

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORBY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

- 3) Registered Charity No.: 1065501/0
- 4) The registered address of the congregation is:
Kingdom Hall, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 1TT
- 5) On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:
Chairman: Peter de BEER Secretary: Reginald MANN
Other Trustees: Bryan de BEER (out-going Secretary); William LYONS; Gavin CORBOULD;
Rick FEENEY; Simon MANN; John HEYWOOD
William WALKIDEN, Keith SLANEY, Pawel GOZDZUIK and Robert MILLS resigned on 16/08/2013 at
time of formation of new congregation.
- 6) The Kingdom Hall on Cottingham Road, Corby is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

- 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.

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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

- 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
- 10) The congregation has enjoyed a continued growth in members which resulted in over-crowding at the weekly meeting. A new congregation was formed by dividing the members equally between the two congregations. The existing congregation (previously known as Corby Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses) changed its name to Corby, Oakley Vale Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the division of existing funds equally between the two congregations. £49,595.99 was transferred to the new congregation. A Kingdom Hall Operating Committee was formed to care for the general upkeep of the Kingdom Hall and an initial amount of £300 was transferred to this committee.
- 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 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. At the year-end the free reserves were roughly equal to 9 months working expenditure.
- 12) These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Funds are being held for a specific purpose of building at new Kingdom Hall. These funds are held in a nil interest bearing deposit with the London Branch Office, the balance of which at 31 March 2014 was £48,000.00

Preparatory work on planning and design of a new building has begun and the new build is expected to commence in the latter half of 2014.

13) Approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 May 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman: Peter de BEER

Secretary: Reginald MANN

**ACCOUNTS REPORT OF CORBY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2013 TO 31 MARCH 2014**

RECEIPTS		30,817
Voluntary Contributions	11,426	
Voluntary Contributions(subject to Gift-Aid)	17,863	
Gift-Aid claim (for year ending 31 March 2013)	1,528	
PAYMENTS		16,765
Direct Charitable Expenditure	2,605	
Donation to IBSA/Watchtower Society	850	
Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations	1,755	
Other Expenditure	14,160	
Hall Maintenance and Operation	8,391	
Circuit Minister & Visiting speakers expenses	608	
Kingdom Hall building project expenses	4,670	
Assembly Coach Hire	491	
NET RECEIPT(PAYMENT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>14,052</u>
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES	01-Apr-13	31-Mar-14
Lloyds - Current Account	1,516	10,972
Deposit with London Branch Office	93,000	48,000
Transferred to Rockingham Congregation	0	49,596
	<u>94,516</u>	<u>108,568</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN BANK BALANCES		<u>14,052</u>