

London Asbestos Support Awareness Group magazine

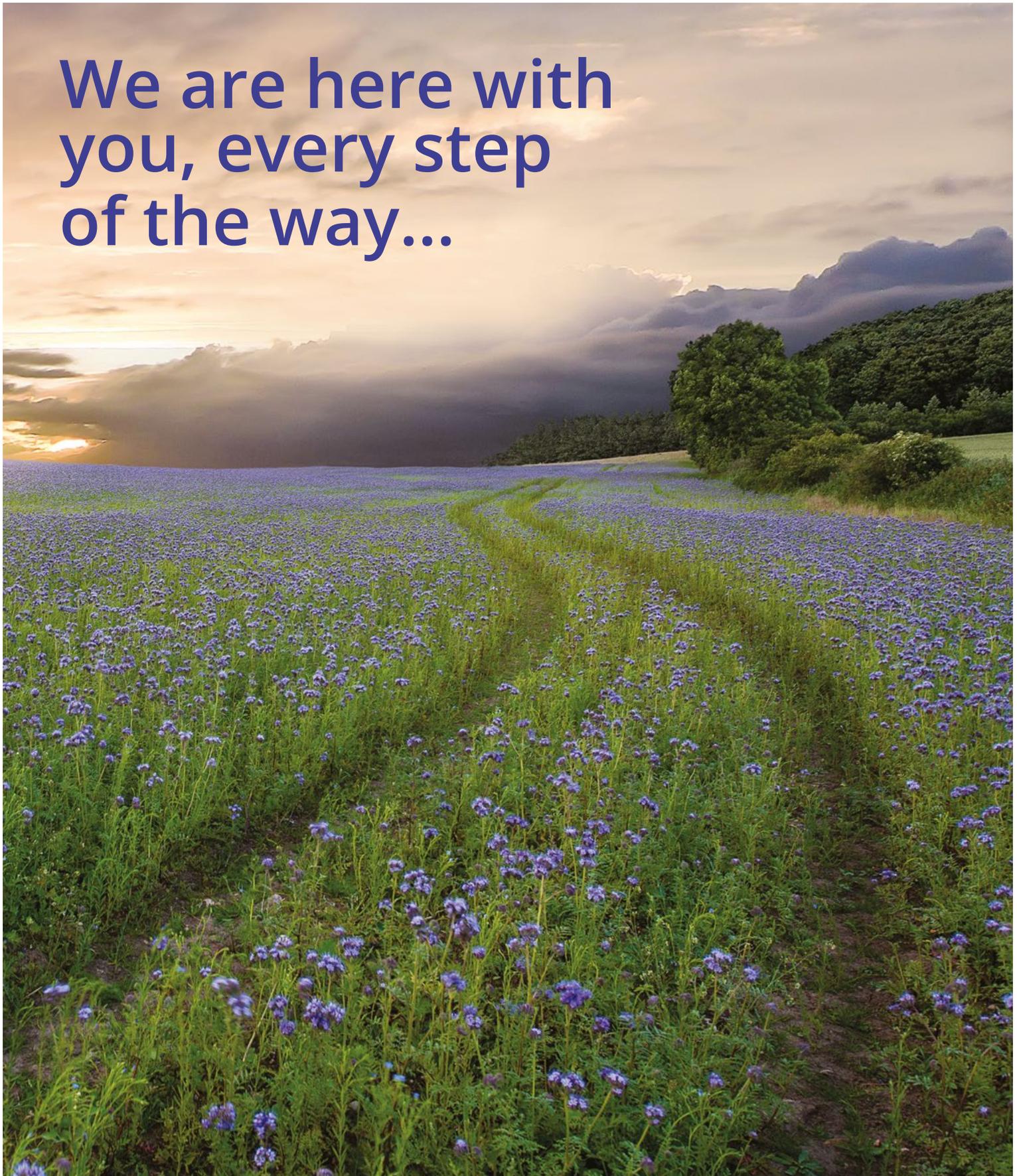
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London and the South East

For anyone affected by Mesothelioma or other Asbestos related diseases in London and the South East, including Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire

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London Asbestos Support Awareness Group



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Our story

The London Asbestos Support Awareness Group operates across London and the South East. The charity was set up by The London Hazards Centre Trust Limited, a registered charity, established in 1984. We obtained independent charity status in 2017, and all of our services are free.

