

ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees

1. HARROGATE DUCHY CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity Number 1066781
4. The registered address of the Congregation is the Kingdom Hall, 154A Skipton Road, Harrogate.
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman: W.Halligan Secretary: S. Nichol
Other Trustees: J. Cade, A. Laird, R. Mills, L. Pacey, M. Ritchie, I. Stockwell, C
Charlesworth, B. Corner, Paul Halliwell

Structure, Governance and Management

6. 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 all other persons engaged in the activities of the Congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary unpaid basis.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

7. 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 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

8. The Congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others.

Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of the 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.

9. There has been one significant events in the financial affairs of the Congregation, this is the transfer of £80,000 to Granby congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses regarding the purchase of a piece of land for a Kingdom Hall, total donations to the society are £300.00. A legacy of £14,849.86 was also received during the year. Please see attached accounts for all information on the receipts and payments for the year ended 31st March 2012.

10. 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 6 months working expenditure.

11. There is a separate Kingdom Hall Building fund, held with the with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ("the Society") the balance of which at 31 March 2011 was £0
The build has no commencement date as yet.

12. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 7th of June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed.....
Chairman

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Secretary

The HARROGATE - DUCHY Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN 76762 Registered Charity No. 1066781

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012

		Previous Year
RECEIPTS:		
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions	£2,363.80	£3,045.37
Tax Repayment	<u>£1,316.70</u>	£1,150.52
Congregation Deeds of Covenant	£0.00	£0.00
Congregation Gift Aid	<u>£18,948.50</u>	£4,398.15
Legacies	<u>£14,849.86</u>	<u>£8,594.04</u>
Sub-total:	<u>£37,478.86</u>	<u>£8,594.04</u>
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Knaresborough share of rent etc.	<u>£0.00</u>	£0.00
Sub-total:	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
(Misc. Receipts)		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	£0.00	
Loans Received	<u>£0.00</u>	
Monies back from Society	<u>£44,000.00</u>	£0.00
Sub-total:	<u>£44,000.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>£81,478.86</u></u>	<u><u>£8,594.04</u></u>
PAYMENTS:		
(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watchtower (Associated Registered Charities)	<u>£300.00</u>	£300.00
IBSA Convention/ pioneer school.	<u>£0.00</u>	£0.00
Hellaby	<u>£798.00</u>	£798.00
Missionary fund	<u>£0.00</u>	£0.00
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance (U)	<u>£3,792.05</u>	£3,154.44
Circuit Overseer and Visiting Speaker Expenses (V)	<u>£350.00</u>	£713.00
Watchtower K'dom Hall Ass Arrangement	<u>£198.00</u>	£240.00
(Payments for Investments and Other Assets)		
Long Term Investments (Z) (tied up for a year or more)		£0.00
Equipment Purchased for Kingdom Hall (e.g. photocopier)		£0.00
Leeds car park fund	<u>£0.00</u>	
(Misc Payments)		
Loan Repayment to the Society re KH Building (M)	<u>£0.00</u>	
Transfer to Granby re Land purchase	<u>£80,000.00</u>	£0.00
Describe: ...coach etc;		
Total Payments	<u><u>£85,438.05</u></u>	<u><u>£5,205.44</u></u>
Net receipts (expense) for the year	<u>£3,959.19</u>	£3,388.60
Bank and cash balances at April 1st 2011	<u>£6,893.39</u>	£3,504.79
Bank and cash balances at March 31st 2012	<u>£2,934.20</u>	£6,893.39

Signed Alexy Nichol

Date 7/6/2012

Secretary for the trustees of the HARROGATE DUCHY Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses