

London Asbestos Support Awareness Group Newsletter

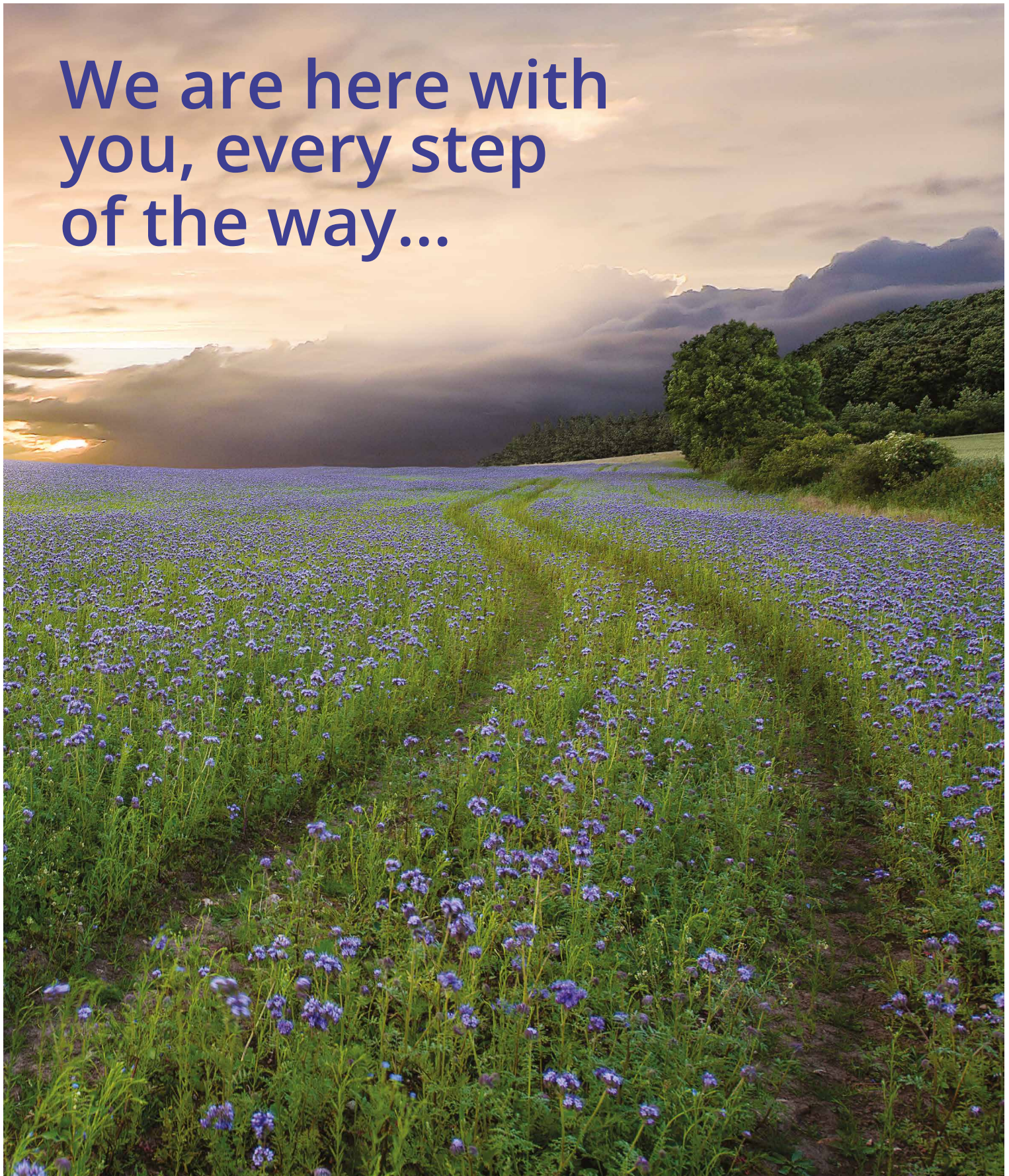
For anyone affected by Mesothelioma or other Asbestos related diseases in London and the South East, including Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire

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News & events

Barking Dagenham and Havering Trades Union Council

Report on the unveiling of the memorial to remember those who have died because of exposure to asbestos, placed in Barking Town Square on the 28th April 2022, International Workers Memorial Day.

