

Annual Report

HERNE BAY WEST CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 1065926

The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 115 Station Rd, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 5QB.

On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees: Chairman: Michael Ball Secretary: Gaius Baker

Other trustees: Neil Bull, Daniel Cusden, Michael Cusden, Adrian Galliers, Keith Reading, Stephen Reading, Anthony Sparkes, Charles Scurlock and Paul Tyrrell.

The Kingdom Hall in Station Road, Herne Bay, 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 30th 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.

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 relationships, employer-employee relationships, 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. 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.

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 this figure.

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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 14th June 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



Chairman
Michael Ball



Secretary
Gaius Baker

**The Herne Bay West Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Annual Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended March 31, 2018**

Registered Charity Number: 1065926

	Unrestricted Funds
	£
Receipts	
Voluntary sources	
Donations for local congregation expenses	152,658
Other receipts	80
Total Receipts	<u><u>152,738</u></u>
Payments	
Costs of charitable activities	
Donations	11,952
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	5,036
Hire of coach for convention	2,628
Sundry expenses	352
Total Payments	<u><u>19,968</u></u>
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	132,770
Total cash assets brought forward	<u>11,502</u>
Total cash assets carried forward	<u><u>144,272</u></u>

Signed



Date: 26 December 2018

Secretary for the Trustees of the Herne Bay West Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

The Herne Bay West Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at March 31, 2018

Registered Charity Number: 1065926

	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £
Cash Assets	
Cash at bank	144,272
Total Cash Assets (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u>144,272</u>
Other Monetary Assets	
Gift Aid claim not yet received	<u>3,421</u>
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	
Kingdom Hall (at cost)	75,000
Fixtures and fittings (approximate market value) *	<u>2,000</u>

* Sound system and TV monitors.

Signed



Date: 26 December 2018

Secretary for the Trustees of the Herne Bay West Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Herne Bay West Congregation of
Jehovah's Witnesses**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Herne Bay West Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date: 27th December 2018