

TRANSACTIONS	INCOMING £	OUTGOING £
Bank Error 12/01	£20.00	£0.00
CAF INTEREST	£2.90	£0.00
CAF to BARC Transfer	£27,084.91	£0.00
Caf Transfer	£0.00	£1,150.00
CAF Transfer to Rowley	£0.00	£750.00
CHQ - 2nd Half Memorial Hall Hire	£0.00	£52.00
CHQ - Circuit Expenses	£0.00	£850.00
CHQ - Circuit Flat	£0.00	£150.00
CHQ - Consolidated Expenses	£0.00	£171.96
CHQ - PIONEER SCHOOL - Cradley	£0.00	£100.00
Co Expenses - A Manning	£0.00	£285.00
CO Expenses - Stand In	£0.00	£50.00
Coach Seat Cheque	£0.00	£253.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	£709.00	£0.00
Credit From HMRC Charities	£494.36	£0.00
Funeral Flowers - P.Daly	£0.00	£75.00
GAA Donation (additional)	£0.00	£250.00
GIFT AID	£6,127.86	£0.00
KHCW Resolution	£0.00	£600.00
Memorial Invite Printing T Lovejoy	£0.00	£72.00
Rowley Regis - 50% Projector	£0.00	£600.00
STO - Dudley Assembly Hall	£0.00	£300.00
TOAR Resolution	£0.00	£250.00
Transfer Charge	£0.00	£0.00
Transfer to Barclays	£0.00	£27,085.91
Transfer to Rowley	£0.00	£250.00
Transfer to Rowley Regis	£0.00	£250.00
WWW Resolution	£0.00	£600.00
WWW Resolution Funds Transfer	£0.00	£30,000.00
	£34,439.03	£64,144.87

### Barclays

Opening Balance April 2014	£ 24,470.46
Income	£ 34,436.13
Expenditure	£ 34,658.96
Closing Balance March 2015	£ 24,247.63

### CAF

Opening Balance April 2014	£ 29,483.01
Income	£ 2.90
Expenditure	£ 29,485.91
Closing Balance March 2015	£ -

# Halesowen Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Annual Report for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

## Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 1066535.

The registered address of the Congregation is: Kingdom Hall 144A Coombs Road, Halesowen B62 8AF.

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

Ray Skeldon (Chairman), David Baker (Secretary), Adrian Bradley, Steven Brettell, Jonathan Clement, Trevor Davenport, Giovanni Monaco, John Robinson, Chris Rowlands and Neil Williams.

## Structure Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 27 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.

## Objects, 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 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

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 and to other duly constituted Congregations to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.


Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation was the receipt of Gift Aid tax repayments totaling **£6127.86**. Noteworthy expenses include donations totaling **£34,639.93** to Watch Tower Society in support of various funds but primarily the World Wide Work Fund. That sum being in addition to monies placed in the contribution boxes.

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 equivalent to 17 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation, the balance of which at 31 March 2015 was **£25,512.82**

Approved by trustees of the charity on **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015** and signed on it's behalf by:

Signed:

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

# Independent examination of accounts on behalf of the Halesowen Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

For Period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015

Report to the Trustees

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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

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

12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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