

# East Midlands Asbestos Support Team

England & Wales · Charity number 1186006

## Details

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Other names	DERBYSHIRE ASBESTOS SUPPORT TEAM, DAST, EAST MIDLANDS ASBESTOS SUPPORT TEAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-10-28
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1. TO RELIEVE PERSONS SUFFERING FROM ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS IN THE EAST MIDLANDS AND ITS ENVIRONS WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF THEIR AGE, ILL HEALTH OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVOCACY, SUPPORT, EDUCATION, PRACTICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE INCLUDING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE BEREAVED THROUGH ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE. 2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL AREAS RELEVANT TO ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES INCLUDING THE HAZARDS POSED TO HEALTH BY ASBESTOS.3. TO RELIEVE THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ILL-HEALTH OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE EAST MIDLANDS AND ITS ENVIRONS SUFFERING BEREAVEMENT OR LOSS THROUGH ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE BY THE PROVISION OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND PRACTICAL ADVICE TO SUCH PERSONS. 4. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL AREAS RELEVANT TO ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES. 5. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL AREAS RELEVANT TO THE HAZARDS POSED TO HEALTH BY ASBESTOS.

**Activities:** We help and support anyone with an asbestos related disease. We support people throughout the East Midlands as well as Burton on Trent and Peterborough. We offer advice and support with welfare

benefits uptake including the Government Compensation Schemes. We offer advice about making a civil claim. As well as acting as a support group. We also offer bereavement support.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Derby City
- Derbyshire
- Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire
- Northamptonshire
- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£158,001	£173,276	-	-
2024-03-31	£170,609	£198,065	-	-
2023-03-31	£161,483	£231,284	-	-
2022-03-31	£193,036	£190,030	-	-
2021-03-31	£427,029	£151,883	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>James Eaden</b>	Chair	2019-10-28
Ann Lambert		2022-12-01
COLIN HAMPTON		2019-10-28
DAVID MACGREGOR		2023-03-17
HILARY MARGARET CAVE		2022-12-12
Patricia Joy Clough		2022-12-05

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186006

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# Accounts

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**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**  
(Registered charity, number 1186006)  
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**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Full name** East Midlands Asbestos Support Team,

**Other names by which the charity is known**  
Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team (DAST)  
EMAST

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1186006

**Principal address**

1 Rose Hill East, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1NU

**Trustees**

James Eaden, Chairman  
Colin Hampton, Treasurer  
Hilary Cave  
Ann Lambert  
David MacGregor  
Patricia Clough

**Senior management staff**

Joanna Reeve, Bereavement Counsellor  
Natalie Woodward, Adviser

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 28 October 2019 and most recently amended on 1 October 2024.

We invite trustees who can bring the necessary skills and experience to our board. We look for those Trade Unionists that have membership in industries with high incidence of Asbestos Related Diseases, service users and those interested in our Aims and Objectives.

**Objectives and activities**

Undertaking benefits advice including full benefits check for those who have been diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, the majority of whom are terminally ill with mesothelioma (asbestos related lung cancer) or lung cancer or other debilitating diseases such as asbestosis and pleural thickening.

Representation at Tribunals.

## **East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**

Advice about Government Compensation Schemes

Providing information and advice about making civil compensation claims.

Offer support, advice, advocacy for those who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease.

We organise events and send out newsletters and resources to those affected or who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease. We encourage our service users to share their experiences, (sharing patient stories in our newsletter as well as meeting online) which helps to reduce isolation.

We organise events to raise awareness in the general population about the issues facing mesothelioma victims and raising awareness to prevent future exposure.

We act as a voice for those diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, or their families.

We publish leaflets, booklets, articles and other materials for the benefit of the local community to raise awareness and understanding about the dangers of exposure to asbestos, the incidence of the disease in the area and the issues facing victims which will go some way towards preventing future exposure and consequential disease.

We work with statutory agencies and health professionals when required.

We take an active role in the Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum and undertaking necessary tasks in supporting our aims.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

We help and support anyone diagnosed with an asbestos related disease and their families. This includes welfare benefits and financial support as a result of ill-health caused by an asbestos related disease. Financial support helps with increased cost of heating, travelling costs for home visits, buying equipment, reducing the costs caused by ill health as well as creating important memories for families such as holidays.

Help reduce social isolation and foster a sense of community for those affected by asbestos related diseases

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

## East Midlands Asbestos Support Team

### Summary of the main achievements during the period

EMAST was instrumental in recovering £7,710,997.71 in welfare benefits throughout the East Midlands for people diagnosed with asbestos related diseases. In addition, our Panel of Solicitors have reported to us settled civil compensation claims amounting to £11,822,645.

We reprinted and updated our successful and well received Bereavement Handbook. We also created a Legacy Leaflet to encourage individuals to consider making a will and leaving a legacy to us.

We produced and distributed our bi-monthly Stepping Forward Magazine (for service users who have been bereaved) and Wellbeing Magazine (for patients and carers).

EMAST continued to play an active role in the Asbestos Victims Support Group and campaigning on issues relevant to victims of asbestos related diseases.

EMAST continues to hold monthly Bereavement Support Groups across the East Midlands, Patient and Carer groups and weekly online meetings for Bereaved community.

Working in partnership with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, EMAST launched our Breathing Space Project in April 2024, sponsoring an area of outstanding natural beauty and woodland. The generous donations of our supporters paid for benches, a sculptural signpost base, leaflets and signage.

EMAST currently has over 1500 members with whom we are regularly in touch with,

### Financial review

The financial position remains stable with reduced staff costs from the end of 2024/25 and healthy reserves.

