

Annual Report

1. CHARITY: ANDOVER ANTON CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR-ENDING 31ST MARCH 2013

Legal and administrative Information

3. The congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 27th May 1997 ('the constitution')
4. **Registered Charity No. 1066971**
5. The Congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being elders of the congregation duly appointed pursuant to the constitution:
Chairman: Brother Jake Ballard
Secretary: Brother Denzil Smith
Other Trustees: Brothers John Applin, David Aymes, Charles Hillier, Shaun Kelly, Jack London, Andy Paton, Lee Sappleton, Nick Toogood, Malcolm Weare, Gordon Webb
6. The registered address of the congregation is :
The Kingdom Hall, River Way, Andover, Hants SP10 1DX
7. The congregation's bank is Barclays Bank plc, Andover Branch, Winchester Group, P.O.Box 87, Winchester, Hants, SO23 8TN
8. At the end of the year there were 96 congregation members
9. The congregation is within the Hants No. 2 circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Objectives and Activities

10. The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to such purposes: It defines the objectives of the congregation as "the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible". For this purpose the congregation is organised on the basis of scriptural precedent and as otherwise recommended by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ("the society") with which the congregation is affiliated.

During the year the congregation has achieved its objectives and continued to

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pursue its purposes by holding regular weekly meetings for the public worship of God and Bible study.

Further, most congregation members have assisted by sharing regularly in preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and teaching principles of Christian living including respect for secular authority, persons and property; the maintenance of personal morality and family values; and other facets of practical Christianity.

Governance

11. The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who, as members of the charity, work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year.
All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the constitution.
The trustees and all other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary, unpaid basis.

Review of Year and Financial Developments

12. The congregation is funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others.
Further, it is confirmed that the congregation's accounts comply with the constitution and with the relevant statutory requirements.
Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of the regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by the congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held during the year.
Funds have also been donated to the society (and to other duly constituted congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at 31/3/13 confirms the cash assets of the congregation were as follows:

Funds: Cash in current accounts: £4,315.50

The Congregation continues to take advantage of the provision to claim back from the Government 25% of all donations made by tax payers to the charity. Of particular interest to the Trustees and thus the Congregation is the fact that in April of 2013 the government will extend this facility to include small donations of £20 or less that might be made anonymously through the congregation boxes. Provision has been made to take advantage of this facility.

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13. These funds are held for the purposes of financing the future activities of the congregation, including the acquisition/improvement of accommodation for the holding of meetings for worship and Bible study.

14. Property - Kingdom Hall, River Way, Andover held in trust for the congregation by locally appointed trustees/The Kingdom Hall Trust.
Nos. 1 and 2 Kingdom Hall, the title of which is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

15. In April of 2012 an appeal was launched for funds to refurbish the Kingdom Hall and resurface the car park.
To help fund this work the Trustees recalled the full sum of £6,000 that had been lodged with The Society to assist in the World-Wide work.
Work started on the refurbishment on July 18th and the Picket Piece Parish Hall was hired at a total cost of £280.00 for meetings.
Our sister congregation, Charlton was jointly involved in the project.
There were insufficient funds to undertake the work on the car park. As a result the joint Bodies of Elders decided to review the situation by October 2013.
One of the duties of the Trustees is to ensure that the Kingdom Hall is maintained to a high standard and the generosity of the members of the congregation is to be commended for enabling important remedial work to be carried out.

Finally in all respects the congregation continues to co-operate closely with the other duly constituted congregations within the circuit and with the society for the common purpose of advancing Christianity by preaching the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ.

Internal controls:

16. Proper controls and procedures are adhered to, so that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, are in balance and provide reasonable assurance that the finances are being used for their intended purpose. A competent person independently examines the accounts on a quarterly basis, using guidelines prepared by the society. The result is announced to the congregation.

Investment policy:

17. The trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit, but subject to the provisions of The constitution. They will have regard to the soundness of the

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financial institution, and invest in harmony with Christian principles. Any funds that may be needed in the short term will be invested on that basis.

Reserves policy:

18. The charity has a consistent income base through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months' working expenditure. At the year-end the free reserves were roughly equal to 30 months' working expenditure.

Risk management:

19. The trustees actively review the major risks the charity faces and believe that by maintaining free reserves at the level stated in the reserves policy, combined with the internal audit programme, the charity will have sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.
Established systems are in place to mitigate the significant risks.

20. Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 4th June 2013

And signed on its behalf by:

Chairman: _____ (Jake Ballard)

Secretary: _____ (Denzil Smith)

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