In 2020 Barking Dagenham and Havering Trades Union Council were approached by Peter Collier, resident and retired teacher and member of the National Education Union, who asked if we could do anything to restore the existing memorial in Barking Town Square, placed to remember those who had died because of exposure to asbestos. The memorial was unremarkable and the plaque in very poor condition. The trades union council agreed to seek permission from Barking and Dagenham Council to replace the memorial with a more significant marker of remembrance. The Leader of the Council, Cllr Darren Rodwell agreed that the memorial should be replaced and invited us to work with the local authority in making sure the project was accountable and fully supported by the events and participation team in Barking and Dagenham.



The trades union council sought and gained the support of local, regional and national union groups, The Trade Union Congress London East and South-East, The Joint Union Asbestos Committee, local campaigners for the victims of asbestos and the local MP Jon Cruddas gave their support to the project. A Motion was passed in support of the memorial at the Annual Conference of Trades Union Councils and placed on the programme for trades union councils in 2021.

We proposed that a large memorial be placed in a prominent position, to be part of the regeneration of Barking Town Square. The proposed budget was £10,000, to be raised from donations. Despite the problems caused during the Covid-19 public health crisis, the trades union council continued to raise funds for the memorial. In 2021 a large piece of pearl granite was purchased, to be finished and engraved by stone mason Daniel Griffin. An interpretation board would tell the story of our lethal industrial past and remember those who worked and lived with this invisible poison. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of local trade unionists and members of our community, reaching our target budget in 2022.

There have been so many organisations and individuals that helped to make this project possible. Many companies and employees asked for no payment, making clear their support for such an important memorial, individuals gave their time and expertise, while others ensured that the appeal for funds was heard.

The memorial was unveiled on International Workers Memorial Day 28th April 2022, with over a hundred people gathering in Barking Town Square, to hear from Dagenham and Rainham MP Jon Cruddas, who said, "There is no more significant place than here to place this memorial. There is nothing more important that I'll do this year in terms of helping unveil this memorial because this goes right to the bone of our industrial legacy and a lot of the suffering, we see around us today."

A reminder of the exceptionally high asbestos mortality rates in the borough due to Barking being the home of the Cape Asbestos Factory, in Harts Lane and the industrial nature of the work undertaken by residents. We also heard from, Sam Gruney, London, East and Southeast regional secretary at the TUC and Jodie Bull from London Asbestos Support Awareness Group.

The new stone carries two inscriptions. The first reads: 'In memory of those who have lost their lives because of exposure to asbestos. In gratitude to those who fight to improve safety conditions for those workers and their families. Remember the dead and fight for the living.' On the other side 'Together showing our commitment to safer workplaces and communities.' (Photograph left: shows members of Unite the Union from Fords Dagenham)

An interpretation board has also been installed next to the stone giving information about the historical impact of asbestos on Barking and Dagenham. Henry Gregg, the council's director of strategy and culture said, "It is very important to us as a council to support this special memorial for those who died due to exposure to asbestos." (Photograph top right:



LESE TUC Regional Secretary Sam Gurney speaks to the crowd gathered.)

A Book of Remembrance was opened so the names of family, friends and colleagues lost to this invisible poison will always be remembered. The Book will be kept at Valance House Museum. A buffet lunch was provided at the Barking Learning Centre, where the film Body Blow developed through Ilona Sagar's long-term research and collaboration with people who share their lived experience of asbestos-related diseases. On the film, we hear from the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group (LASAG), social workers, end-of-life carers, asbestos removal experts, campaigners, and medical and legal professionals. (Photograph below: MP Jon Cruddas and Jodie Bull LASAG.)



