

# ANNUAL REPORT

1/ Hazel Grove Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

2/ Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

## Reference and Administrative Details

3/ Registered Charity No. 1066282

4/ The registered address of the congregation is Kingdom Hall, School Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4RA.

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

Chairman: Frank Broadhurst    Secretary: Nick Ashton

Other trustees: Nigel Bailey, Noel Crossley, Peter Davies, Nick Gould, Jack Hallard, Jack Lewty, Roy Loxton, Rob MacCrea, Mark Meredith, Jeremy Richmond, Alan Rowbotham, Carl Rowbotham, Paul Sidebotham, Dave Simpkin, Pom Srisuthikul, Dave Torkington

6/ The kingdom Hall in School Street, Hazel Grove, is held in trust for the congregation by the Kingdom Hall Trust.

## Structure, Governance and Management

7/ The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 27/05/97 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible & 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

8/ 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.

## **Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

9/ 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 & 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.

10/ Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was a legacy from of £42,075.58, a gift aid tax refund of £1,244.75, a congregation donation to www for new bibles and witnessing stands of £750, kitchen refurbishment of £1500 and finally we have £264,000.00 in trust with the WTBTS

11/ 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 purpose or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 16 months working expenditure.

12/ 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.

13/ Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Chairman



Secretary

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name  
HAZEL GROVE CONGREGATION of JERUSALEM WITNESSES

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

*[Signature]*

Date

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Name

ROGER WILLIAM GREGSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

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Inland Revenue Tax Reference No.XN42658.

Registered Charity No.1066282

RECEIPTS	31/03/2014	Previous Year	cong	2 a/c hall	build
(Voluntary Sources)					
Congregation Contributions	£ 1191.71	1703.34	1191.71	0.00	0.00
Tax Repayment	£ 1244.75	1133.71	1244.75		
Congregation Deeds of Covenant	£ 4554.00	5014.00	4554.00		
hazel Grove Congregation re share of costs	£ 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bramhall Congregation re share of costs	£ 2580.00	2580.00	0.00	2580.00	0.00
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 0.00	0.00	0.00		
Legacies	£ 42075.58	0.00	42075.58		
sub-total	51646.04	10431.05	49066.04	2580.00	0.00
(Income from Assets)					
Interest on Investments(bank deposit)	£ 6.20	10.36	2.68		3.52
Rents from Property	£ 0.00				
sub-total		6.20 10.36	2.68	0.00	3.52
(Misc.Receipts)					
Proceeds from sale of Assets	£ 0.00	0.00	0.00		
Loan to WTS return	£ 0.00	0.00	0.00		
Other Coach/Car park	£ 524.50	501.00	524.50		
Pioneer School/MTS	£ 0.00	0.00			
Circuit Flat	£ 0.00	0.00		0.00	
Return from WTBTS	£ 0.00	0.00	0.00		0
Elders School	£ 0.00	0.00			
sub-total		524.50 501.00	524.50	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>52176.74 10942.41</b>	<b>49593.22</b>	<b>2580.00</b>	<b>3.52</b>

PAYMENTS	31/03/2014	Previous Year	cong	2 a/c hall	build
(Direct Charitable Donations)					
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society	2190.00	1440.00	2190.00		
Other Donations(e.g.PioneerSchool/Circuit Funds)	0.00	300.00	0.00		
(Other Expenditure) co car	0.00	210.00	0.00		
Kingdom Hall Operation & Maintenance	10602.99	11347.96	0.00	10602.99	
Circuit & Visiting Ministers Expenses	300.00	270.00	300.00	0.00	
(Payment for Investment and other assets)	0.00	0.00			
Long Term	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	0.00	114.00	0.00	0.00	
2014 convention fund	0.00	250.00	0.00		
central heating/refurbishment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
to watch tower as a loan	0.00	0.00			0
(Misc.Payments)	1026.20	663.06	1026.20	0.00	
Other (stationery) legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
coach	885.00	825.00	885.00		
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>15004.19 15420.02</b>	<b>4401.20</b>	<b>10602.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Net receipts(Expenses)		37172.55 -4477.61	45192.02	-8022.99	3.52
Bank & cash balance as at April 1 2013		237468.15 0.00	Bank accounts		
Bank & cash balance as at March 31 2014		274640.70 0.00	build	6039.4	
check			2 a/c	1067.78	
	difference	0.00 37172.55 0.00	current	3532.42	
			deposit	1.1	
			WTS	264000.00	
				<b>274640.70</b>	

Signed  Date 10/06/14