Our Trustees have been carefully selected and represent a diverse group with significant knowledge and experience of governance within the charity sector, as well as leading caring organisations and in campaigning for those suffering and in need of help and care.



Our Trustees

David Ellis OBE

David is committed to supporting the victims of exposure to asbestos. His wife died in 2011 from Mesothelioma. He has therefore experienced at first-hand the agony his wife suffered and the devastating impact her illness and eventual death had on the whole family and their friends. David has over 20 years experience as a charity Trustee including as Chairman of Hospice Boards.

Christine Stephens

Christine has 40 years management/leadership experience in both corporate and for non-profit organisations. Included in that is over 10 years governance experience as a Hospice Trustee; previous Chair of Governors for a local junior school and a Chair of HR committee for an Independent girls' school. Christine is passionate about working to build support networks to help alleviate the pain, fear and suffering for the victims of asbestos related diseases and their families.

Belinda Chadwick

Belinda has over 30 years experience of charity fundraising and support groups. Belinda has sound experience of governance through her Trustee appointments and Chair of three charities. Belinda's motivation for trusteeship at the charity was instigated by the death of a very dear friend through an asbestos related disease.

Phil Lewis

Phil is one of the two founding Trustees. He is a lifetime activist against asbestos, using all means at his disposal to campaign against it and support those victims affected.



Our team

Jodie Bull
Support Manager



Jodie joined us in March 2021. She has worked for the Healthcare Services for 13 years looking after clients in the South East living in the community who were suffering with a range of conditions from COPD, Motor Neurons Disease and Parkinson's Disease, Dementia to End of Life. She has extensive experience in liaising closely with Multi-Disciplinary Teams and other Healthcare Professionals. Jodie changed her career path by joining the private ambulance service as an Operations Manager. She has a passionate and caring nature. Clients and carers are always her priority. She is a First Aid and Manual Handling Trainer and has completed her First Response Emergency Care Level 3.

Jade Hannan
Support Worker



Jade has been a qualified therapeutic radiographer for 11 years, treating various cancer patients with Radiotherapy. She has a passion for helping others and participates in various different fundraising events to raise awareness as well as volunteering to help vulnerable adults. Jade has personal, as well as professional experience having had family members who have had cancer treatments in the past so can emphasise with this and this makes it even more important to her to make a difference to patients and their families going through this difficult and daunting process. Jade is enthusiastic, hardworking and is keen to make things happen for her patients and their loved ones.

Louise Chaffe
Support Worker



Louise spent 11 years working in a Police Control Room, where she supported people from all walks of life before progressing to management. She then decided to expand her experience in the community to support vulnerable adults in their own homes. This role included support and encouragement for clients to access services in the community. She has a calming, empathetic and productive work ethic due to the nature of her roles and always puts the needs of her clients first.

Yvonne Miah
Support Worker



Yvonne completed her nursing training in the early 1980s and continued her education up to PG Diploma/MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice (cancer nursing) at the University of Surrey. She completed 33 years in the health service, including working at St Francis Hospice and in numerous hospitals. She has cared for many sufferers of Mesothelioma. After retiring, she found it difficult to leave it all behind, so felt well placed to join us as a very valuable member of the team.



Denise Hodges

Support Worker



Denise started her career as an adult nurse in acute medicine and worked with bowel cancer patients as a nurse practitioner before becoming a Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist. She has gained a wealth of experience and has vast knowledge of Mesothelioma and other asbestos related disease from working with patients over a number of years. When she retired from the NHS, she joined us and has been able to continue to give invaluable support to the sufferers and their families.

Jenny Tompkins

Support Worker



Jenny began her career as a mortgage adviser and arrears counsellor for 15 years at Halifax Building Society. The fundamental part of this role was understanding the needs of her clients in their current situations, giving accurate advice and guidance and gaining accurate information. She then joined The Metropolitan Police as a controller and 999 call taker dealing with people from different backgrounds and situations. Jenny used her experience when joining the private ambulance sector as an Operations Manager. Jenny is pro-active and organised with an understanding and kind nature.

The whole team would like to say a massive thank you to Alison Blake, she is not only an expert in her field, but throughout her time with us she provided support, reassurance and guidance. We wish her well on her retirement.