The trades union council and the local authority will be supporting Action Mesothelioma Day, alongside the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group. The trades union council hope to work with employers in the two boroughs on a programme of asbestos awareness in the workplace, as the presence of asbestos in our older buildings will continue to cause harm if not managed and removed. (Photograph below: Susan Aitouaziz Secretary Barking Dagenham and Havering Trades Union Council.)



The memorial now stands proudly in our town square, in recognition of the community's commitment to never forget those who died and a rallying point for a Trade Union Campaign to remove asbestos from our workplaces, schools and public buildings. The trades union council will remain custodians for the memorial ensuring that any damage is repaired, and that International Workers Memorial Day is commemorated on the 28th April 2022.



Finally, we wish to thank all the many hands which made this project possible. Susan Aitouaziz Secretary Barking Dagenham and Havering Trades Union Council June 2022.

Please Note: Barking Town Square and the surrounding flats are undergoing extensive renovations during the next 18 months. To protect the memorial, it will be securely covered to prevent damage while this work is undertaken. There has already been a great deal of interest in the memorial, and we look forward to making the memorial available to view in the town square, where it will remain at the heart of our community.



News & events

Action Mesothelioma Events 2022

We held two events for Action Meso Day to raise awareness of mesothelioma and to honor and remember those who have sadly lost their fight against such an unnecessary disease. Both events were very well attended and enjoyed by all. We had live music, Cape campaign talks, patient stories, an early detection project presentation, cream teas, buffets and so much more.



We had some very beautiful and touching memories sent in as we all lit our candles on July 1st 2022 to remember those who we have lost due to asbestos exposure. Esmae (below) from Colchester, Essex completed her 2 hour sponsored silence to raise awareness of mesothelioma.

Tonight,
We light up blue
For
Mesothelioma
Sufferers





In loving
Memory
XXX



Remembering Jane, love Derek xx



Go Blue For meso





A patients garden
going blue for
AMD 2022

Go Blue for Meso

Spotlight Dance Productions is owned by Natalie Lowe and offers street dance and ballet classes from 3+ to 16+. Spotlight runs workshops and puts on end of year productions and has recently launched new classes for children with learning difficulties.

due to asbestos still being present in buildings including schools. The dance school engaged the children by wearing blue for the week to support the Go Blue For Meso Campaign.

Natalie felt it was important to get the kids involved in raising awareness of mesothelioma

We also had a beautiful picture sent in by a patient, Colin, whose garden (page 4, bottom right) had gone blue just in time for the day.

Go Blue For meso




Spotlight
Productions
Raising
Awareness of
Mesothelioma

London Asbestos Support Awareness Group working in partnership Mesothelioma UK

Working in partnership with national charity, Mesothelioma UK, we are pleased to announce and have the pleasure of funding Mesothelioma UK clinical nurse specialist Toni Fleming. Toni is based at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

By providing funding for Toni's post for the next two years and with a view to funding beyond that period, our support enables Mesothelioma UK to continue providing patients in the Kent and Medway Cancer Alliance region with a clinical nurse specialist – a vital resource for people suffering with mesothelioma.

Toni has been a lung cancer/palliative care specialist nurse since 2004 and a Mesothelioma UK nurse since June 2020. She provides clinical care for patients and also supports the teams of healthcare professionals throughout East Kent, helping to optimise patient access to treatments and promoting clinical trials.

Toni commented: "East Kent has a particularly high proportion of mesothelioma patients so I am very grateful to London Asbestos Support Awareness Group for continuing the funding of my Mesothelioma UK post so I can continue to support patients in Kent and Medway."

Sadly, the UK has the highest incidence of the disease in the world with around 2,700 people diagnosed each year.

London Asbestos Support Awareness Group Support Manager, Jodie Bull commented: "London Asbestos Support Awareness Group is absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to fund the Kent and Medway



Cancer Alliance nursing post as we feel it provides a crucial link for sufferers of mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases where they will be supported throughout their journey by our excellent support workers."

