

Eastbourne - Hampden Park

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS:

Registered Charity No 1065807

The Registered Address of the Congregation is: 118a Brodrick Road Eastbourne

On The Date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

CHAIRMAN: Brother Max Partridge
SECRETARY: Brother Ian Mutter
Brother Andrew Gibson
Brother Glenn Groom
Brother Roy Hughes
Brother Leslie Jenkins
Brother Szczephan Krosny
Brother Timothy Lester
Brother Josiah Muswai
Brother Paul Partridge
Brother Stephen Summerfield

The Kingdom Hall in Brodrick Road, Eastbourne is held in trust by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT:

The Congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 27th May 1997. ('The Constitution')

The Congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible & 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 by 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:

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 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 teaching 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.

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by the 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 toward 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 purposes.


Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was:

Donations made to associated registered charities totalling:	£ 1965
Donations to the circuit and circuit accommodation totalling:	£ 2450
Kingdom Hall Operations and Maintenance:	£ 4896
Circuit Overseers/ Visiting speakers' expenses:	£ 190
Coach Travel to conventions & assemblies:	£ 1510
Car Park improvement project:	£59050
Purchasing Land to enable car park widening:	£9044

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 were roughly equal to 12 months working expenditure. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

This report was approved by the trustees of the charity on June 6th 2010. and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:  Max Partridge : Chairman

Signed:  Ian Mutter: Secretary

Eastbourne Hampden Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

I.R. Tax Ref : XN61390

Reg Charity No. : 1065807

Annual Receipts and Payments Account : Year to March 31st 2010

Balance April 1st 2009 (Opening Balance)

£ 15,231.28

Receipts

Previous year

Voluntary Sources

Congregation Contributions

£ 3,680.57

Tax Repayment

£ 1,639.09

Congregation Gift Aid

£ 6,390.00

Contribution from Langney Congregation

£ 69,501.25

Legacies

Other

£ -

Describe

Subtotal £ 81,210.91

£ -

Income From Assets

Interest

£ 1.77

rents from property

£ -

Subtotal £ 1.77

£ -

Misc Receipts

Proceeds from sale of assets

£ -

Loans recieved

£ -

Other

£ 1,043.16

Describe

Subtotal £ 1,043.16

£ -

Receipts Total

£ 82,255.84

£ -

Payments

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Donation to IBSA, Watchtower and assoc. Charities

£ 1,965.00

Other Donations (pioneer ministers school, Circuit funds etc.)

£ 2,450.00

Subtotal £ 4,415.00

£ -

Other Expenditure

Kingdom Hall Operation & Maintenance

£ 4,896.29

Circuit & Visiting ministers expenses

£ 190.00

Subtotal £ 5,086.29

£ -

Payments for investment & other assets

Car Park reconstruction project

£ 59,050.70

Long term investments (tied up for a year)

£ -

Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall

£ 289.86

Purchase of land or buildings in connection with a place of worship.

£ 9,044.86

Subtotal £ 68,385.42

£ -

Misc Payments

Loan Repayment to the society for Kingdom Hall Building

£ -

Others.....

Coach travel through the year

£ 1,510.00

Stationary

£ 42.41

Hall Hire

£ 327.00

Bank Charge

£ 8.00

Photo development

£ 22.98

Total - All "OTHERS"

£ 1,910.39

Subtotal £ 1,910.39

£ -

Payments Total

£ 79,797.10

£ -

Bank Balance April 1st 2009

£ 15,231.28

Net receipts/expense for the year

£ 2,458.74

Receipts 2009/2010

(Plus) £ 82,255.84

Payments 2009/2010

(Minus) £ 79,797.10

Bank Balance at March 31st 2010

£ 17,690.02

£ -

Signed:



Date: 2-6-2010

Secretary for the trustees of the Eastbourne Hampden Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

The Eastbourne Hampden Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES: AS AT MARCH 31, 20 10

	Current Year	Previous Year
<u>CASH ASSETS:</u>		
Bank and cash balances:		
Bank current account	£ <u>17,200.33</u>	£ <u>6,912</u>
Bank deposit account	£ <u>79.69</u>	£ <u>8,477</u>
Cash not banked	£ <u> </u>	£ <u> </u>
Total: Agrees with March 31 balance on annual account	<u>£17,880.02</u>	<u>£15,389</u>
Loans to other congregations and Watch Tower Society	£ <u> </u>	£ <u> </u>
Other (<u>expected inheritance</u>)	£ <u>90,000</u>	£ <u> </u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Due for immediate payment	£ <u> </u>	£ <u> </u>
Loans (Repayment within one year on request)	£ <u> </u>	£ <u> </u>
Future and contingent liabilities:		
* Loan re construction/renovation of place of worship (Footnote A)	£ <u>30,000</u>	£ <u> </u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS:</u>		
Long-term investments (tied up for a year or more)	£ <u> </u>	£ <u> </u>
Other property (Footnote D)	£ <u> </u>	£ <u> </u>
Retained for the Charity's own use:		
Place of worship (Footnote B)	* £ <u>400,000</u>	£ <u>350,000</u>
Furniture and other contents of place of worship (Footnote C)	£ <u>12,000</u>	£ <u>12,000</u>

Footnotes

- * A Loan: Balance of payment for construction work (estimated)
- B Registered Place of Worship: 118ⁿ Brodwick Rd, Eastbourne (built 1983)
- * estimated value following major refurb. condition of property = good
- C Contents: c200 used chairs / 3000, AV equipment / 8000
misc furniture, library / 1000.
- D Other property (Not the place of worship): —



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of **Eastbourne Hampden Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

On accounts for the year ended **31st March 2010** Charity no (if any) **1065807**

Set out on pages **1-2**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: **J.A Brecht**

Date: **18th August 2010**

Name: **Jacqueline Ann Brecht**

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): **OCR 1&2 in Bookkeeping and Accounting**

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