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News & events

Action Meso day



Due to the government announcement on 14th June 2021, our London event at Maggies Centre, St. Bartholomew's will be re-scheduled. Dr Peter Szlosarek was due to give a presentation & we had hired a top magician to entertain us to put smiles back on our faces. Our event at ARCA in Canterbury with special guest, CNS Toni Fleming will also be re-scheduled. **New dates for these events will be confirmed as soon as possible.**

In other news;

We have joined Action Meso to support their ongoing work together with other support groups and charities, we all have one voice.

Our support groups



Our support groups have continued by zoom due to current restrictions as we have the safety of our clients and our support workers at heart. we have now started these face to face aswell as zoom. Your support worker will be in touch once these have been confirmed.

Marika Townsend



November 2020 saw Marika retiring from London Asbestos Support Awareness Group to enjoy her new home by the sea in Hythe. Her plan was to pursue her travels around the world. However, the corona-virus pandemic had other ideas and Marika put those plans on hold. During the original lock down Marika volunteered to befriend two ladies in Kent who lived on their own and had been shielding since February 2020.

She continued to maintain contact and has offered to extend her befriending to other London Asbestos Support Awareness Group clients who would benefit from a regular visit or communications, if you would like to take advantage of this service, Please contact your support worker or drop us an email at support@lasag.org.uk.

Marika also completed training with St Johns Ambulance Service to volunteer as a vaccinator as well as volunteering for AGE UK.



First aid kit donation



We are are proud to announce that we received a very kind donation of 6 first aid kits for our support workers to provide that extra bit of re-assurance to our clients.

Sponsored silence



Esmae Bull from Earls Colne Primary School, Colchester Essex, has completed a 60 minute silence in Essex, to honour patients and their families in support in Action Meso Day on 2nd July 2021. It was also in memory of a close family friend who passed away from Mesothelioma.

Esmae raised £700.00 for the charity and became a celebrity in her village! She will also be taking part in the Superhero in the City dressed as wonder woman!

Please let us know if you would like to join her or donate to her cause.

Nuclear races mud run

Brentwood, Essex



Thank you!

On Saturday 3rd July 2021, 4 students from Freshwaters Primary Academy in Harlow, Essex completed a 3k mud and obstacle run at Nuclear Races in Brentwood. This year they had chosen to run for London Asbestos Support Awareness Group. We feel privileged they have chosen us and raised almost £600.00!

Iris Craddock



Iris Craddock was a client who tragically passed away in May 2020 after being diagnosed with Mesothelioma in September 2019. We are supporting a campaign for change started by Iris's family and Hodge Jones and Allen in recognising patients who have contracted Mesothelioma through secondary exposure to asbestos. You can help by signing this petition to support Iris's family in changing the law. <http://chn9.it/Gh4K9QKjfs>

iPad launch



During the difficult times we are currently under, we were fortunate to receive funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to help support our clients at home. These Cellular iPads can be used even if you do not have WiFi connected in your home. They provide additional benefits to use in attending support groups, making family contact and even online shopping. If you would like to take advantage of this scheme contact your support worker.

My Superhero run

This event has been postponed due to Covid-19 concerns.

We have become a partner of this great fundraising and awareness group. They run events throughout the year and we took part by completing the unofficial world record by dressing as a superheroes on 28th April 2021. The next event will be in London on 30th September 2021. You are more than welcome to join us!



Next event will be in London on **30th September 2021**

Listening to the City at the Serpentine gallery

Jodie Bull and, support worker Yvonne Miah went along with some of their patients and family members and we were met by Isobel Lovett from Hodge Jones and Allen and artist and film director Ilona Sagar with whom we are working on a project with, along with our patients.



NHS treatment options – Nivolumab

Nivolumab is an interim treatment option offered by NHS England during the COVID-19 pandemic. These interim treatment options allow for greater flexibility in the management of cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure clinicians have additional treatment options through this time. The option for Mesothelioma patients is to give Nivolumab Monotherapy instead of second line chemotherapy to reduce risk of Immunosuppression.

