



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2016		Day 31	Month March	Year 2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Fakenham Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1066270

Charity's principal address

Kingdom Hall.
Hellhoughton Road.
Hempton. Fakenham Norfolk
Postcode NR21 7DY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ben Payne	Chairman		
2	Nicholas Gotts	Secretary		
3	Graham May			
4	Peter Martin			
5	Richard Taylor			
6	David Renham			
7	Jamie Desbrow			
8	David Crich			
9	Peter Wilson		From March 2016	
10	Denis Sweeney		From Jan 2017	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 29th May 1977
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees from Congregation members.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	<p>The Charity is affiliated with the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. (The Society)</p> <p>The affairs of the Congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the Charity work closely together meetings are called whenever required, but at least 3 times in 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 members engaged in the activities of the Congregation have done so on a voluntary and unpaid basis.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 Gods Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meeting for public Christian worship;

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes nor otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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.

At the year end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 140 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 24th March 2017 and signed on its behalf by: D. Renham. P. Wilson.

Section F

Other optional information

Our currently held bank balance is in excess of our aimed for 3 monthly funds. This is due to a legacy and it is to be used for funding property projects. It will be adjusted in 2017/18

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Benjamin Payne	Nicholas Gotts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary

Annual Income & Expenditure

Fakenham Congregation	Year Ended 31st March	2017
Balance at beginning of year		£ 4,429.14
Income		
Congregation Contributions (c)		£ 445.00
Tax Repayment from HMRC		£ 1,263.58
Congregation Gift Aid (G)		£ 3,564.00
Small Cash Donations (SC)		£ 2,034.16
charities trust		£ 580.00
Legacy		£ 141,000.00
	Total Income	£ 148,886.74
Received for WT Society / WWW not income		
World Wide Work (IBSA) (W)		£ 5,039.93
UK Branch Construction		£ 532.99
	Total to forward	£ 5,572.92
Expenditure		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance (U)		£ 5,231.92
Circuit Overseer and Visiting Speakers (V)		£ 239.57
Other Donations from Congregation Funds	KHAHCW/W	£ 1,248.00
norfolk no.1 circuit	Assembly / flat / pioneer school.	£ 1,169.00
Global assistance		£ 198.00
	Total	£ 8,086.49
Forwarded to Watch Tower Society / IBSA	Not expenses	
WWW IBSA (W)		£ 5,039.93
UK Branch Construction		£ 532.99
	Total	£ 5,572.92
Difference income & expenditure debit / credit.		£ 140,800.25
Add balance from beginning of year		£ 4,429.14
Balance at end of year		£ 145,229.39



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Fakenham

On accounts for the year
ended

March 31st 2017

Charity no
(if any)

1066270

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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: D Sweeney

Date: 8/9/2017

Name: Denis Sweeney

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:	45 Hollow Lane
	West Raynham
	Fakenham nr21 7et

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.