### The charity's policy on reserves

In line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the trustees review the reserves of the charity and have adopted the following policy We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet any redundancy payments and to maintain activity for 12 months.

### Financial risks

We are reliant on Charitable donations, particularly from Panel Firms. If these were to reduce significantly the organisation would have to look for new sources of funding.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed   
Colin Hampton, Trustee

Date 23/10/25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Midlands Asbestos Support Team (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

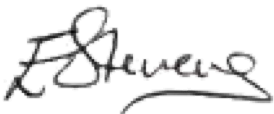
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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  Date 24/10/2025  
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
Receipts & payments account  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

2024			2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
			Total
			Funds
			£
	<b>Receipts</b>		
3205	Bank interest	3940	-
167404	Grants & donations	138834	14930
-	Sundry income	297	-
<u>170609</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>143071</u>	<u>14930</u>
	<b>Payments</b>		
4000	Admin support	-	-
3954	Advertising	3000	-
109	Bank charges	1486	-
130	Donations	-	-
8198	Equipment, repairs & renewals	3261	-
3389	Events & resources	-	-
-	Insurance	315	-
1239	Miscellaneous expense	723	-
26497	Printing, stationery & office supplies	9384	495
1152	Professional fees	-	-
3412	Publications & subscriptions	3356	-
3343	Rent, room hire & rates	4746	1926
13764	Staff travel, meetings, training	11832	1784
2302	Telephone, internet & postage	11830	-
70	Volunteer expenses	-	-
125463	Wages, NI & pension	112875	5380
1043	Website & IT	-	-
-	Fundraising	883	-
<u>198065</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>163691</u>	<u>9585</u>
(27456)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	(20620)	5345
208913	Cash funds at start of this period	166151	15306
<u>181457</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>145531</u>	<u>20651</u>
			<u>166182</u>

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 March 2025**

2024		Note	2025
£	<b>Cash assets</b>		£
181457	Bank accounts		166182
<u>181457</u>			<u>166182</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			
Outdoor furniture, purchased Feb 2024, £4430.			
HP Probook, purchased Jan 2021, cost £623.			
Sound system, purchased Nov 2020, cost £638.			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
(3181)	Creditors	4	(1513)
<u>(3181)</u>			<u>(1513)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 23/10/25  
Colin Hampton, Trustee

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Donations	138834	-	138834
Macmillan	-	2725	2725
Lottery	-	12205	12205
	<u>138834</u>	<u>14930</u>	<u>153764</u>

**3. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Lottery Bereavement	-	12205	(8781)	3424
Together against Asbestos	2020	-	-	2020
Macmillan	-	2725	(804)	1921
Awareness Conferences fund	181	-	-	181
Welfare Rights seconded worker fund	200	-	-	200
Breathing Space project	12905	-	-	12905
	<u>15306</u>	<u>14930</u>	<u>(9585)</u>	<u>20651</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	22700	143071	(163691)	2080
IT and office furniture fund	12172	-	-	12172
Staff wages fund	95241	-	-	95241
Big Awareness Event fund	36038	-	-	36038
	<u>166151</u>	<u>143071</u>	<u>(163691)</u>	<u>145531</u>

## East Midlands Asbestos Support Team

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows.

Lottery Bereavement – for a more targeted and concentrated programme of support to those who have been bereaved following the loss of someone with Asbestos disease.

Macmillan -to offer a face-to-face Patient and Carer Support Group in Leicester facilitated by our Macmillan Benefits Adviser & Meso UK. This group provides an opportunity for patients to feel part of a wider community while offering more holistic support. We have also funded a coach for travel from Leicester to Westminster Houses of Parliament for Patients and Carers

Together against Asbestos - National Lottery Community Fund (Award for All) - for small project to assist carers, produce carers handbook and event for Carers.

Awareness Conferences fund - To organise awareness of the Dangers of Asbestos.

Welfare Rights seconded worker fund - for the delivery of advice to non-cancer asbestos disease cases.

Breathing Space Fund - funding from various funders / donations to be donated to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to develop their facilities so that we can encourage people to visit the site, walk and be mindful in the woods. It is recognised that being out in nature and taking exercise can have a positive impact on both physical and mental health.

#### 4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	924
HMRC	589
	<u>1513</u>

#### 5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

#### 6. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186006

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Patricia Clough  
Hilary Cave  
Ann Lambert  
David MacGregor  
David Trigg

**Senior management staff**

Joanna Reeve, Bereavement Counsellor  
Natalie Woodward, Adviser

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 28 October 2019.

We invite trustees who can bring the necessary skills and experience to our board. We look for those Trade Unionists that have membership in industries with high incidence of Asbestos Related Diseases, service users and those interested in our Aims and Objectives.

**Objectives and activities**

The principle objectives of the charity are the relief of persons who have suffered ill-health, injury or become disabled from their work with asbestos and their families by the provision of support, advice, advocacy and assistance and also by linking with other asbestos support groups throughout the UK and abroad to work together to ensure all those injured by asbestos are offered the support and assistance as required.