Findings from the trial

Patients with relapsed malignant Mesothelioma, treatment with single-agent Nivolumab led to a significant improvement in both overall and progression-free survival in the phase III CONFIRM trial. These findings were presented by Dean A. Fennell, FRCP, PhD, Professor and Chair of Thoracic Medical Oncology, University of Leicester and University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust in the United Kingdom at the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) 2020 World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) Singapore, which was moved to a virtual format and held January 28–31, 2021, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic (PS01.11). Details of Clinical Trials can be found on www.mesothelioma.uk.com.

Mesothelioma patient and carer research

The purpose of this exercise is to identify unanswered questions about the Mesothelioma patient and carer experience in the UK and to prioritise these areas through consultation with patients, carers and professionals. This exercise is being undertaken by the Mesothelioma UK Research Centre team at the University of Sheffield.

Article provided by *Meso UK CNS Louise Gilham*.

Contact Mesothelioma UK on 08001692409 or www.mesothelioma.uk.com



Get involved

Do you have a story to tell that you would like us to share? Or perhaps you have an event that you are taking part in and would like our support?

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ASBESTOS VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP FORUM

The Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum (UK) (The Forum)

The Forum is a registered charity and an umbrella organisation for asbestos victims support groups in the UK. Joanne Gordon, the Chair of the Forum, was pleased to welcome the representatives of the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group - which have now joined the Forum - to the meeting as a network member in April.

With regards to the Forum, Joanne has provided us with the following outline. "We are a collective of support groups who join together to fight for a better future for victims of asbestos related diseases. We campaign for improvements in benefits and for fairer compensation, raise money and fight for Mesothelioma research, demand decent medical treatment, raise awareness of asbestos to protect future generations. **Collectively we provide one voice for asbestos victims**".



Campaigning

Over the years we have proved that working together, supported by the people we are here to help, the victims of asbestos related diseases, we have been able to achieve so much. The Forum have proved themselves a modern day 'David versus Goliath' against the Government and the asbestos industry.

We campaigned for a fund to compensate asbestos victims whose employers had gone out of business. The Diffuse Mesothelioma Payments Scheme was introduced by statute in 2014.

We won two Judicial Reviews against Government measures that would have cut compensation awards and added legal costs for Mesothelioma victims claiming civil compensation.

We won a legal case against Cape Plc to prevent important evidence on asbestos products and their documents being destroyed.

However, sadly we have to continue to fight to ensure that victims of asbestos related diseases achieve justice for previous failures to protect them from the dangers of asbestos. This has been evident in the pandemic where the Forum are continuing to fight the Department of Work and Pensions to more speedily process the backlog of claims for those suffering from asbestosis or pleural thickening, as well as asking the Government to pay the appropriate level of money under the Government Lump Sum Scheme which won't see people victimised further by the delays."

Harminder Bains, a lawyer at Leigh Day who represented the Forum in the successful Cape case and the Judicial Reviews said "The Government stated that it was not 'unreasonable' for Mesothelioma victims to use their benefits to pay for court fees. This statement suggests an astonishingly uncaring attitude to the predicament of Mesothelioma and other asbestos disease sufferers to this day".

Christine Stephens, one of the trustees of London Asbestos Support Awareness Group who attended, said she impressed by what she had witnessed first hand of the work of the Forum and looked forward to London Asbestos Support Awareness Group making its full contribution as a member in support of that work.

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Working together to give a voice to asbestos victims.

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Legal news

Man exposed to asbestos whilst making jewellery succeeds in court case

A man exposed to asbestos whilst working at Mogul Jewellery Company Limited (Mogul) from 1960 to 1965 has succeeded in his court case and obtained substantial compensation. In 1960 Keith Maskell undertook a 5 year apprenticeship as a ring mounter with Mogul which was then based in Halliford Street, London. The premises was a house and the Claimant worked in the front room with others. Throughout the course of his apprenticeship the Claimant used a block of asbestos which was approximately 6 inches long, 4 inches wide and 2 inches thick and it was used to mount each ring so that soldering work could be undertaken. He would regularly use sandpaper to file down the asbestos block to smooth it. In addition he



was exposed to asbestos when he used the asbestos block to make moulds. These moulds were used to solder larger rings to enable him to get a 360 degree access to the rings. He used a gas and oxygen pipe as a soldering gun. This device had bellows which blew the asbestos dust around the room.

