information of trainees in the construction industry as well as those preparing for, and pursuing, other trades that may potentially expose them to health hazard. We also wish to continue with plans to develop awareness- raising packages suitable for school pupils of different ages as well as for students in colleges and universities.

We shall continue to monitor the performance of the legal firms currently on the MAVS panel. Feedback will be gathered from victims and their families on their experience of the solicitors whom they have selected. We will develop effective ways to record their opinions of the service received from our own staff members.

The need is recognised to diversify the skill-set available to the Board during 2021.

**Dr J Morgan
Chairman**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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 31 March 2021. 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).

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE014089 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1178374

Registered office

108 Century Buildings
Tower Street
Brunswick Business Park
Liverpool
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Trustees

Dr J Morgan Chairperson
A Sweeney Trustee
M Brown Trustee
K Newton Treasurer
Mrs Y Neild Trustee
T Bimpson Trustee
Mrs G M Magee Secretary


Company Secretary

Mrs G M Magee

Independent Examiner

Simon J Kirkham
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24/01/22 and signed on its behalf by:


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M Brown - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Merseyside Asbestos Victims
Support Group**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Merseyside Asbestos Victims Support Group ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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').

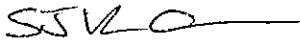
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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.



Simon J Kirkham
FCCA
Kinsella Clarke Limited
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Date: 28/11/2022

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

		Year Ended 31.3.21 Unrestricted fund £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		147,589	125,303
Other trading activities	2	958	35,050
Investment income	3	-	3
Total		148,547	160,356
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	130,474	141,521
Other		-	9,482
Total		130,474	151,003
 NET INCOME		18,073	9,353
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		117,573	108,220
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		135,646	117,573

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2021**

	Notes	31.3.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	680	1,020
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	57	957
Cash at bank		153,049	115,596
		<u>153,106</u>	<u>116,553</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(18,140)	-
		<u>134,966</u>	<u>116,553</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>134,966</u>	<u>116,553</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>135,646</u>	<u>117,573</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>135,646</u>	<u>117,573</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>135,646</u>	<u>117,573</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>135,646</u>	<u>117,573</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

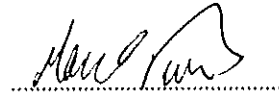
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its 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.

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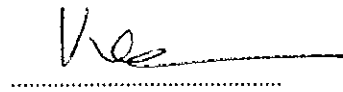
**Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2021**

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 20/01/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Brown - Trustee



K Newton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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.

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31.3.21 £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 £
Fundraising events	958	35,050

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 31.3.21 £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 £
Bank interest received	-	3

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	Year Ended 31.3.21 £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 £
Support costs	130,474	141,521

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	Year Ended 31.3.21 £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 £
Depreciation - owned assets	340	-
Hire of plant and machinery	462	-
Other operating leases	19,532	17,460

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the period ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the period ended 31 March 2020.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	125,303
Other trading activities	35,050
Investment income	3
Total	<u>160,356</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	141,521
Other	9,482
Total	<u>151,003</u>
 NET INCOME	<u>9,353</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	108,220
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>117,573</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>1,020</u>
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	<u>340</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	<u>680</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,020</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Other debtors	57	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>-</u>	<u>957</u>
	<u>57</u>	<u>957</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>18,140</u>	<u>-</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	117,573	18,073	135,646
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>117,573</u>	<u>18,073</u>	<u>135,646</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	148,547	(130,474)	18,073
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>148,547</u>	<u>(130,474)</u>	<u>18,073</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 2.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,220	9,353	117,573
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,220</u>	<u>9,353</u>	<u>117,573</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	160,356	(151,003)	9,353
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>160,356</u>	<u>(151,003)</u>	<u>9,353</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Year Ended 31.3.21 £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	133,723	117,330
Membership fees	560	1,545
Other incoming resources	-	6,428
Job Retention Scheme	13,306	-
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	147,589	125,303
 Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	958	35,050
 Investment income		
Bank interest received	-	3
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Total incoming resources	148,547	160,356
 EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Staffing costs	92,785	82,160
Hire of plant and machinery	462	-
Premises expenses	19,532	17,460
Staff and volunteer expenses	910	3,454
Event expenses	710	16,573
Legal expenses	111	3,129
Affiliations and subscriptions	500	902
Print, stationery and computer expenses	8,935	14,483
Marketing and promotions	916	5,869
Sundries	108	82
Kitchen and cleaning expenses	294	1,254
Communications inc. postage	1,691	1,731
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	126,954	147,097
 Finance		
Bank charges	377	293
 Governance costs		
Accountancy and payroll	1,194	800
Independent examination fees	1,140	300
Professional services	469	2,441
Carried forward	2,803	3,541

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Year Ended 31.3.21 £	Period 2.4.19 to 31.3.20 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	2,803	3,541
AGM expenses	-	72
Fixtures and fittings	340	-
	<u>3,143</u>	<u>3,613</u>
Total resources expended	<u>130,474</u>	<u>151,003</u>
Net income	<u>18,073</u>	<u>9,353</u>

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