

Calne Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2013

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 1065344

The Registered Address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Ernle Road, Calne, Wilts, SN11 9BT

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

Chairman: David Leach Secretary: Lee Masson

Other Trustees: Michael Ives, Cyril Wilson, Gareth White, Robert Dobie, Ron McKinder,
Malcolm Stuart and Will Papps

The Kingdom Hall in Ernle Road, Calne, 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 May 27th 1997 ('the Constitution')

The Congregation is affiliated with the Watchtower Bible and Tract 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 normal 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 and 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 toward 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 was a receipt of £2009.10 from HRMC Charity for Gift Aid. Noteworthy expenses were the purchase of new chairs for £624.00 and CCTV installation which was £1236.00 plus donations to Cardiff Convention totalling £800.00

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 5 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are funds which are on loan to the Society, the balance of which on 31st March 2013 was £3800

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 6th June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Chairman

Secretary

The Calne Congregation Of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN58764 Registered Charity No. 1065263

Annual Receipts and Payments Accounts Report: Year to March 31 2013

RECEIPTS

		Previous Year
Voluntary Sources		
Congregation Contributions	£ 9,966.79	£ 16,429.71
Donations from _____	£ -	
Tax Claim	£ 2,009.10	£ 4,712.63
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 7,945.00	£ 8,015.00
Legacies	£ -	
	£ 19,920.89	£ 29,157.34
Income from Assets		
Interest from investments	£ -	£ -
Rents from property	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -
Misc Receipts		
Proceed sale of assets	£ -	£ -
Loans received	£ -	£ -
Other - Transfer loan from Society	£ 10,200.00	£ -
	£ 10,200.00	£ -
	£ 30,120.89	£ 29,157.34

PAYMENTS

Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 612.00	£ 60.00
Donation to Circuit/Dis/Cong	£ 800.00	£ 55.00
	£ 1,412.00	£ 115.00
Other Exp		
Kingdom Hall Operation & Maintenance	£ 5,319.97	£ 5,496.94
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	£ 380.00	£ 240.00
	£ 5,699.97	£ 5,736.94
Payments For Investments		
Assets..	£ -	£ -
Equip..	£ -	£ -
Land Buildings...	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -
Misc Payments		
Loan repayment to the Society - re KH building	£ 20,400.00	£ 20,400.00
Other - _____	£ -	£ 14,000.00
	£ 20,400.00	£ 34,400.00
	£ 27,511.97	£ 40,251.94

Net receipt (payment) for the year	£ 2,608.92	-£ 11,094.60
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2012	£ 4,885.62	£ 15,980.22
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2013	£ 7,494.54	£ 4,885.62

Signed _____ Date _____

Secretary for the Trustees of the Calne Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CALNE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

This report on the accounts of the Calne congregation of Jehovah's witnesses for the year ended 31 March 2013.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners 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 Examiners 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed 

Date 29th January 2014

Mr Phil Davey
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