

ANNUAL REPORT

CHARITY: GREAT YARMOUTH (GORLESTON) CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 2012

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number: 1066395

The registered address of the congregation is:-

The Kingdom Hall, 10 Pier Plain, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 6PE.

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

Chairman: Robert Preston Secretary: Valentine Cole

Other Trustees: David Gibleen, Richard Jepps, Stephen Kingaby, Philip Knight,
Keneth Preston, Donald Smith, Melvin Jepps and David Malins.

Peter Minvielle also served as a trustee up until June 2011.

The Kingdom Hall in Pier Plain, Gorleston, is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 28th November 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

The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objectives 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 Christian 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 the 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 providing training in reading, teaching, and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which includes respect for secular authority, persons, and property, and the maintenance 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, 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 of duty.

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 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.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the receipt of a £30,000.00 legacy.

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 7 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. In addition to these free reserves the congregation has on deposit with the Society £38,000.00 which can be recalled at any time in the future if and when needed.

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 7th June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: R Preston
 Chairman

 V Cole
Secretary

Great Yarmouth (Gorleston) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Annual Receipts and Payments Account

For the Year Ended March 31, 2012

Registered Charity Number: 1066395

HMRC Tax Reference: XN54273 0

	Unrestricted Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2011 £
Receipts		
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	7,724	8,207
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	827	1,604
Investment income		
Interest		
Other receipts		
Legacies	30,000	
	<u>38,551</u>	<u>9,811</u>
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan received from Watch Tower		
Total Receipts	<u><u>38,551</u></u>	<u><u>9,811</u></u>
Payments		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	1,451	1,440
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA		
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA		
Donations to Neighbourton Congregation	902	1,179
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	2,907	2,240
Hire of coach for convention	942	948
Circuit overseer expenses	200	320
	<u>6,402</u>	<u>6,127</u>
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Land purchased		-
Loan repayments to Watch Tower		-
Equipment purchased for Charity property		1,688
Total Payments	<u><u>6,402</u></u>	<u><u>7,815</u></u>
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	32,149	1,996
Total cash assets brought forward	<u>12,592</u>	<u>10,596</u>
Total cash assets carried forward	<u><u>44,741</u></u>	<u><u>12,592</u></u>

Signed V A Cole.....

Date: 29/05/2012

Secretary for the Trustees of the Great Yarmouth (Gorleston) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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	Unrestricted Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2011 £
Cash Assets		
Lloyds TSB bank account	6741	12592
Cash in hand		
Funds on Deposit with Watch Tower	38000	
Total Cash Assets	<u>44741</u>	<u>12592</u>
Other Monetary Assets		
Investment Assets		
Assets Retained for Charities Own Use		
Kingdom Hall	60000	60000
Furniture & Other Fixtures	12441	12441
	<u>72441</u>	<u>72441</u>
Liabilities		

Signed: V A Cole

Date: 29/05/2012

Secretary for the Trustees of the Great Yarmouth (Gorleston) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Great Yarmouth Gorleston Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2012, which is set out below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

David Mutter
Practising accountant (23 years experience).
57 Leman Road, Gorleston, Gt. Yarmouth
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24th October 2012