

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE014089 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178374

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Merseyside Asbestos Victims
Support Group

Kinsella Clarke Limited
61 Stanley Road
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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Merseyside Asbestos Victims Support Group

Chairperson's Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

We have had another busy year helping and supporting victims / patients of all asbestos related diseases ((ARD's) on Merseyside and further afield.

Our staff and volunteers interviewed approximately 115 victims of asbestos, or their family members, in the last financial year.

New Volunteers

In January 2023 we recruited Sue Stone, who's sister attends our Living Well meetings. Sue formerly worked as a librarian, and she has done excellent work on sending out various mail shots.

Living Well with Mesothelioma Gatherings & Fundraising Events

30/04/2022 - Members day out & farewell lunch for Maria Guerin (Meso UK nurse)
06/06/2022 - Living well coffee & cake morning with LCN Laura Swift (Aintree)
09/07/2022 - MAVS summer ball fundraiser at Anfield with special guest, Phil Thompson
15/08/2022 - Living well at Maggies Centre, with Ellie Fleming, MacMillan Specialist Pleural Nurse
02/09/2022 - Members meeting
10/09/2022 - Tough Mudder fundraising event
15/10/2022 - Autumn gala dinner at St Helens rugby club
18/10/2022 - Special Living Well with Alison Germain-Martin & Alison Gallie-Daly (LUHFT patient engagement service), Sandra Metcalfe (Linda McCartney Wellbeing Services) and Mindfulness with Dr Jeff Morgan
24/10/2022 - Living On coffee morning
21/11/2022 - Living Well at Marie Curie with Dr Laura Chapman
23/01/2023 - Living Well with Dr Jeff Morgan
20/02/2023 - Living Well with Emma Squibb, Liverpool Sunflowers, Cancer Support Service
27/03/2023 - Living Well with Maria Guerin, LCNS and former Meso UK Nurse

Research - Egg / Embryo / Mesothelioma Research

Tony Murphy is working on this project, currently helping to translate Judy's research papers into plain English. We continue to work closely with Judy to support her on this project.

International Workers Day - 28th April 2022

Roger Phillips opened the day's proceedings. A one minute silence was held to remember those who have lost their lives due to work. This was followed by foghorns on the river. The GDB lit up in purple, matching the ribbons distributed in association with the event. A family member of the late Tony Mulhearn unveiled the IWMD plaque and gave a short speech. Speeches were also made by Jamie McGovern from the CWU Trade Union and Lesley Mahmoud, Save Liverpool Women's Hospital Campaign. A wreath laying took place followed by a Piper's lament.

Save Barrow (DWP) Office

During the year we launched a campaign to stop the closure of the dedicated DWP office based in Barrow in Furness. The office had processed thousands of claim applications over the last 30 years and each application was handled by highly experienced staff. Unfortunately, the government ignored our calls and those of the terminally ill patients with asbestos related diseases. The work was transferred to the DWP's office in Barnsley with devastating results. Victims are now having to wait longer for their benefits to be paid and this situation persists even to today.

Maria Guerin, LCNS and Mesothelioma Nurse for the North West

Maria Guerin, LCNS and dedicated Mesothelioma UK Nurse for the North West, sponsored by Mesothelioma UK, has sadly left her post. We wish Maria every success in her new role as Quality Matron at Liverpool University Hospital's NHS Foundation Trust.

To date a replacement for her has not been found, nor is expected to be in the foreseeable future. I would like to thank Maria and Lorraine Creech, LCNS and now Head of Nursing at Mesothelioma UK, for helping us to set up our very successful Living Well with Mesothelioma gatherings which still continue today.

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**Chairperson's Report
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Action Mesothelioma Day 1st July 2022

Professor Judy Coulson, University of Liverpool, presented her latest research into mesothelioma treatment. Alison Hassall, clinical trials nurse, spoke on the latest trials available. The Deputy Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Mayor of Wirral and Mayor of Knowsley were in attendance. The event included such things as a spirit of hope dove release at Our Lady and Saint Nicholas, the Parish Church of Liverpool church gardens, along with a buffet lunch, stalls and a raffle.