## **East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**

Activities include:

- Undertaking benefits advice including full benefits check for those who have been diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, the majority of whom are terminally ill with mesothelioma (asbestos related lung cancer) or lung cancer or other debilitating diseases such as asbestosis and pleural thickening.
- Representation at tribunals;
- Advice about Government Compensation Schemes;
- Providing information and advice about making civil compensation claims;
- Offer support, advice, advocacy for those who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease;
- We organise events (this year online) and send out newsletters and resources to those affected or who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease.
- We encourage our service users to share their experiences, (sharing patient stories in our newsletter as well as meeting online) which helps to reduce isolation;
- We organise events to raise awareness in the general population about the issues facing mesothelioma victims and raising awareness to prevent future exposure;
- We act as a voice for those diagnosed with an asbestos related disease or their families;
- We publish leaflets, booklets, articles and other materials for the benefit of the local community to raise awareness and understanding about the dangers of exposure to asbestos, the incidence of the disease in the area and the issues facing victims which will go some way towards preventing future exposure and consequential disease;
- We work with statutory agencies and health professionals when required;
- We take an active role in the work of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum and undertaking necessary tasks in supporting our aims.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

We help and support anyone diagnosed with an asbestos related disease and their families. This includes help with welfare benefits and financial support as a result of ill-health caused by an asbestos related disease. Financial support helps with increased costs of heating, travelling costs for hospital visits, buying equipment, reducing the costs caused by ill-health as well as creating important memories for families such as holidays.

We help reduce social isolation and foster a sense of community for those affected by asbestos related diseases.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

## East Midlands Asbestos Support Team

### Summary of the main achievements during the period

EMAST was instrumental in recovering £6,594,303 throughout the East Midlands for people diagnosed with asbestos related diseases. The disease claims we dealt with were as follows: Mesothelioma, Lung Cancer, Pleural Thickening, Lung cancer with Asbestosis, and Asbestosis.

EMAST reprinted and updated its successful and well received Bereavement Handbook. Produced and distributed our Monthly Stepping Forward Magazine and Bi-monthly Wellbeing Magazine.

EMAST continued to play an active role in the Asbestos Victims Support Group and campaigning on issues relevant to victims of asbestos related diseases.

EMAST continues to hold monthly Bereavement Support Groups across the East Midlands, Patient and Carer groups and weekly online meetings for Bereaved community.

EMAST currently has 1500 members with whom we are regularly in touch with.

### Financial review

The financial position remains stable with reduced staff costs from the end of 2023/24 and healthy reserves.

### The charity's policy on reserves

In line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the trustees review the reserves of the charity and have adopted the following policy:

We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet any redundancy payments and to maintain activity for 12 months.

### Financial risks

We are reliant on Charitable donations, particularly from Panel Firms. If these were to reduce significantly the organisation would have to look for new sources of funding.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed   
Colin Hampton, Trustee

Date 7/1/25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Midlands Asbestos Support Team (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**


As the trustees of the charity 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 2011 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  Date 7/1/25  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
Receipts & payments account  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

2023			2023
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>		
655	Bank interest	3205	-
160828	Grants & donations	143594	23810
<u>161483</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>146799</u>	<u>23810</u>
	<b>Payments</b>		
27959	Admin support	4000	-
10796	Advertising	3954	-
330	Bank charges	109	-
37	Cleaning & maintenance	-	-
-	Donations	130	-
1037	Equipment, repairs & renewals	6323	1875
9707	Events & resources	524	2865
275	Insurance	-	-
-	Miscellaneous expense	1231	8
29416	Printing, stationery & office supplies	16887	9610
768	Professional fees	1152	-
517	Publications & subscriptions	3412	-
4069	Rent, room hire & rates	2091	1252
8411	Staff travel, meetings, training	8867	4897
19697	Telephone, internet & postage	2302	-
1714	Utilities	-	-
3771	Volunteer expenses	70	-
109835	Wages, NI & pension	99101	26362
2945	Website & IT	354	689
<u>231284</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>150507</u>	<u>47558</u>
(69801)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	(3708)	(23748)
278714	Cash funds at start of this period	172531	36382
-	Transfers between funds	(9787)	9787
<u>208913</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<u>159036</u>	<u>22421</u>

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 March 2024**

<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	Note	£
<u>208913</u>	Bank accounts		<u>181457</u>
<u>208913</u>			<u>181457</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
<u>605</u>	Prepayments	4	<u>-</u>
<u>605</u>			<u>-</u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
	Outdoor furniture, purchased Feb 2024, £4430.		
	HP Probook, purchased Jan 2021, cost £623.		
	Sound system, purchased Nov 2020, cost £638.		
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
<u>(1980)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(3181)</u>
<u>(1980)</u>			<u>(3181)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 7/1/25  
Colin Hampton, Trustee

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Donations	141594	-	141594
Unite	2000	-	2000
Lottery	-	23810	23810
	<u>143594</u>	<u>23810</u>	<u>167404</u>

**3. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Lottery Bereavement	-	23810	(33396)	9586	-
Together against Asbestos	2020	-	-		2020
MAPS Benevolent fund	13961	-	(14162)	201	-
Awareness Conferences fund	181	-	-		181
Meeting Complex Grief fund	7115	-	-		7115
Welfare Rights seconded worker fund	200	-	-		200
Breathing Space fund	12905	-	-		12905
	<u>36382</u>	<u>23810</u>	<u>(47558)</u>	<u>9787</u>	<u>22421</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	29080	146799	(150507)	(9787)	15585
IT and office furniture fund	12172	-	-		12172
Staff wages fund	95241	-	-		95241
Big Awareness Event fund	36038	-	-		36038
	<u>172531</u>	<u>146799</u>	<u>(150507)</u>	<u>(9787)</u>	<u>159036</u>

## East Midlands Asbestos Support Team

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Lottery Bereavement – for a more targeted and concentrated programme of support to those who have been bereaved following the loss of someone with Asbestos disease.