Keith sought legal advice from solicitors local to his home who recommended him instead to Leigh Day solicitors. He subsequently contacted Harminder Bains of Leigh Day in October 2020 and she commenced court proceedings in November 2020 in the High Court. Mogul served witness statements from two men who contradicted Keith's evidence and denied that there was ever any asbestos used by the company. In addition, Mogul served expert evidence which denied the use of asbestos in the jewellery making industry. The trial was due to take place in May 2021 however Mogul made an offer to pay Keith

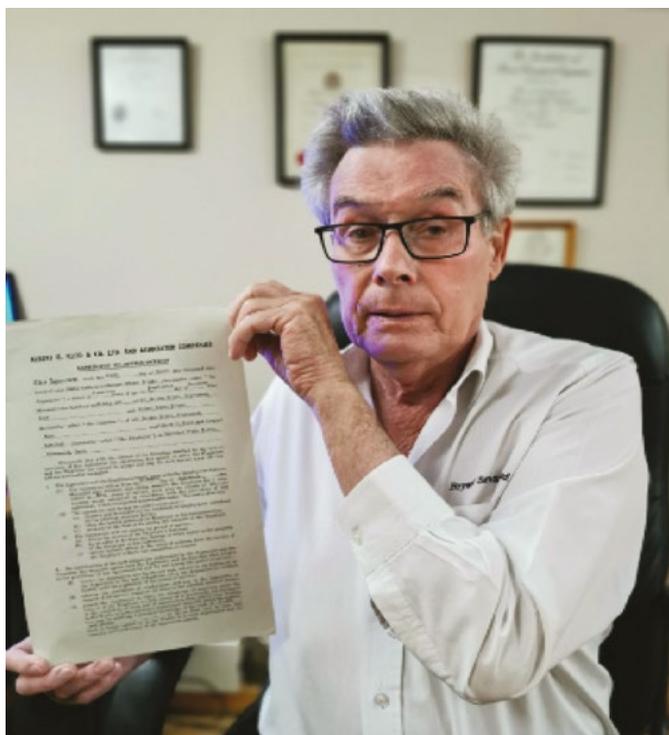
compensation which Keith rejected. Harminder then on Keith's behalf made a counter offer which Mogul agreed to pay. Keith therefore received a lump sum immediately with a provision that Mogul will pay for future treatment and associated costs if recommended by his medical practitioners. Harminder Bains said "Mogul fought the case tooth and nail and even relied on medical records in which Keith whilst still in shock of the diagnosis confirmed to his medical consultant "he had no history of asbestos exposure. I am pleased for Keith that the case was started and finished within a matter of months and should his doctor recommend treatment in the future Mogul will have to pay for it". Keith Maskell said "After being recommended to Leigh Day solicitors and in particular Harminder Bains that turned out to be a very good choice. Harminder was so professional and friendly. I was not sure if we would win as I had been told by previous solicitors that it was a very difficult case to prove. Harminder was amazing and kept on top of everything not only winning the case but also providing substantial damages. I cannot thank her enough. This means I can fight this horrendous cancer without worrying about finances which means such a lot. She was so helpful I would recommend her to anyone".

Photograph (left) shows Keith with his wife Kathleen and grandchild.

Victory for a man exposed to asbestos at Kent Papermill

Limited as a fitter and turner. This company sent Howard to work at a papermill in Gravesend, Kent which was run by its subsidiary company, Imperial Papermills. Many years later Howard was sadly diagnosed with the asbestos cancer mesothelioma and instructed Harminder Bains Partner at Leigh Day for advice. He provided her with a copy of his apprenticeship deed and gave clear evidence of being exposed to asbestos whilst working at Imperial Papermills. Harminder commenced a court case against Albert E. Reed & Company Limited as she argued at all material times Howard remained indentured and/or employed by Albert E. Reed per his deed of apprenticeship. However, this company argued that it had discharged its obligations and that it was Imperial Papermills who owed a duty of care to Howard. They referred to a clause 3(6) of the apprenticeship deed which provided that "it shall be a sufficient discharge of the Employer's obligations under this Agreement if, at the request of the Employer, those obligations are carried out and performed in accordance with the terms hereof by any one or more subsidiary or Associated Companies of the Employer in which the trade of

