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100TH ISSUE OF UNIQUE BRITISH PUBLICATION

London: A significant landmark has been reached with the distribution this month of the 100th issue of the British Asbestos Newsletter, a quarterly publication which has over the last 25 years become a national resource for asbestos victims, campaigners, legal experts, professionals and concerned citizens.

The two dozen chapters in the commemorative edition have been authored by leading stakeholders amongst the UK community of asbestos activists; their contributions highlight the efforts that have been made to secure the human and legal rights of asbestos victims and signpost measures for achieving future victories.

The [image on the cover](#) was conceived by celebrated artist Conrad Atkinson, whose work hangs in the Tate Gallery, the British Museum, the Australian National Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art (NY), the University Museum and Gallery, Berkeley, CA and the Pushkin Fine Arts Museum (Moscow) among others. This 70-page volume also contains original illustrations by legendary cartoonist Heath Robinson who was commissioned in the 1930s to produce images for a pamphlet on asbestos-cement. To our knowledge, these images have not been seen in many decades.

Commenting on the 100th issue, contributing author Graham Dring from the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK (the Forum) said:

“The Forum was delighted to be invited to submit a chapter delineating the past, present and future of our struggle for asbestos justice. When we did so we had no idea just what a significant book this project would become. Given the variety and quality of the written content, the high production values, unique artwork and illustrations featured, we believe that this volume is a fitting testament to the coalition of like-minded individuals and groups which has achieved improvements for the injured. It is also a testament to the personal commitment of the newsletter’s team and in particular to the indefatigable work of the editor, Laurie Kazan-Allen, who has done so much since publishing the first edition to raise awareness of the issues facing asbestos victims and their fight for justice. On behalf of the Forum, we offer them our heartiest congratulations on the first 100 issues.”

The commemorative issue has been made available in hard copy to subscribers, members of the Forum and mesothelioma charities. Copies will be available for purchase at Action Mesothelioma Day events being held on July 1, 2016 throughout the country.¹ A free online version will be accessible on the website of the British Asbestos Newsletter in due course.²

¹ Action Mesothelioma Day. July 1, 2016.

<http://www.asbestosforum.org.uk/>

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