Together against Asbestos - National Lottery Community Fund (Award for All) - for small project to assist carers, produce carers handbook and event for Carers.

MAPS Benevolent Fund - Continuation of Welfare Rights Worker post for delivery of advice to non-cancer asbestos disease cases.

Awareness Conferences fund - To organise awareness of the Dangers of Asbestos.

Meeting Complex Grief fund – Part-time Bereavement support assistant to assist Bereavement Support Worker to deliver support and workshops for those whose grieving process has been adversely affected by the pandemic.

Welfare Rights seconded worker fund - for the delivery of advice to non-cancer asbestos disease cases.

Breathing space fund - Funding from various funders/donations to be donated to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to develop their facilities so that we can encourage people to visit the site, walk and be mindful in the woods. It is recognised that being out in nature can have a positive impact on mental health. Money will also be put towards an event in the area and a commemorative book about the project.

#### 4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	888
Pension	2121
HMRC	172
	<u>3181</u>

#### 5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

#### 6. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

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**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186006

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**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
(Registered charity, number 1186006)  
**Financial statements**  
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**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**Full name** Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

**Other names by which the charity is known** DAST

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1186006

**Principal address**

1 Rose Hill East, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1NU

**Trustees**

James Eaden, Chairman

Colin Hampton, Treasurer

Patricia Clough, appointed 05/12/2022

Hilary Cave, appointed 12/12/2022

Ann Lambert, appointed 01/12/2022

David MacGregor, appointed 17/03/2023

Dave Trigg, resigned 15/12/2022

James Boyle, resigned 15/12/2022

**Senior management staff**

Joanna Reeve, Bereavement Counsellor

Natalie Woodward, Adviser

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 28 October 2019.

We invite trustees who can bring the necessary skills and experience to our board. We look for those Trade Unionists that have membership in industries with high incidence of Asbestos Related Diseases, service users and those interested in our Aims and Objectives.

**Objectives and activities**

The principle objectives of the charity are the relief of persons who have suffered ill-health, injury or become disabled from their work with asbestos and their families by the provision of support, advice, advocacy and assistance and also by linking with other asbestos support groups throughout the UK and abroad to work together to ensure all those injured by asbestos are offered the support and assistance as required.

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

Activities include:

- Undertaking benefits advice including full benefits check for those who have been diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, the majority of whom are terminally ill with mesothelioma (asbestos related lung cancer) or lung cancer or other debilitating diseases such as asbestosis and pleural thickening.
- Representation at tribunals;
- Advice about Government Compensation Schemes;
- Providing information and advice about making civil compensation claims;
- Offer support, advice, advocacy for those who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease;
- We organise events (this year online) and send out newsletters and resources to those affected or who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease.
- We encourage our service users to share their experiences, (sharing patient stories in our newsletter as well as meeting online) which helps to reduce isolation;
- We organise events to raise awareness in the general population about the issues facing mesothelioma victims and raising awareness to prevent future exposure;
- We act as a voice for those diagnosed with an asbestos related disease or their families;
- We publish leaflets, booklets, articles and other materials for the benefit of the local community to raise awareness and understanding about the dangers of exposure to asbestos, the incidence of the disease in the area and the issues facing victims which will go some way towards preventing future exposure and consequential disease;
- We work with statutory agencies and health professionals when required;
- We take an active role in the work of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum and undertaking necessary tasks in supporting our aims.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

We help and support anyone diagnosed with an asbestos related disease and their families. This includes help with welfare benefits and financial support as a result of ill-health caused by an asbestos related disease. Financial support helps with increased costs of heating, travelling costs for hospital visits, buying equipment, reducing the costs caused by ill-health as well as creating important memories for families such as holidays.

We help reduce social isolation and foster a sense of community for those affected by asbestos related diseases.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

### Summary of the main achievements during the period

DAST was instrumental in recovering £4,684,017 throughout the East Midlands for people diagnosed with asbestos related diseases. The disease claims we dealt with were as follows: 39% Mesothelioma, 18% Lung Cancer, 13% Pleural Thickening, 13% Lung cancer with Asbestosis, and 17% Asbestosis.

DAST reprinted and updated its successful and well received Bereavement Handbook. Produced and distributed our Monthly Stepping Forward Magazine and Bi monthly Wellbeing Magazine.

DAST continued to play an active role in the Asbestos Victims Support Group and campaigning on issues relevant to victims of asbestos related diseases.

DAST continues to hold monthly Bereavement Support Groups across the East Midlands, Patient and Carer groups and weekly online meetings for Bereaved community.

DAST currently has 1400 members with whom we are regularly in touch with.

### Financial review

Home visits have returned following the covid pandemic. The costs of such visits and increased staffing costs have meant that our expenditure has risen. Our Coordinator of twenty years left at the end of the financial year and this has led to an opportunity to reorganise the service making sure that DAST is sustainable into the future. We are very much reliant on the charitable donations of our Panel Solicitor firms and our aim will be to diversify our funding sources in the medium term.

### The charity's policy on reserves

In line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the trustees review the reserves of the charity and have adopted the following policy:

We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet any redundancy payments and to maintain activity for 12 months.

