

The Blackburn Roe Lee Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No XN 90702

Registered Charity No 1067513

Annual Receipts and Payments Accounts Report: Year to March 31, 2011

BALANCE Brought Forward as at 1st April 2010 £
59,199

RECEIPTS

(Voluntary Sources)

	£	
Congregation Contributions	15,108	
Gift Aid Contributions	4,237	
Tax Refund	1,001	
Legacies	35,370	
Bank Interest	2	<u>55,718</u>
	Sub Total	114,917

PAYMENTS

(Donations)

Padiham Cong. of Jehovah's Witnesses	4,160	
Watch Tower Societies Worldwide work Fund	180	
Lancs. Circuit No 3 of Jehovah's Witnesses	1,092	
Circuit Ministers Expenses	350	
Accident Insurance Premiums	50	
Kingdom Hall Assistance Fund	270	
Sundries	10	
Donation for COs flat	500	
Planning Application	1005	<u>7,616</u>

BALANCE Carried Forward as at 31 March 2011 107,301

Signed *David Pickett*

Date *6/6/11*

Secretary for the trustees of the Blackburn Roe Lee Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES: YEAR TO MARCH 31 2011

<u>CASH ASSETS:</u>	<u>Current Year 2011</u>	<u>Previous Year 2010</u>
(Bank and cash balances)		
Bank Current Account	£ 52,691	£ 6,281
Bank Deposit Account	£ 4,289	£ 2,597
Cash Not Banked	£ nil	£ nil
TOTAL: Agrees with March 31 Balance on Annual Account	£ 56,980	£ 8,878
Loans to other congregations and Watch Tower society	£ 50,321	£ 50,321
Other - Gift Aid Due (estimated)	£ 1,186	£ 1,083
 <u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Due for immediate repayment	£	£
Loans (Repayment within one year on request)	£	£
(Future and Contingent)		
Loan re construction/renovation of place of worship (Footnote A)	£	£
 <u>OTHER ASSETS:</u>		
Long term investments (Tied up for a year or more)	£	£
Other Property (Footnote D)	£	£
(Retained for the charities own use)		
Place of worship (Footnote B)	£	£
Furniture and other contents of place of worship (Footnote C)	£	£

Footnotes:

- A Loan
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- B Registered Place of Worship
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- C Contents
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- D Other Property (Not the place of worship)
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Charity – Blackburn Roe Lee Congregation Of Jehovahs Witnesses.

Annual report for year ending 31st March 2011 .

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number – 1067513.

On the date this report was approved, the Congregation was administered by the following trustees :-

Chairman – William Oakes.

Secretary – David Pickup

Other Trustees –

Robert Smith

Joseph Powell.

Michael Kenyon.

John Taylor.

Jeremy Williams.

Lori Denton.

Steven Whittaker

Michael Gorton

The registered address of the Kingdom Hall (pending purchase of property) is : 104 Whinney Ln. Blackburn.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT :-

The Congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 28th May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the constitution.

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 other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

OBJECTIVES , ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation 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.' For this purpose the Congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; Teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; Teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; Distribution of Bibles and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area.

These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching, and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in 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.

£1001.86
Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the receipt of the tax refund of £999. Noteworthy expenses were our donations to Padiham congregation £4159, & £1092 to Lancs No 2 & 3 circuits (Northenden upkeep) and other donations totalling £1359 to the Society.

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 on reserves 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 20 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There is a separate Kingdom Hall building fund, the balance of which at 31st March 2011 was £47884.05.

Approved by the Trustees of the Charity on June 2011 and signed on its behalf by :-

signed

CHAIRMAN


6/6/11

SECRETARY

 6/6/11

Independent Examination of Charity Accounts

Examination by:
Clive Walker
1 Peel Close
Blackburn
BB2 3NG

For the attention of:
The Trustees
Roe-Lee Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
C/o David Pickup (secretary)
7 Delph Close
Blackburn
BB1 2BL

11th December 2011

As requested by the trustees of Roe-Lee congregation, I have made an independent examination of the accounts for the period of April 2010 to March 2011.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. I have reviewed the accounting records kept by the above congregation along with the accompanying relevant records. This review does not provide the same level of evidence that would be required in an audit; therefore, I offer no opinion as to whether the accounts provide a "true and fair view".

Report:

All payments were authorised in the proper manner.

Receipts were recorded properly and monies banked.

Congregation members were properly informed regarding all necessary significant movements of congregation funds and other matters.

The records relating to the bank accounts appear to be in order and reconciled.

Items of note:

All records were well kept.

Recommendations:

Nothing of note to comment on.

Conclusion:

The accounts have been looked after in a conscientious manner.

Kind regards,

Clive Walker