

The Bognor Regis Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN54347 Registered Charity No. 1066464

Annual Receipts and Payments Accounts Report: Year to 31st March 2015

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
RECEIPTS		
Voluntary Sources		
Congregation Contributions	£ 900.00	£ 2,282.77
Donations from:	£ -	£ -
Tax Claim (from Gift Aid)	£ 1,243.79	£ 1,199.41
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 7,120.98	£ 4,959.79
Legacies	£ 20,000.00	£ 12,000.00
	<u>£ 29,264.77</u>	<u>£ 20,441.97</u>
Income from Assets		
Interest from Investments	£ -	
Rents from Property	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Loans Received (repaid)	£ -	£ -
Convention Travel	£ 6,337.80	£ 2,232.00
other: Sale of Assets etc	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 6,337.80</u>	<u>£ 2,232.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>£ 35,602.57</u></u>	<u><u>£ 22,673.97</u></u>
PAYMENTS		
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 3,750.00	£ 2,300.00
Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	£ 1,580.00	£ 1,330.00
	<u>£ 5,330.00</u>	<u>£ 3,630.00</u>
Other Expenditure		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 2,930.36	£ 2,995.40
Visiting Minister Expenses	£ 120.00	£ 520.00
	<u>£ 3,050.36</u>	<u>£ 3,515.40</u>
Payments for investment and other assets		
Assets retained for investment purposes	£ -	£ -
Assets/Equipment etc purchase for Charity property	£ 10,497.97	£ -
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connections with place of worship	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 10,497.97</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Miscellaneous payments		
Loan repayment (to the Society re KH building etc)	£ -	£ -
other: Convention travel	£ 7,400.00	£ 2,305.00
	<u>£ 7,400.00</u>	<u>£ 2,305.00</u>
Total Payments	<u><u>£ 26,278.33</u></u>	<u><u>£ 9,450.40</u></u>
Net receipt (payment) for the year	<u>£ 9,324.24</u>	<u>£ 13,223.57</u>
Bank Account/s and cash balances at 1st April 2014 (2013)	<u>£ 20,026.07</u>	<u>£ 6,810.20</u>
Bank Account/s and cash balances at 31st March 2015 (2014)	<u>£ 29,350.31</u>	<u>£ 20,026.07</u>

Signed: W. Roberts Date: 28th May 2015

Secretary for the Trustees of the Bognor Regis Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Bognor Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Kingdom Hall, 31 Flansham Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex-Registered Charity Number 1066464.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2015, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
2. follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
3. state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.



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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Maurice John Denyer FAIA

(Fellow of the Association of International Accountants)

28 August 2015

Annual Report for Bognor Regis Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

CHARITY: BOGNOR REGIS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2015

Reference and Administrative Information

Registered Charity No. 1066464

The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 31 Flansham Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

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

Chairman: Nick Pye Secretary: Bill Roberts

Other Trustees: James Addy, Keith Beeke, David Daines, Colin Damon, Ken Damon, Chris Denyer, Michael Gregory, Richard Howells, Tom Milward, Ian Morris, Mike Rusby and Ross Ward

The Kingdom Hall, 31 Flansham Lane, Bognor Regis, is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure Governance and Management

The Congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 30 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 the 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 a voluntary unpaid basis.

Objects, 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 of 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 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. 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year were:

In addition to regular contributions, £20,000 was received as part of a legacy to the congregation. The Congregation made donations that included: £3,750 to the Society, £120 towards travelling overseers' and visiting speakers' expenses, £1,580 to Sussex No. 1a Circuit towards Circuit Assembly and Pioneer School expenses, £10,497.97 was paid out for Kingdom Hall renovation works and capital expenditure, and £2,930.36 for Kingdom Hall maintenance and upkeep.

The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective Gift Aid arrangements. 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 £29,350.31 in the Current Account.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use, however it has recently been resolved that £20,000 should be donated towards the financing of the construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls world-wide. Any requirements in the future for major renovation or construction work at the local Kingdom Hall would be financed by the Society's construction fund.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28th May 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: N. A Pye
Chairman

W. Roberts
Secretary