### Financial risks

We are reliant on Charitable donations, particularly from Panel Firms. If these were to reduce significantly the organisation would have to look for new sources of funding.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed   
James Eaden, Trustee

Date 18/01/2024

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

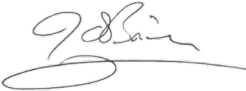
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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  Date 18/01/2024  
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus


**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
Receipts & payments account  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

2022			Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	<b>Receipts</b>				
27	Bank interest		655	-	655
<u>193009</u>	Grants & donations	2	<u>126193</u>	<u>34635</u>	<u>160828</u>
<u>193036</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>		<b><u>126848</u></b>	<b><u>34635</u></b>	<b><u>161483</u></b>
	<b>Payments</b>				
17940	Admin support		18709	9250	27959
3456	Advertising		10005	791	10796
362	Bank charges		330	-	330
225	Cleaning & maintenance		37	-	37
611	Equipment, repairs & renewals		1037	-	1037
1692	Events & resources		8729	978	9707
744	Independent examination		768	-	768
1673	Insurance		275	-	275
245	Miscellaneous expense		-	-	-
29546	Printing, stationery & office supplies		25860	3556	29416
1101	Publications & subscriptions		517	-	517
2188	Rent, room hire & rates		3315	754	4069
1878	Staff travel & meetings		6120	2291	8411
21126	Telephone, internet & postage		18033	1664	19697
45	Training		-	-	-
1215	Utilities		1089	625	1714
2856	Volunteer expenses		3771	-	3771
102519	Wages, NI & pension		92528	17307	109835
608	Website & IT		2945	-	2945
<u>190030</u>	<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>194068</u></b>	<b><u>37216</u></b>	<b><u>231284</u></b>
3006	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		(67220)	(2581)	(69801)
275708	Cash funds at start of this period		239789	38925	278714
-	Transfers between funds		(38)	38	-
<u>278714</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>		<b><u>172531</u></b>	<b><u>36382</u></b>	<b><u>208913</u></b>

**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 March 2023**

2022		Note	2023
£			£
278707	<b>Cash assets</b>		
	Bank accounts		208913
<u>7</u>	Cash in hand		<u>-</u>
<u>278714</u>			<u><b>208913</b></u>
	 <b>Other monetary assets</b>		
1095	Prepayments	4	<u>605</u>
<u>1095</u>			<u><b>605</b></u>
	 <b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
	HP Probook, purchased Jan 2021, cost £623.		
	Sound system, purchased Nov 2020, cost £638.		
	 <b>Liabilities</b>		
<u>(3995)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(1980)</u>
<u>(3995)</u>			<u><b>(1980)</b></u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 18/01/2024  
Colin Hampton, Trustee

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**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Arnold Clark	-	500	500
Gifts and donations	27928	-	27928
Graysons solicitors	20000	-	20000
HMRC Charities	770	-	770
Hosp Sat Fund Trust	1365	-	1365
JP Hague	700	-	700
L Leonard	1000	-	1000
Leigh Day Office	20500	-	20500
Local Giving	5286	-	5286
Lottery	-	24135	24135
MAPS2	-	10000	10000
Much Loved Charities	644	-	644
OH Parsons	20000	-	20000
The Belmayne Foundation	4000	-	4000
Thompson Solicitors	20000	-	20000
Unite Derby	4000	-	4000
	<u>126193</u>	<u>34635</u>	<u>160828</u>

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

### 3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Bereavement Support fund	-	-	(38)	38	-
Together against Asbestos	3038	-	(1018)	-	2020
MAPS Benevolent fund	4420	10000	(459)	-	13961
Awareness Conferences fund	181	-	-	-	181
Arnold Clark	-	500	(500)	-	-
Meeting Complex Grief fund	7181	24135	(24201)	-	7115
Welfare Rights seconded worker fund	11200	0	(11000)	-	200
Breathing Space fund	12905	-	-	-	12905
	<b><u>38925</u></b>	<b><u>34635</u></b>	<b><u>(37216)</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>	<b><u>36382</u></b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	96339	126848	(194068)	(38)	29081
IT and office furniture fund	12172	-	-	-	12172
Staff wages fund	95241	-	-	-	95241
Big Awareness Event fund	36037	-	-	-	36037
	<b><u>239789</u></b>	<b><u>126848</u></b>	<b><u>(194068)</u></b>	<b><u>(38)</u></b>	<b><u>172531</u></b>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Bereavement Support Fund – Donation from Chesterfield Crematorium to help fund our Bereavement Support Activities.

Together against Asbestos - National Lottery Community Fund (Award for All) - for small project to assist carers, produce carers handbook and event for Carers.

MAPS Benevolent Fund - Continuation of Welfare Rights Worker post for delivery of advice to non-cancer asbestos disease cases.

Awareness Conferences fund - To organise awareness of the Dangers of Asbestos.

Arnold Clark - Sponsorship of bereavement bulletin.

Meeting Complex Grief fund – Part-time Bereavement support assistant to assist Bereavement Support Worker to deliver support and workshops for those whose grieving process has been adversely affected by the pandemic.

Welfare Rights seconded worker fund - for the delivery of advice to non-cancer asbestos disease cases.

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

Breathing space fund - Funding from various funders/donations to be donated to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to develop their facilities so that we can encourage people to visit the site, walk and be mindful in the woods. It is recognised that being out in nature can have a positive impact on mental health. Money will also be put towards an event in the area and a commemorative book about the project.

