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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bridgwater Quantock  
Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (Charity Number: 1065398)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2018.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You have considered that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and confirm that the examination has been conducted in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.


An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Sarah L Howarth

Relevant professional qualifications:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)

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Date: 5 September 2018

**Bridgwater Quantock Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Annual Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended March 31, 2018.**

Registered Charity Number: 1065398. HMRC Tax Reference: XN39942.

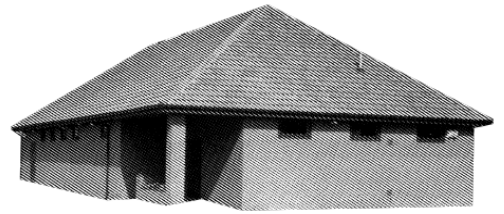
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Voluntary sources:		
Donations for local congregation expenses	21,247	22,404
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	4,777	4,402
Other receipts		
Chairs sale		204
Branch relocation	312	100
Coach fares	320	1,324
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>26,657</b>	<b>28,434</b>
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<b>Payments</b>		
Costs of charitable activities:		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	15,700	15,900
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA	6,000	5,700
Donations to Watch Tower for Branch relocation	312	100
Donations to Circuit funds	786	720
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	3,120	3,100
Hire of coach for convention	956	1,125
Circuit overseer expenses and visiting speakers	693	314
Global Assist Arrangement	399	366
Hospital Liaison Committee	240	240
Chairs sale cash to Sedgemoor congregation		204
LDC expenses		182
Pioneer school costs	100	150
Printing for leaflets and trolley posters	309	460
Convention travel donation for oversees servants	195	
K Hall Cleaning materials	24	
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>28,834</b>	<b>28,561</b>
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Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	(-2177)	(-127)
Total cash assets brought forward	7712	7839
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Total cash assets carried forward	5535	7712
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	2018	2017
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Barclays bank account	5535	7712
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<b>Assets Retained for Charities Own Use</b>		
The Kingdom Hall Building and fittings	£350,000.00	£350,000.00
The Kingdom Hall Land	£150,000.00	£150,000.00

Signed ANTHONY TURNER

Date: 25 JUNE 2018

Secretary for the Trustees of the Bridgwater Quantock Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

# BRIDGWATER QUANTOCK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES



Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Quantock Terrace, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4BA

## **Annual Report Year Ending 31/03/2018**

### **BRIDGWATER QUANTOCK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAHS WITNESSES**

#### **Legal and Administrative information**

Our Registered Charity Number is 1065398

The congregation is administered by the following trustees:

Chairman: Stefan Brooks. Secretary: Anthony Turner. Other trustees: Paul Dossor, Anthony Kite, Simon Cronshey, Barry Turner, Andrew Perry, Anthony Bennett.

The registered address of the congregation is: The Kingdom Hall, The Drove, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4BA.

The Kingdom Hall is held in trust for the congregation by the locally appointed trustees.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution and is affiliated with The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected 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.

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.

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 and Performance**

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by any bank interest accrued and Gift Aid repayments. 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 assemblies and conventions held in the year. Congregation accounts are regularly audited, strictly following the Society's procedure. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

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 sufficient to cover ongoing expenses. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of the charity on 25 June 2018 by:

Signed STEFAN BROOKS

Stefan Brooks Chairman

ANTHONY TURNER

Anthony Turner Secretary

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STEFAN BROOKS  
Co-Ordinator

ANTHONY TURNER  
Secretary

BARRY TURNER  
Service Overseer