

Annual Report

1. CHARITY: DEESIDE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1066800
4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Tuscan Way, Connah's Quay, Flintshire CH5 4SA
5. On the date this report was approved the congregation was administered by the following Trustees:

Chairman: Norman Nelson
Secretary: Simon Barlow
Other Trustees: Kevin Caplin, Kevin Cartwright, Joe Martin, Tom Martin, Jonathan Tweedale, and Russell Tweedale.

The Kingdom Hall in Tuscan Way, Connah's Quay, is held in trust for the Congregation by the Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

6. The Congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29 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.

Objectives, 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 (and income from property). 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 (and to other duly constituted congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
9. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was the following: -
- a) The donation of £1,200.00 approved by congregation resolutions to the International Bible Students Association for the World Wide Work.
 - b) The donation of £336.00 approved by congregation resolution to the Society for the Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement.
 - c) The donation of £336.00 approved by congregation resolution to the Society for the Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement.
 - d) The donation of £840.00 approved by congregation resolutions to Gwynedd No. 1 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses – Section A
 - e) The receipt of a legacy in the sum of £44,000.00 from the estate of Ken Hewitt (deceased).
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 roughly equal to 98 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. This report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on 28th May 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:



Chairmah



Secretary

Deeside Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN / 51182

Registered Charity No. 1066800

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2010

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Previous year</u>
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions	£ 3,479.11	£ 4,992.32
Tax Repayment	£ 771.13	£ 685.67
Congregation Deeds of Covenant	£	£
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 3,275.00	£ 2,819.00
Legacies	£ 44,000.00	£
Sub-total	£ 51,525.24	£ 8,496.99
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Rents from Property	£	£
Sub-total	£ 0.00	£
(Miscellaneous Receipts)		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	£	£
Loans Received	£	£
Coach money, Convention Hotels	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,383.00
Other	£ 484.40	£ 85.00
Sub-total	£ 1,884.40	£ 1,468.00
Total Receipts:	£ 53,409.64	£ 9,964.99

PAYMENTS

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 1,547.00	£ 1,762.00
Other Donations (e.g. Pioneer Ministers School Circuit Funds)	£ 840.00	£ 1,040.00
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 5,576.61	£ 6,550.34
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	£ 371.83	£ 282.00
(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)		
Loan to Watch Tower Society	£	£
Long Term Investments (tied up for a year)	£	£
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	£ 322.55	£
Purchase of Land/Buildings in Connection with Place of Worship	£	£
(Miscellaneous Payments)		
Loan repayment to the Society re: Kingdom Hall Building	£	£
Coach hire, Convention Hotels	£ 1,160.00	£ 1,065.00
Other (local loan payments, etc)	£ 869.40	£ 484.00
Total Payments:	£ 10,687.39	£ 11,183.34

SUMMARY

Net receipts (-expenses) for the year	£ 42,722.25	£ 4,210.86
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2009	£ 6,453.89	£ 7,672.24
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2010	£ 49,176.14	£ 6,453.89

Signed SA Barlow Date 21/4/2010

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

EXCLUDE FROM ACCOUNTS RETURN

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DEESIDE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

REGISTERED UNDER THE CHARITY NUMBER 1066800

REPORT ON ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 31st MARCH 2010

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. In accordance with the Charity Commissioners' directions under s43(7)(b) of the Charities Act 1993 it is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my examination of those statements, and to report that opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

I conducted an examination in accordance with standards set out by the Charity Commission.

I planned and performed an examination so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity.

In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at the 31st March 2010 and of its surplus for the year ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

R T Roberts

For and on behalf of :- The Prestatyn Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

18/10/2010