

## ANNUAL REPORT 2012



Chester Saltney  
Congregation  
Of Jehovah's  
Witnesses

### AGM – Chester Saltney Congregation on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012

1. **CHESTER SALTNEY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**
2. **ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012**

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

3. Registered Charity No. 1065950
4. The registered address of the Congregation is:-  
*Kingdom Hall, Boundary Lane, Saltney, Flintshire.*
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:  

<b>Chairman</b>	<i>Paulo Martins De Sa</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Robert David Ian Garnett</i>
<b>Other Trustees</b>	<i>Michael Clay, Edmund Richard Debski, Peter Stuart Colhoun.</i>
6. The Kingdom Hall in Boundary Lane, Saltney, Chester is held in trust for the congregation by *The Kingdom Hall Trust.*

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

7. The Congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

8. 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.

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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**

9. 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 (and to other duly constituted congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes..
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the expenditure of £99,765.49 for the refurbishment Project for the Saltney Kingdom Hall. Other noteworthy expenses were donations totaling £840 to the Society, donations of £1213.80 for Circuit and Special Assembly day costs, the contribution of £285.00 for Visiting Minister expenses, the payment of £829.98 for Coach transport to the 2011 District Convention and the expenditure of £2035.46 for Kingdom Hall Utilities and Operation.
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 £2957.13 in grand total, roughly equal to 3 months working expenditure.
12. 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.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman



Secretary

# THE CHESTER SALTNEY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN 75901

Registered Charity No. 1065950

Previous  
Year

## ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT : YEAR TO MARCH 31 2012

### RECEIPTS

(Voluntary Sources)

Congregation Contributions	£ 2,132.88		
Tax Repayments from IR	£ -		
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 23,995.00		
Convention Coach	£ 180.00		
Sub-total		£ 26,307.88	£ 7,202.45

(Income from Assets)

Interest from Investments	£ 41.32		
Rents from Property	£ -		
Sub-total		£ 41.32	£ 16.26

(Misc Receipts)

Donation toward Saltney Kingdom Hall Refurbishment Project	£ 7,250.37		
Loans to Congregation for the Refurbishment Project	£ 5,200.00		
Other			
Sub-total		£ 12,450.37	£ -

**Total Receipts:**

**£ 38,799.57 £ 7,218.71**

### PAYMENTS

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)

Donation to Watch Tower Society of Britain	£ 840.00		
Other Donations (Circuit and Special Assembly Day Costs)	£ 1,213.80		
(MTS school in Manchester 2009)	£ -		
(Non-Assembly Circuit Running Costs)	£ 280.00		
(Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement)	£ -		

(Other Expenditure)

Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 2,035.46		
Circuit Overseer and Visiting Speaker Expenses	£ 285.00		

(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)

Long term investments (tied up for a year)	£ -		
Purchase of Land/Buildings in Connection with Place of Worship	£ -		

(Misc Payments)

Refurbishment costs	£ 99,765.49		
District Convention Coach	£ 829.98		
Insurance (Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement)	£ -		

**Total Payments:**

**£ 105,249.73 £ 5,858.05**

Net Receipts (Expense) for the year	-£ 66,450.16		
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2011	£ 69,407.29		
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2012	£ 2,957.13		

### **Statement of Loans**

Loans due within the next 12 months	£ 5,200.00		
Loans due in more than 12 months	£ -		
Total Loans Outstanding at March 31, 2012		£ 5,200.00	

Signed

 Date

*4th June 2012*

Secretary for the Trustees of the Chester Saltney Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses