

# The Harpenden Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN 62815

Registered Charity No. 1065696

## ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: - YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2013

### RECEIPTS:

(Voluntary Sources)		Previous Year
Congregation Contributions	£3923.47	£3889.88
Tax Repayment	£1656.37	£2409.15
Congregation Gift Aid (Monthly)	£5460.00	£6320.00
Congregation Gift Aid (Casual)	Nil	Nil
Legacies	Nil	Nil
Sub-total	£11,039.84	£12,619.03
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments (Building Fund)	£162.56	£706.49
Dividend	Nil	£0.45
Sub-total	£162.56	£706.94
(Miscellaneous Receipts)		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	Nil	Nil
Interest Free Loan from Watchtower Society	Nil	£52500.00
Return from RBC Building Account	£48251.29	Nil
Sub-total	£48,251.29	£52,500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£59,453.69</b>	<b>£65,825.97</b>

### PAYMENTS:

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watchtower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£7335.00	£960.00
Other Donations (eg: Circuit/District Expenses)	£932.90	£755.00
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£3013.92	£1866.14
Kingdom Hall Assistance	£180.00	£630.68
(Payment for Investment and Other Assets)		
Long Term Investments (tied up for one year)		
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	£860.00	£838.94
Replace Kingdom Hall (RBC)	Nil	£100,773.00
(Miscellaneous Payments)		
Loan Repayment to the Society re Kingdom Hall Building	£48,500.00	£4000.00
Convention Coach	£1275.00	£1122.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£62,096.82</b>	<b>£110,945.76</b>
Net receipts for the year	<b>£2,643.13</b>	<b>£45,119.79</b>
Bank and Cash Balances at April 1, 2012	£14,381.68	£59,501.45
Bank and Cash Balances at March 31, 2013	£11,738.55	£14,381.68

Signed *Maxwell Vines*

Date *29<sup>th</sup> April 2013*

Secretary for the Trustees of the Harpenden Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**HARPENDEN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013

**Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered Charity No.1065696

Registered Address: Kingdom Hall Hickling Way Harpenden Hertfordshire AL5 4NL

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

Chairman: Christopher Dobson

Secretary: Maxwell Vines

Other Trustees: Jason Durant, Richard Houghton, Martin Sandilands, William Wick.

The Kingdom Hall is held in trust for the congregation by the following locally appointed trustees:

Christopher Dobson, Richard Houghton and Maxwell Vines.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29 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 continue to offer their services 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 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes, including a lump sum donation of £6135 left over from the Building Fund.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement of 31 March 2013 confirm the cash assets of the congregation were as follows:

Cash in hand or in Current Account £11,738.55

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 in excess of three months working expenditure.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on May 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: *C Dobson*  
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Chairman

*M Vines*  
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Secretary