

**Carmarthen English Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**

**Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered Charity No. 1065304

The registered address of the congregation is:

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3LZ

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

Chairman: Paul Harriss

Secretary: Tim Churchill

Other trustees: Leonard Rook, Francis Haslam, Frank Stahl, Douglas Priestley, Robert Tucker, Russell Jones.

The Kingdom Hall in Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes. Noteworthy expenses are donations to the Society of £600 for the worldwide work and £1,800 for the worldwide Kingdom Hall construction work. A Payment of £898 was made to cover a deficit in the convention coach costs.

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 6 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use, or set aside for a particular purpose.

Approved by the trustees of the charity 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Secretary

**The Combined KHOC & Carmarthen English Congregation of  
Jehovah's Witnesses**

**Annual Receipts and Payments Account**

**For the Year Ended March 31, 2017**

Registered Charity Number: 1065304

HMRC Tax Reference: XN56242

**Unrestricted**

**Funds**

2017

£

**Receipts**

Voluntary sources

Donations for Local Congregation Expenses 418

Gift Aided Contributions 25,070

Gift Aid Small Donations 3,174

Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC 2,389

Bus Fund 657

Carmarthen Welsh Contributions to Operation & Maintenance 1,900

Investment income

Interest -

Other receipts -

33,608

Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments

**Total Receipts**

33,608

**Payments**

Costs of charitable activities

Donations to Watchtower for Worldwide Work 600

Donations to Watchtower for GAA 234

Donations to Watchtower Kingdom Hall Construction 1,800

Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance 3,179

Hire of coach for Convention & Assembly days 1,555

Circuit overseer & Visiting Speaker expenses 378

Donations to Circuit/Circuit Home Fund 1,000

Misc - Printing etc. 77

8,823

**Total Payments**

8,823

Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year 24,785

Total cash assets brought forward Carmarthen English 7,742

Total cash assets brought forward KHOC 1,947

Total cash assets carried forward 34,474

Signed .....

Date:.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the Combined KHOC & Carmarthen English  
Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**The Combined KHOC & Carmarthen English Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As at March 31, 2017**

Registered Charity Number: 1065304  
HMRC Tax Reference: XN56242

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2017 £</b>
<b>Cash Assets</b>	
Barclays bank account - Carmarthen English	5,155
Barclays bank account - KHOC	2,817
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower	<u>26,500</u>
<b>Total Cash Assets</b> (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u><u>34,472</u></u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	
Gift Aid claim not yet received	<u><u>7,061</u></u>
<b>Investment Assets</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>	
Kingdom Hall*	227,682
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Electricity bill to be paid	
Loan (repayable to Watch Tower)	<u><u></u></u>

*\* Includes property value at 1999 historic cost and contents to include seating, sound equipment and furnishings at estimated cost price. 3% Annual increase.*

Signed .....

Date:.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the Combined KHOC & Carmarthen English  
Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Carmarthen Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

On accounts for the year  
ended

March 31<sup>st</sup>. 2017

Charity no  
(if any)

1065304

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

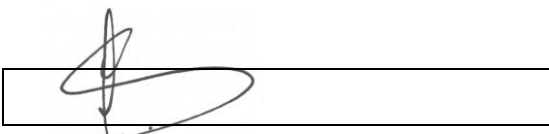
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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:  Date: December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Name: Marc Thomas

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICB

Address: Penlan, Devil's Bride  
Aberystwyth, Ceredigion  
SY23 4RG

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None