

ANNUAL REPORT

1. CHARITY: BURGESS HILL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011

Reference and Administrative Details

3. The Registered Charity Commission (No. 1066278)
4. The Registered address of the congregation is Kingdom Hall, Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex.
5. The congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being elders of the congregation duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution:

Brother Geoffrey Hinde (Chairman)
Brother Christopher Vowles (Secretary)
Brother Gerald Tobias
Brother Keith Fagan
Brother Graham Martin
Brother George DeNobriga
Brother Daniel Tuffin
Brother Alasdair Birch

6. Property: The Kingdom Hall in Victoria Road, Burgess Hill is held in trust for the congregation by the locally appointed trustees.

The Congregation's Bank is Barclays Bank Plc of Church Road, Burgess Hill (being part of Lewes group of branches)

At the end of the year there were 85 congregation members.

The congregation is within the Sussex No. 1 circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses.

7. Structure, Governance and Management.

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by memorandum of constitution, dated 16th May 1997 ("the constitution"). The congregation is affiliated with Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected by existing trustees who as members of the charity, work closely together and meeting are called whenever required, but at least three times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meeting 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.

8. 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 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 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 relationships, 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.

9. Achievement, 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 the 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.

10. The Annual Asset and Liabilities Statement at 31st March 2011 confirms the cash assets of the congregation were as follows:

- Funds: Cash in Current Account = £1539.90
- Cash in No. 2 Account shared with Haywards Heath Congregation = £3362.99
- Cash in No. 3 Account, Building Fund = £71.21
- Cash in No. 4 Account, Kingdom Hall Project = £2888.70

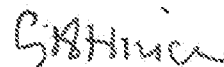
Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation during the year was donation totalling £500.00 to the Brighton District Convention fund, £1425.00 to the Hayes Bridge Circuit fund and expenses of £120'585.86 to refurbish the kingdom hall.

11. 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 4 months working expenditure.
12. 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.

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.

13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9th June 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:



Chairman



Secretary

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Burgess Hill Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 April 2011, which are set out on page 5.

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to 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 statement below.

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:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have 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.



Name: Paul Turk

Address: 'Wilma', Brighton Road, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 9LY

Date: 29th January 2012

The BURGESS HILL Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN/58621 Registered Charity No. 1066278

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

RECEIPTS

Voluntary Sources

		Previous Year
Congregation Contributions	£ <u>109269.90</u>	£ <u>4440.01</u>
Donations from _____	£ _____	£ <u>592.00</u>
Tax Claim	£ _____	£ _____
Congregation Gift Aid	£ <u>2588.00</u>	£ <u>2862.00</u>
Legacies	£ _____	£ _____

£ 111857.90 £ 7829.01

Income from Assets

Interest from Investments	£ <u>0.00</u>	£ _____
Rents from Property	£ _____	£ _____

£ 0.00 £ _____

Misc. Receipts

Proceeds sale of assets	£ <u>992.24</u>	£ _____
Loans received	£ _____	£ _____
other (_____)	£ <u>802.00</u>	£ <u>210.00</u>

£ 1794.24 £ _____

Total Receipts

£ 113652.74 £ 16029.38

PAYMENTS

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ _____	£ <u>1600.00</u>
Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	£ <u>2744.00</u>	£ <u>1429.00</u>

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Other Expenditure

Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ <u>2941.52</u>	£ <u>3282.39</u>
Circuit Minister Expenses	£ <u>165.00</u>	£ <u>80.00</u>

£ 3106.52 £ _____

Payments for investment and other assets

Assets retained for investment purposes	£ _____	£ _____
Equipment purchase for Charity property	£ <u>267.49</u>	£ _____
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connections with place of worship	£ <u>121745.35</u>	£ _____

£ 122212.84 £ _____

Misc. payments

Loan repayment to the Society re KH building	£ _____	£ _____
other (_____)	£ <u>1800.84</u>	£ <u>316.00</u>

£ 1800.84 £ _____

Total Payments

£ 129912.70 £ 3129.39

Net receipt (payment) for the year

£ -16261.16 £ _____

Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2010

£ 24244.03 £ _____

Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2011

£ 7982.87 £ _____

Signed C. Vanslo Date 26/1/12

Secretary for the Trustees of the Burgess Hill Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

-COMBINED WITH OPERATING COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.