

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.

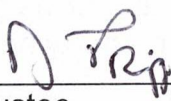
The funding for the Bereavement Support Project came to an end in July 2018, however the Management Committee came to an agreement to continue to employ the project worker to continue the project whilst looking for external funding.

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 _____

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Date _____

22/6/21

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Statement of financial activities
for the period 28 October 2019 to 31 March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 9 months Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Bank interest		1	-	1
Grants & donations	3	124775	29035	153810
Opening transfer	2	245624	27594	273218
Total incoming resources		370400	56629	427029
Resources expended				
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
Total resources expended		110179	41704	151883
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		260221	14925	275146
Total funds carried forward	6	260221	14925	275146

All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing


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

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Balance sheet
at 31 March 2021

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

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Dated 4/6/21
Colin Hampton, Trustee

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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 £
Unrestricted funds				
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
	245624	124776	(110179)	260221
Restricted funds				
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
	27594	29035	(41704)	14925

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	260221	14925	275146

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8. Staff costs and numbers

	2021
	£
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.