Leah Taylor, Mesothelioma UK Head of Nursing added: "Mesothelioma UK is so grateful to London Asbestos Support Awareness Group for providing funding for Toni's post. Collaborating with other charities like London Asbestos Support Awareness Group, with whom we share goals and aims, means that our charities can help even more mesothelioma patients and their families. We're delighted that Toni will continue to be an invaluable source of information and support to patients, families, and also to her healthcare colleagues in the Kent and Medway Cancer Alliance area."

As a charity we support patients and carers with a person-centred approach. The work is aimed at providing support (one-to-one support, in person and online support groups), providing information, offering advice and help with benefits and government and legal compensation schemes. We aim to reach more people suffering with asbestos related diseases and work closely with hospitals and healthcare professionals across the areas of London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire.

News & events

Lung Cancer Nursing Annual Conference 12th – 13th May 2022



This year's annual conference took place at Radisson Blu Hotel, Heathrow. The 2 day conference was packed with presentations including the route back to improving lung cancer survival, symptom management and mesothelioma update and much more!

We were honoured to have had the opportunity of attending this year's Lung Cancer Conference at Heathrow with our very own stand. There were some fantastic speakers and the team had the pleasure of spending some time with some of the fantastic nurses we have worked with over the past year.

It was great to also put names to faces of those who we had never actually met in person as well as the chance to meet new faces. It really was an exciting time as the whole team including the trustees of the charity were able to all be together in one place to share the experience.

We were also very proud to have supported the Asbestos Victims Support Group Forum Stand to help promote the charities that are part of the Forum as well as the chance to discuss the Cape Campaign #CapeMustPay.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Bunzl Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies who kindly donated hand sanitisers for us to give out. It was very much appreciated. Our personalised, handmade lavender and lemon candles made by Scents by Suzanne went down a storm. Thank you to everyone who entered our free prize draw and a huge congratulations to Nurse Jackie Creedon-Wilks from Elstree Cancer Centre for winning!



Royal Parks Half Marathon October 2022

Leigh Day asbestos team's secretary, Louise Anderson is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon which is a 13 mile hike through several parks including Hyde Park, Green Park, St James's Park and Kensington Gardens on Sunday 9th October 2022. She understands the devastating effect which asbestos disease has on individuals and their families, having worked on legal cases for several years.

In the past, she has run several half marathons for other charities. This year we are lucky she has chosen to run for us, and hopes not only to beat her personal best but hopes to raise funds. Accordingly, should you wish to sponsor Louise, you will find her Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/louiseanderson1646757625360

We are also pleased to announce that Stuart Searle, Peter Munns, Ed Munns, Danielle Oliviere and Nial McKeown from Consult Construct are also taking part in the run to raise awareness for the work we do as a charity for mesothelioma sufferers. If you would like to support the team please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/consult-construct>.



The World's Largest Coffee Morning

This year we have the pleasure of joining the Macmillan Team by taking part in The World's Largest Coffee Morning which is taking place on 30th September 2022.

Together with Macmillan Nurse Annmarie Frencham, we are hosting a coffee morning at Toby Carvery in Dagenham at 11am until 1pm. Please feel free to join us with your friends and family for coffee, cake and a chat.

If you would like to attend please contact support@lasag.org.uk.

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London Landmarks Half Marathon April 2023

We are really excited to announce we are charity partners of The London Landmarks Half Marathon. The event will take place on 2nd April 2023. The roads will be closed and it is the only half marathon to go through both the City of London and Westminster.

The route is a great opportunity to see some amazing sights of London which includes Nelson's Column, The Tower of London and St Paul's Cathedral to name a few. If you would like to find out more information to support us please contact support@lasag.org.uk



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Charity Weekend at Canterbury Golf Club

The Canterbury Golf Club's Captain, Scot Lindsay, held a charity weekend to raise awareness and funds for the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group. The event included a golf competition on each day, which was supported by around 200 members. This event was very successful and a great time was had by all attendees. In order to raise funds, refreshments were sold out on the golf course, together with raffles and an auction. There were also many personal donations from club members and their families.

