

ANNUAL REPORT

1. CHICHESTER NORTH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2012

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. **1065518**
4. Registered address of the congregation: **Kingdom Hall, 180 Oving Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 6AG**
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following Trustees:
Chairman: Len Gough **Secretary:** William Kershaw
Other Trustees: Hugh Howell, John Davey, David Bannister, Martin Bashford,
Damian Hunting, Geoffry Ibbott, Michael Gregory

Structure, Governance and Management

6. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated **16th 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.

Objects, Activities and Public Benefit

7. 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.

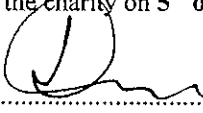
These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, 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

8. 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. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
9. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation were expenses of **£154** in connection with the 2012 annual memorial of Christ's death and donations totalling **£744** made to the society. Significant funds have also been accumulated towards the Kingdom hall rebuild project (see point 11 below).
10. 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 three months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to **42** months working expenditure.
11. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There is a separate Kingdom Hall building fund, the balance of which at **31 March 2012** was **£44,000**. The build is expected to commence in the latter half of 2013.
12. Approved by the Trustees of the charity on **5th of June 2012** and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:


Chairman


Secretary

THE CHICHESTER NORTH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHICHESTER NORTH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, of The Chichester North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) 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
- (iii) 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated: 23/1/13

The Chichester North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference Number: XR27684-0-131 Registered Charity No.: 1065518

Annual Receipts and Payments Account: Year to 31st March 2012

RECEIPTS:

		Previous Year
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions	£ 13,275.65	£ 8,179.90
Tax Repayment	£ 2,475.81	£
Congregation Deeds of Covenant	£ 2,110.00	£ 1,260.00
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 7,737.00	£ 2,639.50
Legacies	£	£
Sub-total:	£ 25,598.46	£ 12,079.10
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments	£	£
Rents from property	£	£
Sub-total:	£ 0	£
(Misc. Receipts)		
Proceeds from sale of assets	£	£
Loans received	£	£
Other (Dist Conv. Coach)	£ 80.00	£
Sub-total:	£ 80	£
Total Receipts:	£ 25,678.46	£ 12,079.40

PAYMENTS:

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 506.40	£ 738.65
Other Donations (EG Pioneer Ministers School, Circuit Funds)	£	£
Sub-total:	£ 506.40	£ 738.65
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 1,740.00	£ 1,740.00
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	£ 280.00	£ 433.00
Sub-total:	£ 2,020.00	£ 2,173.00
(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)		
Long term investments (tied up for a year)	£	£
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	£	£
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connection with Place of Worship	£	£
(Misc Payments)		
Loan repayment to the Society re Kingdom Hall Building	£	£
Other (Memorial venue hire, Dist Assy costs, public liability insurance)	£ 613.00	£ 1,050.11
Sub-total:	£ 613.00	£ 1,110.01
Total Payments:	£ 3,139.40	£ 4,021.66

Net receipts (expenses) for the year	£ 22539.06	£ 8,057.74
Bank cash balances at April 1st, 2011	£ 32255.27	£ 24,197.53
Bank and cash balances at March 31st, 2012	£ 54794.33	£ 32,255.27

Signed



Date 23/1/2013

Secretary for the trustees of the Chichester North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses