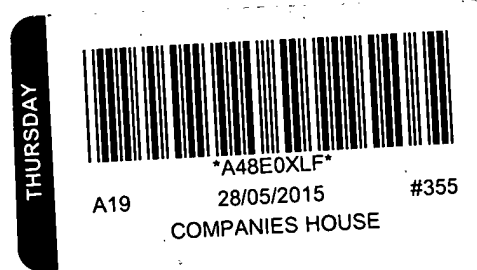


COMPANY NO. 355443  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 275946

**THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST**  
**(A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY)**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**



**THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

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# THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

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The Board of Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2014. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements and the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005).

### Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company Number: 355443

Registered Charity Number: 275946

Trustees:

J W A Brace	- <i>Chairman</i>
S Abbott	
D A Gibson	
A Llewellyn	Resigned 16.03.15
S R Morris	
P Wade	
P S Gillies	Resigned 20.11.14
S A Hardy	Resigned 20.11.14

Registered and Principal Office: IBSA House  
The Ridgeway  
London  
NW7 1RN

### Incorporation and Constitution

On July 28, 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on June 30, 1978. On November 18, 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On June 1, 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On June 6, 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on June 20, 1994. On July 15, 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989.

### Objects and Activities

The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust.

The major activity for the year in question has been acting as custodian trustee holding title to freehold and leasehold properties acquired as places of worship and other related properties for congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in England and Wales that are open to the public. In harmony with the objects of these congregations, the properties are used solely to teach and share Bible truth, which includes practical advice on citizenship, family life and tolerance in a multi-cultural society. All interested persons are welcome.

### Governance

The trustees of the Trust meet at least two times a year and are in regular contact from day to day. Trustees are elected annually by a simple majority of the members present at the AGM.

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: On an annual basis, trustees will review potential candidates. Their abilities are evaluated by means of the trustees' personal knowledge of candidates.

### **Reserves Policy**

The funds on hand carried forward at the beginning of September 2014 were £1,892. During the year, the net expense of the Trust was £23. Going forward we believe that the net balance carried forward is sufficient to cover the anticipated expenses of the Trust for the coming year. There is no real need for large balances on the Trust's accounts at present, as all expenditure relating to the transfer of title to the Trust is the responsibility of local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. On this basis, the Trust can operate confidently on relatively small reserves. The reserve is assessed as the equivalent of two month's expenditure.

### **Principal Achievements for the Year**

The principal achievement of the Trust continues to be the continuing acquisition of freehold titles on behalf of Jehovah's Witnesses. This has occurred in the following two ways:

- 1) Transfer of existing title of places of worship in the name of local trustees to the Trust. During the year, 11 properties were transferred to the Trust using a simplified procedure agreed with the Land Registry. These included properties as far apart as Stevenage and Sunderland.
- 2) The Trust continued taking title to newly purchased properties which will either be constructed or converted into places of worship. The 5 properties to which the Trust has taken title during the year are located in Horncastle, Nottingham, Stevenage, Sunderland and Wolverhampton. Funding for the purchase and subsequent construction or renovation of the properties has been obtained either from the local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses or in collaboration with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain.

It is truly gratifying to see new places of worship being constructed or renovated. All these properties, when complete, are open to the general public. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

### **Custodian Trustee**

The principal activity of the Trust is to hold title to property on behalf of congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain. The objects of these congregations are defined in their governing Constitution as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meetings for public Christian worship.'

### **Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. They believe this is amply demonstrated in this report.

**THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONT'D)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:**



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John W A Brace  
Date: March 25, 2015

**THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

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	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
	2014	2013
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>		
Investment income: Bank interest receivable	10	1
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Governance costs	33	13
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<u>33</u>	<u>13</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	(23)	(12)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2013	1,915	1,927
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 AUGUST 2014</b>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>1,915</u>

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

All funds are unrestricted.

The gain (loss) for the year for Companies Act purposes is equivalent to the figure for Net Movement in Funds.

**THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2014

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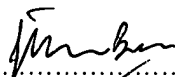
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2014	2013
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,892	1,915
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>1,892</u>	<u>1,915</u>
<b>FUNDS:</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>1,892</u>	<u>1,915</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

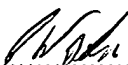
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The trustees approved the financial statements on pages 5 to 7 on March 25, 2015 and these were signed on their behalf by:



.....  
J W A Brace



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Paul Wade

# THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005)
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Companies Act 2006.

#### b) Change in basis

There has been no change to the accounting policies.

#### c) Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### d) Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### e) Liability recognition

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

#### f) Governance costs

These include costs of running the charity and costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### g) Freehold properties held in trust

The company holds, as custodian trustee, 722 (2013: 609) freehold and 18 (2013: 18) leasehold properties purchased or acquired by congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain. The company's legal and financial responsibilities relative to the properties are met by the congregations using the halls. Decisions regarding the purchase, disposal, development, maintenance and use of the halls are under the direction of the respective bodies of elders of the congregations using the halls. The congregations are individually responsible for the financing and mortgage commitments, rents, rates, taxes and all other outgoings. The properties, liabilities and running costs are not featured in the accounts.

The total value of the freehold properties held in trust, based on values provided by congregation elders, totalled £249,563,781 (2013: £223,385,681). There were no congregation mortgage and loan liabilities outstanding at 31 August 2014 (2013: £4,101,484).

#### h) Connected charities

Transactions are on an arms length and accruals basis. The Trust works closely with International Bible Students Association (Charity number: 216647) and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (Charity number: 1077961).

### 2. TRUSTEES

The trustees receive no payments or reimbursements in their capacity as trustees.