This event was influenced by a member of the golf club and our client, mesothelioma sufferer Colin Danton. Colin and his family have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for the charity since Colin was diagnosed with mesothelioma a year ago.

Our Kent support worker Denise Hodges, has supported Colin and his family throughout Colin's journey and this weekend was no exception.

(Photograph right: Left to Right is Colin Danton and Captain, Scot Lindsay.

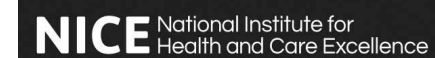
Photograph below: From left to right: Pauline Smith, Josephine Malaspina, Sandra Danton, Denise Hodges, Colin Danton.



Immunotherapy Recommended by NICE

We are very pleased to hear the latest announcement from The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. NICE have recommended the use of nivolumab together with ipilimumab for the treatment of malignant pleural mesothelioma in adults.

Patients are required to be fit enough to have the treatment (i.e. a good performance status) and it can be used instead of chemotherapy as a first line treatment. Clinical trials showed that in patients with a good performance status nivolumab plus ipilimumab could potentially extend how long patients lived compared to chemotherapy.



Monthly Zoom Support Groups

We have decided to continue with our zoom support group for those patients who are unable to attend face to face meetings. We have the privilege to be supported by The Royal Marsden consultant Michael Davidson. We have limited availability for Ipad use if you would like to attend but do not have access to technology.

If you would like to join the zoom support group, please contact louise@lasag.org.uk



Our Information Packs Are Now Available

We now have information packs which consist of our latest magazine, our service guide, a pen and post it notes.

If you would like to request a pack please scan the QR code below.

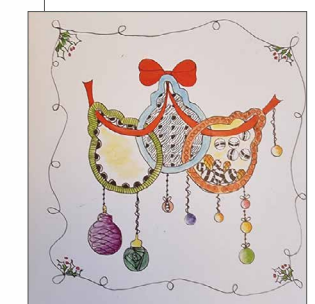
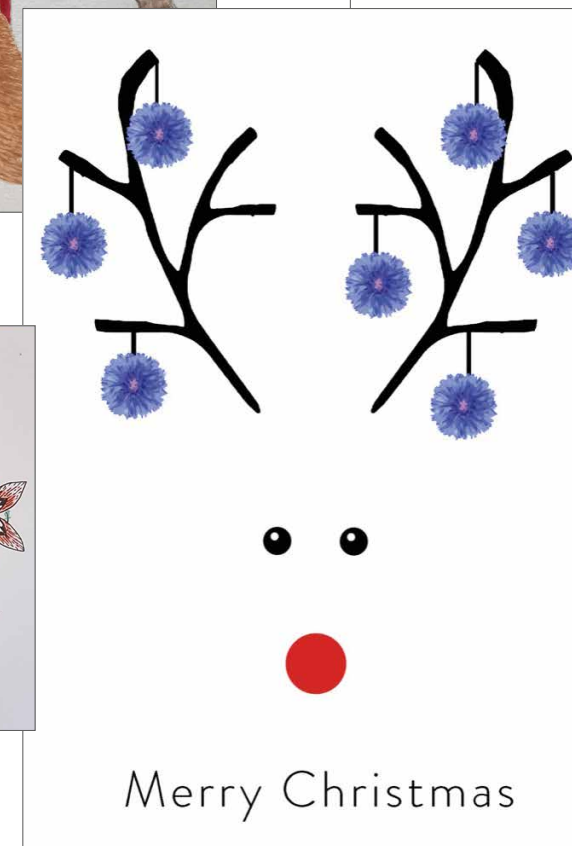
These handy packs are A4 size and were designed so you can keep your important letters and other information all together.



Christmas Card Design 2022

Once again, this year, we would like our patients and/or family members to design our christmas card. Last year was a great success and there were some fantastic designs.

Please contact your support worker or email support@lasag.org.uk if you would like to enter a design.



Legal news

Margaret Jones V MOD

Margaret's case is unusual in my experience as a woman claiming compensation from the Ministry of Defence for the fact that she has developed mesothelioma. All other cases I have pursued against the MOD have been for men. Her case is also unusual in that it features, albeit briefly, a member of the royal family, about which more later...