### 4. Prepayments

	£
Insurance	248
HMRC	357
	<u>605</u>

### 5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	804
Pension	1176
	<u>1980</u>

### 6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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**Other names by which the charity is known** DAST

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**Registered charity number** 1186006

**Principal address**

34 Glumangate, Chesterfield, S40 1TX

**Trustees**

Dave Trigg, Chair

James Eaden

Colin Hampton, Treasurer

James Boyle

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

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Activities include:

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- Representation at tribunals;
- Advice about Government Compensation Schemes;
- Providing information and advice about making civil compensation claims;

## **Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**

- Offer support, advice, advocacy for those who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease;
- We organise events (this year online) and send out newsletters and resources to those affected or who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease. We encourage our service users to share their experiences, (sharing patient stories in our newsletter as well as meeting online) which helps to reduce isolation;
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### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

We help and support anyone diagnosed with an asbestos related disease and their families. This includes help with welfare benefits and financial support as a result of ill-health caused by an asbestos related disease. Financial support helps with increased costs of heating, travelling costs for hospital visits, buying equipment, reducing the costs caused by ill-health as well as creating important memories for families such as holidays.

Our support group meetings and newsletters help reduce the feelings of isolation. Our support enables sufferers and those bereaved from asbestos related diseases to share experiences which increases and supports mental health.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

## **Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

The Team have worked effectively throughout a very difficult time of COVID. We have been able to resume some home visits when necessary or specifically requested. We have continued to connect with service users by phone, magazine and online meetings.

Our Bereavement Support Service has been extended thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund to support people with complex grief as well as to engage bereaved men in the service. In March our Support Group 'Bereavement Booths', named after a legacy donation, re-started. We have continued to hold online meetings for patient and carers and bereaved families.

Events which were normally held in person were held online including Action Mesothelioma Day.

We held a follow-up conference with Asbestos Support Central England and Yorkshire and Humberside Asbestos Support Group for Trade Unions which was well attended and well received.

We have continued our core service of benefits advice by telephone, post and email.

### **Financial review**

The charity continues to be in a healthy position financially. We have been successful in securing funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to support bereaved families with complex grief, which has enabled us to continue to employ our administrative worker. The project began on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 extending our workers hours from 22.5 to 28.5 to begin the new project. Funding was finalised for the National Lottery Community Fund Wellbeing Project for patient and carers on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with our administrative worker continuing to be employed on the original hours under a new contract going forward.

One of our biggest expenses - staff travel due to home visits, has mainly been saved this year although we have started to re-open and offer home visits this year. Although we may have missed out on donations which would have been given to DAST at events, we have undertaken a number of fundraising initiatives. However, we are still reliant on Panel Solicitor Firm donations.

DAST was 20 years old in March 2022 and funding has been allocated to an event to mark the occasion in April 2022.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

In line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the trustees review the reserves of the charity and have adopted the following policy:

We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet any redundancy payments and to maintain activity for 12 months.

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

### Financial risks

Our main risk is loss of funding from panel firms. We meet with panel firms to discuss the situation. Due to COVID-19 and the lack of face-to-face home visits and meeting families, panel firms have reported a drop in civil claim take-up. We are in the process of making a video with our panel firms and will be speaking about civil claim take-up at a forthcoming patient and carer event in May 2022.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Trigg, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus



**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 March 2022**

2021			2022
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	Note	£
275675	Bank accounts		278707
<u>33</u>	Cash in hand		<u>7</u>
<u>275708</u>			<u>278714</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
<u>2038</u>	Prepayments	4	<u>1095</u>
<u>2038</u>			<u>1095</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			
	HP Probook, purchased Jan 2021, cost £623.		
	Sound system, purchased Nov 2020, cost £638.		
	General equipment.		
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<u>(2600)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(3995)</u>
<u>(2600)</u>			<u>(3995)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Colin Hampton, Trustee

**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	-	43133	43133
B & CE Charitable Trust	-	11200	11200
Margaret Mead	-	5000	5000
Unite Derbyshire Southern	-	2000	2000
Mr A E Hammersley	-	1000	1000
Trustees of Robert Moss Charity	-	750	750
Comic Relief	-	516	516
Arnold Clark	-	500	500
Unite Notts Southern	-	500	500
GMB	-	500	500
Dorothy Berridge	-	500	500
Sundry grants & donations	31233	3665	34898
Legal firm donations	72492	-	72492
Unite	5000	-	5000
Mrs J Smithson	5000	-	5000
K Gillard	2000	-	2000
HMRC Gift aid	1945	-	1945
K Franklin	1075	-	1075
C M Perkins	1000	-	1000
BE & S Fogg	1000	-	1000
J M Davies	1000	-	1000
P E Sims	1000	-	1000
Mrs C M Perkins	1000	-	1000
	<b><u>123745</u></b>	<b><u>69264</u></b>	<b><u>193009</u></b>

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

### 3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bereavement Support fund	2977	-	(2977)	-
National Lottery Community fund	1425	32963	(31350)	3038
MAPS Benevolent fund	4620	-	(200)	4420
Awareness Conferences fund	1162	-	(981)	181
Combined small grants	4741	2026	(6767)	-
Meeting Complex Grief fund	-	10170	(2989)	7181
Welfare Rights seconded worker fund	-	11200	-	11200
Breathing Space fund	-	12905	-	12905
	<b>14925</b>	<b>69264</b>	<b>(45264)</b>	<b>38925</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	117333	123772	(144766)	96339
IT and office furniture fund	12172	-	-	12172
Staff wages fund	95241	-	-	95241
Big Awareness Event fund	36037	-	-	36037
	<b>260783</b>	<b>123772</b>	<b>(144766)</b>	<b>239789</b>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Bereavement Support fund – donation from Chesterfield Crematorium to fund our Bereavement Support activities;

National Lottery Community fund – a project to employ an Administration worker to arrange support group meetings, befriending for patient and carers and increasing volunteering;

MAPS Benevolent fund – a grant to hold various events;

Awareness Conferences fund – grants towards the costs of Awareness Conferences;

Combined small grants – a combination of small restricted grants for a variety of purposes including events, coffee mornings, a befriending scheme, bereavement and victim support and awareness raising;

Meeting Complex Grief fund – funding from the National Lottery Community Fund for bereavement support;

Welfare Rights seconded worker fund – funding from B&CE Charitable Trust for the delivery of advice and support to non-cancer asbestos disease cases;

Breathing Space fund – funding from various funders/donations to be donated to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to develop their facilities so that we can encourage people to visit the site, walk and be mindful in the woods. It is recognised that being out in nature and taking exercise can have a positive impact on mental health. Money will also be put towards an event in the area and a commemorative book about the project.

## Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

### 4. Prepayments

	£
Insurance	576
Publications & subscriptions	425
Website & IT	94
	<u>1095</u>

### 5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	768
Utilities	625
HMRC	1914
Pension	688
	<u>3995</u>

### 6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

### 7. Glossary of terms

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**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
(Registered charity, number 1186006)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the period 28 October 19 to 31 March 2021**

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**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
Trustees' annual report  
for the period 28 October 2019 to 31 March 2021**

**Full name** Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team

**Other names by which the charity is known** DAST

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1186006

**Principal address**

34 Glumangate, Chesterfield, S40 1TX

**Trustees**

Dave Trigg, Chair

James Eaden

Colin Hampton, Treasurer

James Boyle

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 28 October 2019.

Trustees are recruited and appointed through Trade Union membership, particularly where Unions have high membership of Asbestos Related Diseases, service users and those interested in the aims and objectives of DAST.

**Aims and objectives**

The principle objectives of the charity are the relief of persons who have suffered ill-health, injury or become disabled from their work with asbestos and their families by the provision of support, advice, advocacy and assistance and also by linking with other Asbestos Support Teams throughout the UK and abroad to work together to ensure all those injured by asbestos are offered the support and assistance as required.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

- Undertaking benefits advice including full benefits check for those who have been diagnosed with an asbestos related disease, the majority of whom are terminally ill with mesothelioma (asbestos related lung cancer) or lung cancer or other debilitating diseases such as asbestosis and pleural thickening. This year this has been via various methods, prior to COVID we undertook home visits;
- Representation at tribunals;
- Advice about Government Compensation Schemes;
- Providing information and advice about making civil compensation claims;
- Offer support, advice, advocacy for those who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease;

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- We organise events (this year online) and send out newsletters and resources to those affected or who have been bereaved through an asbestos related disease. We encourage our service users to share their experiences (sharing patient stories in our newsletter as well as meeting online) which helps to reduce isolation;
- We organise events to raise awareness in the general population about the issues facing mesothelioma victims and raising awareness to prevent future exposure;
- We act as a voice for those diagnosed with an asbestos related disease or their families;
- We publish leaflets, booklets, articles and other materials for the benefit of the local community to raise awareness and understanding about the dangers of exposure to asbestos, the incidence of the disease in the area and the issues facing victims which will go some way towards preventing future exposure and consequential disease;
- We work with statutory agencies, health professionals when required;
- We take an active role in the work of the Asbestos Victims Support Teams' Forum and undertaking necessary tasks in supporting our aims;
- We help and support anyone diagnosed with an asbestos related disease and their families. This includes help with welfare benefits and financial support as a result of ill-health caused by an asbestos related disease. Financial support helps with increased costs of heating, travelling costs for hospital visits, buying equipment, reducing the costs caused by ill-health as well as creating important memories for families such as holidays;
- Our Support Team meetings and newsletters help reduce the feelings of isolation. Our support enables sufferers and those bereaved from asbestos related diseases to share experiences which increases and supports mental health.

### **Public benefit statement**

DAST Trustees take their responsibility seriously and are confident that the activities of the organisation meet the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

The Team have worked effectively throughout a very difficult time of COVID. We have found new ways to connect with service users including increased newsletters/wellbeing packs and recourses.

We have held online meetings for bereaved families as well as launching online meetings for victims and carers. Events which were normally held in person were held on line including Action Mesothelioma Day.

We also linked with Asbestos Support Central England and Yorkshire and Humberside Asbestos Support Team to hold a virtual conference for Trade Unions

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which was well attended and well received. We have also forged links with other organisations including Mesothelioma UK.

We have continued our core service of benefits advice by telephone, post and email.

### Financial review

The Charity is in a healthy position financially. We have been able to attract some funding which was specifically to support organisations during the current crisis. We have been unable to spend the National Lottery Grant on Wellbeing meetings but have increased both the size and number of Wellbeing Magazines and introduced a Wellbeing Pack. One of our biggest expenses - staff travel due to home visits, has been saved this year. Although we may have missed out on donations which would have been given to DAST at events, we have undertaken a number of fundraising initiatives. However, we are still reliant on Panel Solicitor Firm donations. The Bereavement Support Project is paid for from general funds/reserves. However, some time is deployed on the new National Lottery Community Fund. The funding for our Administrative Worker finishes in March 2022. A new project is being prepared. Decisions over the future of this role will need to be made later in the year, if the funding is not successful.

### Financial risks

The main financial risk is the loss of funding from Panel Firms. We meet with panel firms to discuss the situation. Due to COVID and the lack of face-to-face home visits and meeting families, panel firms have reported a drop in civil claim take-up. A new leaflet has been produced.

### The charity's policy on reserves

In line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the trustees review the reserves of the charity and have adopted the following policy:

We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet any redundancy payments and to maintain activity for 12 months.

