

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

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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**

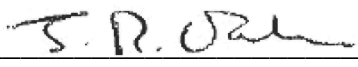
In line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the trustees review the reserves of the charity and have adopted the following policy:

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  Date 18/01/2024  
James Eaden, Trustee

**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').

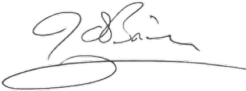
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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				2023
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>			
27	Bank interest	655	-	655
193009	Grants & donations	2	126193	34635
193036	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>126848</b>	<b>34635</b>	<b>161483</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
190030	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>194068</b>	<b>37216</b>	<b>231284</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	-
278714	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<b>172531</b>	<b>36382</b>	<b>208913</b>

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

2022			2023
£		Note	£
278707	<b>Cash assets</b>		208913
7	Bank accounts		-
<u>278714</u>	Cash in hand		<u>208913</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
1095	Prepayments	4	605
<u>1095</u>			<u>605</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>		
(3995)	Creditors	5	(1980)
<u>(3995)</u>			<u>(1980)</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
	<b>126193</b>	<b>34635</b>	<b>160828</b>



## 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>38925</b>	<b>34635</b>	<b>(37216)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36382</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>239789</b>	<b>126848</b>	<b>(194068)</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>172531</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.

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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.

### 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.