

**The Crowborough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at March 31, 2015**

Registered Charity Number: 1065495  
 HMRC Tax Reference: XN63393

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	2015	2014
	£	£
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Barclays bank account	23,997	23,997
Cash in hand		
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower		
<b>Total Cash Assets</b> (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u>23,997</u>	<u>23,997</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>		
Gift Aid claim not yet received	<u>7,897</u>	<u>7,897</u>
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>		
Kingdom Hall		
Land for new build		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Electricity bill to be paid		
Loan (repayable to Watch Tower)		

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Date: June 6 2015

Secretary for the Trustees of the Crowborough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**The Crowborough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Annual Receipts and Payments Account  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2015**

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	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	2015	2015
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	55,409	55,409
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	7,897	7,897
Investment income		
Interest		
Other receipts		
	<u>63,306</u>	<u>63,306</u>
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan received from Watch Tower		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><u>63,306</u></u>	<u><u>63,306</u></u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	64,000	64,000
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA	3,100	3,100
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA	350	350
Other Donations		
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	7,254	7,254
Circuit overseer expenses	820	820
	<u>75,524</u>	<u>75,524</u>
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Land purchased		-
Loan repayments to Watch Tower		-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u><u>75,524</u></u>	<u><u>75,524</u></u>
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	- 12,218	- 12,218
Total cash assets brought forward	<u>36,215</u>	<u>36,215</u>
Total cash assets carried forward	<u><u>23,997</u></u>	<u><u>23,997</u></u>

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# Annual Report

1. CROWBOROUGH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2015

## Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1065495
4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Windsor Road, Crowborough, TN6 2JB
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:  
Chairman: Rollo Burgess; Secretary: Matthew Bignell  
Other trustees: John Bignell, Anthony Jardine, Steven King, Shaun Morphew, Ian Partridge, David Rowlinson, Edward Turner, Peter Turner.
6. The Kingdom Hall in Windsor Road, Crowborough, TN6 23B, 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 29th May 1997 ('the Constitutions') - 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. 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. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation were the bequest received of £50,000 and donations totaling £67,450 to the Watch Tower Society.
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 on hand were more than adequate to cover many 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 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Rollo Burgess  
Chairman

Matthew Bignell  
Secretary