Fitter and Turner is carried on". Albert E. Reed fiercely contested the case and tried to put the blame on Imperial Papermills knowing full well that Imperial Papermills was insolvent and that no insurance company could be traced. It was not until the day before the trial was due to commence, that Albert E. Reed finally conceded that they owed a duty of care to Howard and he subsequently received substantial compensation. This case shows the value of keeping documents. If Howard had not kept his indentures there would have been no way of proving the correct identity of his employer. Due to the fact Imperial Papermills was in charge of the payroll it was listed as Howard's employer at the Inland Revenue. This case also highlights how companies can by



regularly changing names make it extremely difficult for people to correctly identify and trace their employers of many years previous. Howard's employer changed its name on no less than 7 occasions. These were as follows: Albert E. Reed & Co; Reed Paper Group Limited; Reed Group Limited; Reed International Limited; Reed International Plc; Reed Elsevier Plc; RELX Plc. Howard said "Even though the case dragged on for over two years and I owe such a debt of gratitude to Harminder Bains and her team at Leigh Day. It was their determination and persistence that in the end won the day. Thanks again Harminder I could not have got there without you".
Photograph (above) shows Howard with his indentures.

Leigh Day
LAWYERS

Asbestos court cases and costs budgeting

In general compensation cases, the Courts have taken on the role of management of legal costs, with the setting of budgets. However, the convention in asbestos cases is to disapply that rule. The High Court, which has a designated list solely for asbestos victims, have recognised claims had to be dealt with quickly and could be listed within weeks or even days of starting Court action. The insurance industry recently challenged this convention in *Smith v W Ford & Sons (Contractors) Ltd*. Thompsons Solicitors argued that time is always of the essence for asbestos Claimants. If insurance arguments about legal costs took priority, the fast track procedures provided by the High Court for asbestos victims would be slowed down, impacting negatively on asbestos victims. Happily, the Judge agreed, noting that Court listing arrangements cannot accommodate debates or contested hearings on legal costs. Speaking following the ruling, Julian Caddick, Head of Costs at Thompsons Solicitors, said "It makes no sense to clog up already busy courts with additional work and arguments about costs, which will only delay the cases of claimants who are seriously ill – so we are glad that the Court took this pragmatic and helpful approach." Paul Webber, Thompsons' Head of London & South East Asbestos Claims, agrees: "rather than seek to delay asbestos victims' pathway to just compensation, the insurance industry should concentrate their efforts in resolving asbestos claims in a timely manner."



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Legal news

Mesothelioma caused by secondary Asbestos exposure: The need for legal change

Iris Craddock

Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors are acting for the family of Iris Craddock (pictured below). Iris developed and died from mesothelioma. Her husband was a lagger and innocently took home asbestos fibres on his work clothes.

As the law currently stands, it is unlikely any compensation will be recovered as a result of Iris' mesothelioma. Iris' family have launched a campaign to raise awareness about the unfairness of the legal system, in the hope change will come about and help others in a similar situation in the future.



Legal Issues

The link between asbestos exposure and ill health has been known for over a century. Despite that, our country heavily used asbestos materials in various industries, particularly during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

In secondary asbestos exposure cases, such as a wife washing her husband's contaminated work clothes, there is a key date of 31st October 1965 which the compensation claim is based around. This is the date from which employers are deemed to have been put on notice that workers' families may be at risk from the dust created by their employees using asbestos materials at work.

The 31st October 1965 date is when The Sunday Times published an article about asbestos and its risks to health beyond those actually working with it.

The article referred to:

"A disquieting "new" occupational disease capable of killing not only the exposed workman but also perhaps his womenfolk and even people living near his place of work is the subject of intensive behind the scenes activity by British scientists, experts on industrial health and representatives of at least two Government Ministries".

Shockingly, if someone develops mesothelioma as a result of secondary exposure to asbestos which took place prior to 31st October 1965, they are not entitled to any compensation. This will often affect women who develop mesothelioma because they washed their husband's asbestos contaminated work clothes decades ago – just like Iris Craddock. Attempts to change the law have been brought over the years, but have failed.

Even if a mesothelioma sufferer was exposed to asbestos via secondary exposure after 31st October 1965, there are further obstacles they face in a legal claim which, unfortunately, often cannot be overcome. This means yet again the innocent mesothelioma victim is left without any compensation.

A Scheme is Required

Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors believe that people with mesothelioma as a result of secondary asbestos exposure should have a no-fault compensation Scheme, so they too can receive a fair compensation payment if they cannot pursue a legal claim for any reason. We have therefore set up a petition for a Scheme: <http://chnng.it/Gh4K9QKJfs> Lorna Webster, a Partner at Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors, said "I have seen many times how the law lets down those who develop mesothelioma as a result of secondary exposure to asbestos. Things must change. Please show your support by signing our petition".

Double justice done –By Isobel Lovett, partner at Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors

Alan Moutarde, a retired carpenter from Minster-on-Sea on Sheppey, first had contact with the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group in June 2018. He had just been given the devastating news that he had malignant mesothelioma. Alan and his wife, Carol were in shock but were soon being helped by Marika, receiving her full support in navigating this new and unfamiliar territory.

Alan came to me for help and advice on claiming benefits and compensation for his illness. Alan had worked with his brothers, erecting partitions and suspended ceilings in large commercial buildings from the mid-1960s until the late 1970s. They cut

and fixed Asbestolux board to fireproof beams and to create fire breaks. They were exposed to asbestos dust from dilapidated asbestos lagging on pipes which they had to work around. They also had to cut asbestos ceiling tiles while erecting suspended ceilings. They were covered in asbestos dust in the process. They were not given respiratory protective equipment to prevent their inhaling the dust, even though during this period, it was well known that asbestos could cause mesothelioma, if inhaled, even in small quantities.

Sadly, Alan had to deal with the consequences of his employers' negligence, many decades later. He had already lost his brother, Derrick, to mesothelioma in November 2016, so had indirect experience of this terrible illness. Derrick and Alan had both been exposed to asbestos dust when working together for Unilock Companies in the 1970s. Their employer had since gone out of business.

Alan's claim was put to the Defendant's insurers but they made no offer to settle, leaving him with no option but to start court proceedings in the High Court. This prompted the Defendant to formally admit having exposed Alan to asbestos dust, in breach of the duty of care they owed him. At the first court hearing, Alan got Judgment and the Defendant was ordered to pay him a substantial payment on account of damages for his illness and its effects. Alan's condition had been treated initially with chemotherapy but this didn't help him. His oncologist was keen to try immunotherapy, which at the time was not available on the NHS. Private funding was the only option but at around £8,500 a cycle, Alan needed the Defendant's insurers to fund this.

By October 2018, we were negotiating settlement terms and the Defendant's insurers to pay agree a six-figure sum in settlement of Alan's claim and in addition, to fund future private medical treatment. However the exact wording of the agreement was disputed as the Defendant's insurers tried initially avoid a detailed process and then, to impose various restrictions on the provision of funding for Alan to begin immunotherapy. The precise agreement was arrived at the door of the court in January 2019, following which Alan was able to start treatment with Pembrolizumab.

The good news is that a year and a half later, Alan's condition is stable and he is still receiving the treatment which allows him to lead a pretty full life. If his treatment needs change in the future, he is secure in the knowledge that these will also be funded by the Defendant's insurers. LASAG continues to support Alan and Carol.

On the settlement of his claim, Alan asked whether I could advise his sister-in-law, Barbara, whose husband Derrick, Alan's brother, had died some years previously but without claiming compensation as they had not known how to prove where his asbestos exposure had occurred. Barbara was being treated for cancer herself when Derrick was diagnosed in 2016 and so they endured treatment together and cared for one another until Derrick's death in November 2013.

As she continued to battle cancer, Barbara did not take further steps to pursue a claim. The time limit for doing so had passed in November 2016. However, having investigated her claim, I agreed to pursue the case for her, knowing that the Defendant's insurers had capitulated in Alan's case and hoping they and the Court would be sympathetic to her situation.

We had to issue court proceedings quickly, to stop the clock running. We presented the case to the Defendant who denied liability on the basis the claim was out of time. However, as we prepared for the first court hearing in May this year, we received a good offer of settlement of Barbara's claim, which she accepted. In this way, Barbara has seen justice for Derrick and although nothing can make up for her loss, she now has financial security for the future. It is always satisfying when we are able to achieve life-changing settlements for clients and families affected by mesothelioma but doubly gratifying to have succeeded in these cases.

HODGE JONES & ALLEN



Fundraising

As always, we look for ways to help support the charity through fundraising

We have registered with easyfundraising to help raise money simply by shopping online. By shopping through easyfundraising, your everyday online shopping turns into FREE donations for us. Download the app and shop with over 4,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com and many more. Please register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lasag

We have registered with Just Giving. If you would like to donate via our just giving page visit www.justgiving.com/lasag

We have also registered with **amazon smile**. Amazon donates a small amount each time you purchase something using amazon smile.

Ideas to support us

Regular Giving

You can choose to give a regular monthly donation In Memory, Regular Giving or Tribute Funds; collections at a funeral or memorial service, setting up a tribute page, or even making a regular gift to mark a special date.

Leaving a Gift in your Will

Clients sometimes choose to leave a legacy donation to help support more people affected by Mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases.

Support us today

Visit www.lasag.org.uk/fundraising for more ways you can support us

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Testimonials

"It is so nice to speak to people with the same condition as myself. And so interesting for me and my wife to listen to the guest speakers. This is a marvellous group run by such lovely people who are so kind and helpful and nice to know they are always at the end of the phone. Long may it continue." *Ron*

"These sessions I find amazing. I leave at the end of them feeling very elated. After being with people in the same boat as me, my fears and worries are sent back to where they belong and my positive mental attitude is maintained."
Lewis

"Thank you for coming to see me yesterday. My head's been in a bit of a spin over the past few weeks, so it was good to take time out with you and learn more about my diagnosis and the support you can offer. Notwithstanding the irreplaceable support and love that my family bring, you tend to feel a little isolated once you're outside of the direct care that the medical professionals have been providing. I understand now the importance of the support that you and your organisation offers to sufferers of asbestos related diseases, and how it provides a vital and seamless link between all the various elements of the process. I look forward to staying in touch and will get along to the support group meeting at Canterbury at the first opportunity I have."
Keith

"Yvonne came to see us. She was very helpful giving us all the advice on welfare benefits and other support numbers to help make things easier. She was in regular contact with visits and phone calls. Indeed all through Norman's treatment and end of life and his passing, the LASAG team have been brilliant. I still get phone calls asking me how I am." *Valerie*

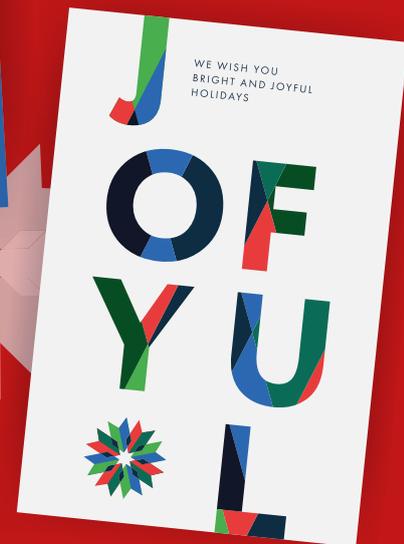
"Marika, I have benefited greatly from your visits which have become an essential lifeline for me as a cancer sufferer. The charity is a very important part of the overall support required by patients affected by asbestos related diseases." *Andy*



Competition

The London Asbestos Support Awareness Group
Christmas card competition...

This is an invitation to all of our readers, supporters, and local
schools, to design our official Christmas card for 2021.



Please send your ideas and
designs by 30th November to
jodie@lasag.org.uk

Support groups

For anyone affected by Mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases. Join us for coffee, cake and conversation at your nearest support group. An opportunity to meet others living with the disease. Our experienced staff will be available to provide information, advice or a listening ear in a safe & private environment.

Tilbury, Essex

The last Wednesday of each month.

11am - 1pm

St Johns Church, Dock Rd, Tilbury, RM18 7PP

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Every 12 weeks from 17th September 2021.

12 noon - 13.30pm

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Canterbury, Kent

The 2nd Tuesday of each month.

2pm - 4pm

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Dagenham, Essex

The last Thursday of each month. 11am - 1pm

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Harlow, Essex

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Isle of Sheppey, Kent

The 1st Wednesday of each month.

3pm - 4.30pm

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Other support groups

We are always looking to provide other support groups. For further updates or if you would like us to provide a group

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Next event

The next event will be in London on 30th September 2021.
You are more than welcome to join us!



**This event has been postponed
due to Covid-19 concerns.**



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