Asbestos and the Law Conference at the Maritime Museum in Liverpool 3rd March 2023

Speakers and topics were as follows:

Conference Chair opening and closing remarks - Peter Cowan, Counsel

"Asbestos in Schools" - Michael Brace, Counsel

"Update on Research into Targeted Therapies for Mesothelioma" - Professor Judy Coulson, Molecular Physiology and Cell Signaling

"Late & Low Exposure Cases" - Dave Bradley, Engineer

"Asbestos Shipping Claims" - Kevin Johnson, Partner at Leigh Day Solicitors

"Latest Developments in treatment" - Dr Anthony Pope, Consultant in Clinical Oncology, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

"Inquest and causation issues in light of the Wandsworth judicial review case" - Clair Sajewicz, Senior Coroner's Officer

Thank you to staff and volunteers

I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers who dedicate their working lives to our cause, helping people with these insidious conditions to achieve some sort of justice in the welfare and benefits field.

Tom Bimpson
Chairperson

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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 2023. 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
Merseyside
L3 4BJ

Trustees

A Sweeney Trustee (resigned 31.8.22)
M Brown Trustee (resigned 31.8.22)
K Newton Treasurer
T Bimpson Trustee
A Murphy
W P Lafferty (appointed 5.9.22)
D Maylor (appointed 5.9.22)

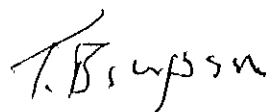
Company Secretary

A Murphy

Independent Examiner

Simon J Kirkham FCCA ACA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



T Bimpson - 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 2023.

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 ACA

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21 June 2024

**Merseyside Asbestos Victims
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		124,156	115,989
Other trading activities	2	12,022	18,854
Total		<u>136,178</u>	<u>134,843</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3	139,549	136,025
Other		1,170	-
Total		<u>140,719</u>	<u>136,025</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,541)	(1,182)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		134,464	135,646
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>129,923</u></u>	<u><u>134,464</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Merseyside Asbestos Victims
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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	980	340
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	293	500
Cash at bank		130,310	135,246
		<u>130,603</u>	<u>135,746</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,660)	(1,622)
		<u>128,943</u>	<u>134,124</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>128,943</u>	<u>134,124</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>129,923</u>	<u>134,464</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>129,923</u>	<u>134,464</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>129,923</u>	<u>134,464</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>129,923</u>	<u>134,464</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 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.

**Merseyside Asbestos Victims
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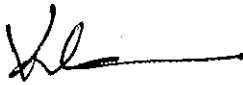
**Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023**

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 21 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



T Bimpson - Trustee



K Newton - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	12,022	18,854

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

31.3.23	31.3.22
£	£
139,549	136,025

Support costs

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

31.3.23	31.3.22
£	£
536	340
21,009	21,255

Depreciation - owned assets

Other operating leases

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	115,989
Other trading activities	18,854
Total	134,843
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	136,025
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(1,182)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	135,646
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	134,464

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	1,020	-	1,020
Additions	-	1,176	1,176
	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,176</u>	<u>2,196</u>
At 31 March 2023			
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	680	-	680
Charge for year	340	196	536
	<u>1,020</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>1,216</u>
At 31 March 2023			
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	-	980	980
	<u>340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340</u>
At 31 March 2022			

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade debtors	-	500
Prepayments and accrued income	293	-
	<u>293</u>	<u>500</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Other creditors	490	267
Accruals and deferred income	1,170	1,355
	<u>1,660</u>	<u>1,622</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,464	(4,541)	129,923
	<u>134,464</u>	<u>(4,541)</u>	<u>129,923</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>134,464</u>	<u>(4,541)</u>	<u>129,923</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	136,178	(140,719)	(4,541)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,178</u>	<u>(140,719)</u>	<u>(4,541)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	135,646	(1,182)	134,464
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,646</u>	<u>(1,182)</u>	<u>134,464</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,843	(136,025)	(1,182)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>134,843</u>	<u>(136,025)</u>	<u>(1,182)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	135,646	(5,723)	129,923
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,646</u>	<u>(5,723)</u>	<u>129,923</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	271,021	(276,744)	(5,723)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>271,021</u>	<u>(276,744)</u>	<u>(5,723)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Merseyside Asbestos Victims
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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	4,104	1,991
Fixtures and fittings	340	340
Computer equipment	196	-
	<hr/> 4,640	<hr/> 2,331
Total resources expended	<hr/> 140,719	<hr/> 136,025
Net expenditure	<hr/> (4,541)	<hr/> (1,182)

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