

**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
(Registered charity, number 1186006)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**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.

**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.

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. This year this has been via various methods; prior to COVID we undertook home visits and have undertaken some this year where necessary and according to Government Guidance;
- Representation at tribunals;
- Advice about Government Compensation Schemes;
- Providing information and advice about making civil compensation claims;

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- 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.

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'.

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### **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.

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### **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').

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 \_\_\_\_\_

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

9 months				
2021				2022
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>			
1	Bank interest	27	-	27
153810	Grants & donations	2 123745	69264	193009
273218	Opening transfer	-	-	-
427029	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>123772</b>	<b>69264</b>	<b>193036</b>
	<b>Payments</b>			
15664	Admin support	17940	-	17940
360	Advertising	3216	240	3456
375	Bank charges	362	-	362
186	Cleaning & maintenance	225	-	225
2361	Equipment, repairs & renewals	611	-	611
2180	Events & resources	1157	535	1692
810	Independent examination	744	-	744
1649	Insurance	1673	-	1673
2520	Management charge	-	-	-
714	Miscellaneous expense	245	-	245
16378	Printing, stationery & office supplies	13827	15719	29546
350	Provisions (Hospitality)	-	-	-
1228	Publications & subscriptions	1011	90	1101
2343	Rent, room hire & rates	896	1292	2188
-	Staff travel expenses	1454	-	1454
11541	Telephone, internet & postage	16738	4388	21126
130	Training	45	-	45
173	Travel & meetings	416	8	424
758	Utilities	1215	-	1215
4171	Volunteer expenses	2856	-	2856
86194	Wages, NI & pension	79527	22992	102519
1236	Website & IT	608	-	608
151321	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>144766</b>	<b>45264</b>	<b>190030</b>
275708	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	(20994)	24000	3006
-	Cash funds at start of this period	260783	14925	275708
275708	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<b>239789</b>	<b>38925</b>	<b>278714</b>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 March 2022**

2021			2022
£		Note	£
275675	<b>Cash assets</b>		
	Bank accounts		278707
33	Cash in hand		7
<u>275708</u>			<u>278714</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
2038	Prepayments	4	1095
<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>		
(2600)	Creditors	5	(3995)
<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>123745</b>	<b>69264</b>	<b>193009</b>

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### 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.

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### 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

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

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used 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.