

# Gosport Congregation Annual Report

Gosport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Annual Report for the year ending **31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

## **Reference & Administrative Details.**

Registered Charity No. 1065799      The registered address of the Congregation is: 1-4 Moreland Rd, Gosport Hants, PO12 4UU

On the date this report was approved the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman: Christopher Stephens    Secretary: Karl Way    Other trustees: Michael Johnson, Ralph Marshall, James Smith, Fred Pearce, Shaun Salkeld.

The Kingdom Hall 1-4 Moreland road is held in trust for the congregation by the Watchtower Bible & Tract society of Great Britain.

## **Structure, Governance & Management.**

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of constitution dated 29th May 1997 (the Constitution). The congregation is affiliated with the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Great 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 3 times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolution 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.**

The Constitution restricts the operation 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 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 within 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 contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.


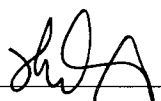
## **Achievements, performance and financial review.**

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular 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 been donated to the society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was: donations totalling £2400.00 to the society, an increase in the loan to the Society by £10,000 bringing the total currently loaned to £70,000. 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 other purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year end the free reserves were roughly equal to 100 months working expenditure based on approximate average over the past year of £800 per month not including chair purchase, this is virtually unchanged from the previous year figures.

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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 09-06-2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: Chairman  Secretary 

**Gosport Cong Account 2010-2011**

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>
Contributions	£361.01	£413.70	£317.51	£295.26	£358.50	£33.00	£33.00	£1,008.69	£411.86	£345.26	£847.50	£718.29
Gift Aid	£125.00	£90.00	£80.00	£95.00	£95.00	£10.00	£10.00	£210.00	£75.00	£130.00	£40.00	£75.00
Interest												
Other credits												
tax rebate												
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>£376.01</b>	<b>£503.70</b>	<b>£397.51</b>	<b>£390.26</b>	<b>£453.50</b>	<b>£43.00</b>	<b>£43.00</b>	<b>£1,218.69</b>	<b>£486.86</b>	<b>£475.26</b>	<b>£887.50</b>	<b>£793.29</b>
Ops/Maintenance	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
WTBTS payments	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00					£1,000.00	£200.00	£200.00
Other donations	£441.99	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£767.88	£380.00	£20.00	£20.00
Circuit / visiting speakers					£30.00					£150.00		
Other costs (incl code)												£65.00
Cash												
Loan to WTBTS											£10,000.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>£841.99</b>	<b>£420.00</b>	<b>£420.00</b>	<b>£420.00</b>	<b>£450.00</b>	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£170.00</b>	<b>£170.00</b>	<b>£917.88</b>	<b>£1,680.00</b>	<b>£10,370.00</b>	<b>£435.00</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>£14,188.50</b>	<b>£14,272.20</b>	<b>£14,249.71</b>	<b>£14,219.97</b>	<b>£14,223.47</b>	<b>£14,046.47</b>	<b>£13,919.47</b>	<b>£14,968.16</b>	<b>£14,537.14</b>	<b>£13,332.40</b>	<b>£3,879.90</b>	<b>£4,238.19</b>
Balance at start		£14,188.50	£14,272.20	£14,249.71	£14,219.97	£14,223.47	£14,046.47	£13,919.47	£14,968.16	£14,537.14	£13,332.40	£3,879.90
Balance at end	£14,188.50	£14,272.20	£14,249.71	£14,219.97	£14,223.47	£14,046.47	£13,919.47	£14,968.16	£14,537.14	£13,332.40	£3,879.90	£4,238.19

<b>Gosport Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.</b>		
<b>Annual Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities: As at March 31st 2011</b>		
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<b><u>CASH ASSETS:</u></b>		
Bank & Cash balances:		
Bank Current account	£4,238.19	£14,564.48
Bank joint account	£5,440.41	£6,225.92
Cash not banked	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,678.60</b>	<b>£20,790.40</b>
Loans to other congregations and Watchtower society	£70,000.00	£60,000.00
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Due for immediate payment	£0.00	£0.00
Loans	£0.00	£0.00
Contigent liabilities	Utilities	
Loan re construction/renovation	£0.00	£0.00
<b><u>OTHER ASSETS</u></b>		
Long term investments tied for 1 year +	£0.00	£0.00
Other property	£0.00	£0.00
Place of worship (see footnote A)	£210,000.00	£210,000.00
Furniture and contents (see footnote B)	£10,000.00	£15,000.00
<b><u>FOOTNOTES</u></b>		
A. Verbal valuation of place of worship during 2011	£210,000.00	
B. Est of 1 year old chairs and fittings/sound system etc	£10,000	

