

**East Midlands Asbestos Support Team**  
(Registered charity, number 1186006)  
**Financial statements**  
**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').

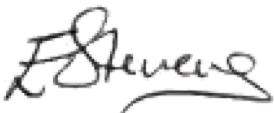
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>			
3205	Bank interest	3940	-	3940
167404	Grants & donations	2 138834	14930	153764
-	Sundry income	297	-	297
<u>170609</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>143071</u>	<u>14930</u>	<u>158001</u>
	<b>Payments</b>			
4000	Admin support	-	-	-
3954	Advertising	3000	-	3000
109	Bank charges	1486	-	1486
130	Donations	-	-	-
8198	Equipment, repairs & renewals	3261	-	3261
3389	Events & resources	-	-	-
-	Insurance	315	-	315
1239	Miscellaneous expense	723	-	723
26497	Printing, stationery & office supplies	9384	495	9879
1152	Professional fees	-	-	-
3412	Publications & subscriptions	3356	-	3356
3343	Rent, room hire & rates	4746	1926	6672
13764	Staff travel, meetings, training	11832	1784	13616
2302	Telephone, internet & postage	11830	-	11830
70	Volunteer expenses	-	-	-
125463	Wages, NI & pension	112875	5380	118255
1043	Website & IT	-	-	-
-	Fundraising	883	-	883
<u>198065</u>	<b>Total payments</b>	<u>163691</u>	<u>9585</u>	<u>173276</u>
(27456)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	(20620)	5345	(15275)
<u>208913</u>	Cash funds at start of this period	<u>166151</u>	<u>15306</u>	<u>181457</u>
<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			2025
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	Note	£
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.