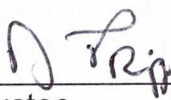
The funding for the Bereavement Support Project came to an end in July 2018, however the Management Committee came to an agreement to continue to employ the project worker to continue the project whilst looking for external funding.

Funds have also been set aside for a large awareness project, now hopefully in 2022, using the message #ZeroAsbestos.

### Dormant period

The CIO was dormant until July 2020. All activities before that period were through the old charity, number 1119684.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed   
Dave Trigg, Trustee

Date 11/06/2021

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
for the period 28 October 2019 to 31 March 2021**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity 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 2011 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**

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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  Date 22/6/21  
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**for the period 28 October 2019 to 31 March 2021**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 9 months Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Bank interest		1	-	1
Grants & donations	3	124775	29035	153810
Opening transfer	2	245624	27594	273218
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b><u>370400</u></b>	<b><u>56629</u></b>	<b><u>427029</u></b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Admin support		15664	-	15664
Advertising		120	240	360
Bank Charges		375	-	375
Cleaning & maintenance		186	-	186
Equipment, repairs & renewals		740	1621	2361
Events & resources		553	1627	2180
Independent examination		1554	-	1554
IT & website		1188	48	1236
Management charge		-	2520	2520
Miscellaneous expense		716	-	716
Printing, stationery & office supplies		6750	9628	16378
Provisions (hospitality)		350	-	350
Publications & subscriptions		838	-	838
Rent, room hire & rates		1254	1088	2342
Telephone, internet & postage		5530	6011	11541
Training		130	-	130
Travel & meetings		-	173	173
Utilities		758	-	758
Volunteer expenses		3821	350	4171
Wages, NI & pension		69652	18398	88050
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b><u>110179</u></b>	<b><u>41704</u></b>	<b><u>151883</u></b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b><u>260221</u></b>	<b><u>14925</u></b>	<b><u>275146</u></b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	6	<b><u>260221</u></b>	<b><u>14925</u></b>	<b><u>275146</u></b>

All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements

**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
**Balance sheet**  
**at 31 March 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	2038	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>275708</u>	
<i>total current assets</i>		277746	
 <b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors:	5		
amounts falling due within one year		<u>(2600)</u>	
 <b>Net current assets</b>			 275146
 <b>Net assets</b>			 <u><u>275146</u></u>
 <b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds			260221
Restricted income funds			<u>14925</u>
<i>total funds</i>	6		<u><u>275146</u></u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed

Colin Hampton, Trustee

Dated

4/6/21

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**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the period 28 October 2019 to 31 March 2021**

**1. Accounting policies**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

**Incoming resources**

All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis – i.e. they are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

**Resources expended**

These have been analysed using a natural classification.

**Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the company in the year.

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### 2. Opening transfer

On the 06/07/2020 Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team, charity number 1119684, ceased all activities and transferred its bank and cash assets totalling £273,218 to Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team, charity number 1186006.

### 3. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	16390	16390
Alex Ferry Foundation	-	5000	5000
Independent Age	-	5000	5000
Awards for All	-	800	800
Lush	-	800	800
Comic Relief	-	645	645
Sir John Sumner Trust	-	200	200
Legal firm donations	53181	-	53181
S Westwood	25000	-	25000
Unite East Midlands	9200	200	9400
HMRC Gift Aid	2947	-	2947
Sundry grants & donations	34447	-	34447
	<u>124775</u>	<u>29035</u>	<u>153810</u>

### 4. Debtors

	2021 £
Prepayments	2038
	<u>2038</u>

### 5. Creditors

	2021 £
Other creditors	805
Taxation & social security	1795
	<u>2600</u>

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### 6. Movements in funds

	Opening transfers £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	101340	124776	(109345)	116771
IT and office furniture fund	13006	-	(834)	12172
Staff wages fund	95241	-	-	95241
Big Awareness Event fund	36037	-	-	36037
	<u>245624</u>	<u>124776</u>	<u>(110179)</u>	<u>260221</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bereavement Support fund	3477	-	(500)	2977
National Lottery Community fund	13127	16390	(28092)	1425
MAPS Benevolent fund	5791	-	(1171)	4620
Wellbeing resources fund	-	10000	(10000)	-
Awareness Conferences fund	-	1600	(438)	1162
Bereavement Handbook fund	-	645	(645)	-
Combined small grants	5199	400	(858)	4741
	<u>27594</u>	<u>29035</u>	<u>(41704)</u>	<u>14925</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Bereavement Support fund – donation from Chesterfield Crematorium to fund our Bereavement Support activities;

National Lottery Community fund – a project to employ an Administration worker to arrange support Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team meetings, befriending for patient and carers and increasing volunteering;

MAPS Benevolent fund – a grant to hold various events;

Wellbeing resources fund – grants from Independent Age and the Alex Ferry Foundation for wellbeing resources, wellbeing packs and newsletters;

Combined small grants – a combination of small restricted grants for a variety of purposes including events, coffee mornings, a befriending scheme, bereavement and victim support and awareness raising.

### 7. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	262821	14925	277746
Current liabilities	(2600)	-	(2600)
Total net assets	<u>260221</u>	<u>14925</u>	<u>275146</u>

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### 8. Staff costs and numbers

	<i>2021</i>
	£
Wages	78950
Social security costs	6275
Pension	2825
	<u>88050</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 5.

The company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for 3 employees.

### 9. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

### 10. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination and accountancy services was £620 + VAT.

### 11. Previous period comparison

The previous period's figures have not been included for comparison because this is the charity's first accounting period.

### 12. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

### 13. Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