Margaret was signposted to our firm by Louise of LASAG in August last year. She had just been diagnosed with epithelioid malignant mesothelioma aged 74. She lives alone but has a long-term partner, and son, who live nearby and who help and support her.

Margaret left school aged 15 and began working with the MoD a few years later in 1965. Her parents wanted her to work for the MoD in Portsmouth where they lived, so that she would have a job for life, which turned out to be the case.

Margaret worked in offices in different departments at the dockyard, one of her jobs in the early days, being to hand out pay packets to the dockyard workers who queued up in their dusty overalls each Thursday to collect their wages.

Margaret married in the late 1960s and Margaret's husband at the time, also worked for the MoD and so the couple moved around and their roles changed over the years.

In around 1990 Margaret was appointed as building services manager working from Glasgow but with responsibility for any MOD buildings from Liverpool and Hull up to Shetland. She loved her job as it was very hands-on and varied and she was the first port of call if any maintenance or repairs were needed in any of the buildings she managed. She would inspect and then call in the MOD's security cleared contractors to do the work for the department in question, all work and workers being governed by the Official Secrets Act.

Having moved back to the London Area, still working as buildings manager, based in one of the MOD buildings in London around 1994, Margaret was approached one day by a young employee in the office who told her dust was falling down on her desk from the ceiling above. She inspected the suspended ceiling in that office but everything looked normal and saw the dust on the woman's desk. The woman asked Margaret whether it could be asbestos, to which she replied she didn't know, but would find out. She had had no training on managing asbestos all the time she had worked for the MOD.

She consulted a colleague and followed the MOD manual of procedures to be followed in the event of asbestos being discovered, and asbestos specialist contractors were called in to sample the dust. Margaret had to accompany them while they did this, due to the secrecy surrounding the work done there. She moved staff out of the affected office and closed it. The following day, it was confirmed the dust contained asbestos fibres. She closed the building and staff were temporarily relocated. The only people left working there were security and Margaret. She instructed the cleaners to destroy their contaminated vacuum cleaners.

She then had to accompany the asbestos contractors as they went into all other offices and areas to check for contamination all around the building. The asbestos was found to be in sheets forming fire breaks above the suspended ceilings. In one department, a new IT system had been installed and the contractors had simply punched through the fire breaks to feed cabling through. This was the source of the brown asbestos dust below. Before the men took samples from the whole building, Margaret had to go into the offices first to remove any papers or notices, which concerned secret work and had to remain with the men, to ensure they didn't look at anything in there. This took almost 2 days.

Around 2 weeks later, the results came back and between 50-75% of rooms in the building were affected. Asbestos removal specialists then encapsulated affected areas. She carried on working in the building with the security team in the meantime, going into some contaminated rooms if she needed to.

A decision was then taken to vacate the building rather than pay for all the asbestos to be removed and to move staff to another Mod Building. Margaret had to organise the removal the contents of rooms in the building, checking that no MOD notices were left behind, that all chests and furniture they were marked up and security sealed, which took months. She also oversaw the physical move itself, which took a full week. After the move, Margaret completed a self-reporting form, confirming she had been exposed to asbestos dust.

The next MoD building Margaret worked in turned out to have large notice boards on walls in corridors and offices, which were found to contain asbestos. They were used as notice boards and were full of pinholes. As building services manager, Margaret had to go around the building telling staff that the boards had to be covered in thick, blue plastic and that no pins were to be used to fix anything to them, but sellotape had



to be used instead. One of the people who she had to instruct in this was Prince Andrew, who had an office in the building at the time.

