

**CONSETT CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
ANNUAL CONGREGATION ACCOUNTS REPORT 2011-2012**

Balance Brought forward		£76,242.61
 Revenue		
Non Gift Aid Contributions	£	2,605.49
Gift Aid Donations	£	4,566.00
Tax Recovery fro Gift Aid	£	1,058.95
Total Receipts		£ 8,230.44
 Expenditure		
Kingdom Hall Maintenance	£	1,825.15
Hall Rental	£	3,178.36
Equipment	£	401.06
Circuit Visit Expenses	£	123.00
Hall Building Insurance	£	292.93
Convention Transport	£	520.00
Donations	£	439.00
Total Expenditure		£ 6,779.50
 Net Revenue		 £ 1,450.94
 Closing Balance		 £ 77,693.55
 Cash Deposited with Society		 £ 70,000.00
Cash in Bank Account		£ 7,693.55
 Total		 £ 77,693.55

ANNUAL REPORT

1. Charity: **Consett Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**
2. Annual report for the year ending 31st March 2012
3. Registered Charity Number 1066036
4. Registered Address: Kingdom Hall, Newmarket Street, Consett, County Durham. DH8 5LQ
5. Chairman: Johnny Gilhespy
Secretary Stephen Horn
Others: Glynne Jones, Colin Kent, Robin Lockwood, Peter Hunter, Derek Cowey, Brian Julian

Structure , Governance and Management

6. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by the Memorandum of Constitution dated 16th May 1997 (The Constitution) . The congregation is affiliated with The Watchtower 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 yer. 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

7. The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation to religious purposes. It defines the objectives 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 religious worship.; Teaching of the bible and teh 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 teachings 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 Charities 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. Donations have been made to the congregation toward the cost of circuit assemblies and district conventions held within the year. Funds have been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their religious purposes.
9. 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 120 months working expenditure.
10. These funds are held to finance future activities of the congregation. There are no funds subject to restrictions on their use.
11. Approved by Trustees on :-

Signed: _____

Chairman

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Secretary