

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORBY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2012

Reference and Administrative details

- 1) Registered Charity No.; 1065501/0
- 2) The registered address of the congregation is: Kingdom Hall, Cottingham Road, Corby NN17 1TT
- 3) On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees: Peter de BEER (Chairman); Bryan de BEER (Secretary); Kenneth CHEW; William WALKIDEN; Reginald MANN; William LYONS; Keith SLANEY; Rick FEENEY; Simon MANN; Alasdair FRASER; John HEYWOOD; Pawel GOZDZIUCK.
- 4) The Kingdom Hall on Cottingham Road, Corby is held in trust for the congregation by the Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

- 5) The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29 May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with the Watch Tower 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

- 6) 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's 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.

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These meetings are provided and the 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

- 7) The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by interest on investments. 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.
- 8) Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation during the year was the resolution to place all excess funds on deposit with the Society at nil interest.
- 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 confidently plan 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

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10) Abbreviated Accounts Report for period 01 Apr 2011 to 31 March 2012

Voluntary Contributions:	22,913
Gift Aid Reimbursement:	6,042
Interest received:	936
TOTAL RECEIPTS	29,891
Donations	
Worldwide Work	1.200
Pioneer School	50
Expenses	
Hall Maintenance,	4,480
Operations & Utilities	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	5,730
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	24,161
ACCOUNT BALANCES:	
Congregation Current Account:	1,432
Kingdom Hall Building Fund:	71,170
TOTAL AS AT END OF MARCH 2012	72,602

11) Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 May 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

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Chairman: Peter de BEER

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Secretary: Bryan de BEER