In other buildings, Margaret had to check for damage to any asbestos lined walls and get any damaged areas painted over. Margaret retired from the MOD in 2011. In all the time she worked there, she was never trained in asbestos management or given respiratory protection even though she had to go into asbestos contaminated environments in her role. When we notified the Mod's solicitors of the claim, their claims handlers response was that if there was any exposure, it would be minimal so they were not convinced the exposure would meet the threshold required for the MOD to be in breach of their duty of care towards Margaret. Our response was to ask for disclosure of a whole host of documents relating to the main incident in which Margaret had been exposed to asbestos dust., leading to the building being vacated. We doubled up with a FOI request. They said they would look in to this but they thought there may be no records.

This was swiftly followed by a change of case handler and an admission of breach of duty, but there was no admission that the admitted breach had caused Margaret's illness.

Having already obtained a supportive report from Dr Rudd, we instructed Simon Kilvington QC, one of the leading barristers in this specialist area and we had a conference with Margaret and an engineer, who thought the levels of dust to which

Margaret had been exposed, would have exceeded the official guidance at the time, so we were safe to press on.

We quickly issued the claim in the High Court, conscious of Margaret's need for a speedy resolution of her claim due to the nature of her illness and as a person without dependents. Shortly after we had sent the court papers to the Defendant, we receive a first offer of settlement which the solicitor said, was the limit of his instructions and which he would not increase. It did not include the costs of future private medical treatment, which had been claimed. Needless to say, it was rejected by Margaret and a counter-offer was put forward. Further offers were exchanged until a suitable offer was made which Margaret was happy to accept. The settlement resulted in Margaret receiving a large lump sum, and an order for the Defendant to pay costs of any private medical treatment she might need in future, as a result of her mesothelioma.

Margaret is currently enrolled on the BEAT – meso trial. Although she initially experienced an allergic reaction to one of the immunotherapy drugs, now that has been removed from her treatment regime, she has been tolerating the treatment pretty well and it has been shown to have reduced the disease. We hope she will continue to benefit from the treatment as Margaret has many plans for the future.

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Legal news



Seymour's story

Seymour was a tenant market trader at the old Covent Garden Market, when it was situated at Covent Garden in Central London. He sold fruit and produce on a wholesale basis. Seymour spent his entire career in the trade. While enjoying his retirement, he developed breathing and other chest problems. These would lead to a diagnosis of Mesothelioma.

The Market Authority decided it had outgrown the space and planned to relocate to Vauxhall (Nine Elms), which it did in 1974. This became the 'New' Covent Garden. While the old market was constructed mainly from timber, the new one was to use substantial amounts of asbestolux panelling and Asbestos Insulation Board. We knew this because on a site visit, there were many yellow stickers, warning of the existence of asbestos materials.

At first, Seymour told me that his only contact was from the use of asbestos based board, which was used for stud walls and dividers. He suggested that wear and tear and dilapidations were the cause of his exposure to asbestos dust. However, was this enough for a legal case? Such claims, where the only contact with asbestos dust was from the fabric of the building, are often defended. Indeed, two Claimant law firms had turned down Seymour's case and we provided a 'third opinion'.

Investigating this further, Seymour remembered that during construction, he went along to see how the works were going and to familiarise himself with his new place of work. Exposure was distant, but not far away enough for Seymour to recall seeing the spraying of asbestos insulation and workmen cutting and drilling into asbestos panels. Witnessing spraying was crucial and an expert engineer confirmed that the practice was still ongoing in 1974.

We argued that the Market Authority, being Seymour's landlord, were negligent. While not denying the use of asbestos materials, the Authority countered that Seymour was a self-employed businessman and the legal duty of care for their tenants did not extend this far.

Court action was commenced in the High Court and Seymour gave evidence on commission. This is a special procedure for Mesothelioma victims, where a Judge and Counsel attend upon a Mesothelioma sufferer in their home and hear the evidence. Seymour was cross examined by the other side's Counsel, but was resolute in his allegations.

The Authority maintained its denial and was required to disclose boxes of documents relating to its buildings at Nine Elms. This enabled us to see that the use of asbestos was far more prevalent than first thought. The New Covent Market Authority site was vast and riddled with many types of asbestos product.

