

East Midlands Asbestos Support Team
(Registered charity, number 1186006)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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
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.

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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'.

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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

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2023 Total Funds £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
	Receipts				
655	Bank interest		3205	-	3205
160828	Grants & donations	2	143594	23810	167404
<u>161483</u>	Total receipts		<u>146799</u>	<u>23810</u>	<u>170609</u>
	Payments				
27959	Admin support		4000	-	4000
10796	Advertising		3954	-	3954
330	Bank charges		109	-	109
37	Cleaning & maintenance		-	-	-
-	Donations		130	-	130
1037	Equipment, repairs & renewals		6323	1875	8198
9707	Events & resources		524	2865	3389
275	Insurance		-	-	-
-	Miscellaneous expense		1231	8	1239
29416	Printing, stationery & office supplies		16887	9610	26497
768	Professional fees		1152	-	1152
517	Publications & subscriptions		3412	-	3412
4069	Rent, room hire & rates		2091	1252	3343
8411	Staff travel, meetings, training		8867	4897	13764
19697	Telephone, internet & postage		2302	-	2302
1714	Utilities		-	-	-
3771	Volunteer expenses		70	-	70
109835	Wages, NI & pension		99101	26362	125463
2945	Website & IT		354	689	1043
<u>231284</u>	Total payments		<u>150507</u>	<u>47558</u>	<u>198065</u>
(69801)	Net receipts/(payments)		(3708)	(23748)	(27456)
278714	Cash funds at start of this period		172531	36382	208913
-	Transfers between funds	3	(9787)	9787	-
<u>208913</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>159036</u>	<u>22421</u>	<u>181457</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2024

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

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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 £
Restricted funds					
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>
Unrestricted funds					
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>

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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.

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.