Nonetheless, the Defendant continued to fight. A Trial was scheduled for the High Court. However, the night before, Seymour's fortitude was rewarded when the Market conceded and made a favourable out of Court settlement. This case demonstrates a) the importance of rigorously investigating cases which do follow the familiar workplace exposure model and; b) implementing the High Court's fast track procedure for Mesothelioma sufferers.

Paul Webber, Thompsons Solicitors



Widow of mesothelioma sufferer obtains compensation from Gulf Oil GB Ltd to cover full time care expenses at home

The widow of an oil worker who died of mesothelioma has secured compensation from his former employer to ensure she can be cared for at home for the rest of her life.

Bryan Clark believed he had been exposed to asbestos whilst working as a Marine Lubrication Engineer for Gulf Oil GB Ltd from 1966 to 1972. As a result of that asbestos exposure, he died from mesothelioma, an asbestos related cancer.

As full time carer to his wife Rita who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, Bryan wanted to be sure that compensation for his industrial injury should include the costs of her care. His main concern was that Rita should be able to live out her days in her own home, with all the care she would need to make that possible.

Bryan recalled that during the course of his work, he was exposed to substantial amounts of asbestos and he instructed Leigh Day partner Harminder Bains to handle his claim against Gulf Oil GB Ltd.

Soon after Bryan's death Harminder began court proceedings and named Bryan and Rita's daughter Nicola as litigation friend as Rita had no legal capacity to pursue the claim. Gulf Oil GB Ltd served a Defence denying responsibility. However, they later accepted they had been negligent and consented to Judgment being entered against them.

Nicola and her family, including her daughter who was a trainee nurse, had taken over Rita's care which amounted to hundreds of hours a month. The court gave permission for care evidence and consultant geriatrician's evidence to be obtained from both parties.

Gulf Oil GB Ltd's experts did not agree that the amount of care that the family was giving was absolutely necessary and attempted to reduce not only the amount of care but the cost substantially. Gulf Oil GB Ltd's care expert said that Rita could be left on her own on occasions when Rita's family were concerned for her wellbeing.

Nicola and her family provided clear evidence that it was in Rita's best interest to remain in her family home which she had shared with her husband for many years and not to be placed into a care home. This was essential



for Rita as familiar surroundings were important for her condition. Not only did the home contain memories of her husband but she enjoyed gardening which was important for her mental wellbeing.

Nicola had arranged a local care company to provide carers who lived with her mother Rita in her home. This arrangement worked well, and Nicola wanted the compensation to include the cost of care for the remainder of her mother's lifetime. Lawyers on behalf of Gulf Oil GB Ltd made an offer to settle the claim just before trial which Nicola rejected. Harminder made a counteroffer and the matter was settled for substantial damages to include the cost of Rita's care.

Nicola Walker said:

"My father died from mesothelioma after being exposed to asbestos in ship's engine rooms whilst working in the oil industry for many years. It was sudden, shocking and very painful for my father and left my family to care for my mother who has dementia. He was a very healthy and active man who would have cared for my mother for many years which distressed him greatly. Harminder Bains was recommended to us and from the moment we first met her she worked diligently and relentlessly to get compensation that would allow my mother to have the care that she would require.

She dealt with us with great sympathy, understanding and patience and never lost sight of the fact that we were a family dealing with great loss and grief. Through her hard work and persistence my mother received a settlement that will allow her to remain at home with live in care and her beloved cats. We cannot thank Harminder enough and would recommend her to anyone that suffers a loss as we did".

Harminder Bains said:

"From the outset Bryan's main aim was to ensure that Rita was cared for after his death. After her father's death Nicola's life was consumed with dealing with her mother to ensure she had the best care she could possibly give her. Gulf Oil GB Ltd instructed experts and these experts contested Nicola's evidence and it was only days before the trial was due to commence, that Gulf Oil GB Ltd finally under pressure of a looming trial, agreed to pay for the necessary care.

"If Bryan had not contracted mesothelioma, he and Rita would continue to have shared many happy years enjoying their children and grandchildren".

Give a little...

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

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We have also registered with [amazon smile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile). 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.

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