

## **Ipswich Gippeswyk Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Annual Report for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered Charity No. 1066431

The registered address of the congregation is Kingdom Hall,  
Knightsdale Road  
Ipswich  
IP1 4JJ

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

Chairman: Stephen Scurrall

Secretary: Edward Hancock

Other Trustees: Walter Ajgarni  
Trevor Lloyd  
John Kirby  
David Green  
John White  
Edward Wright  
Carmelo Rizzo  
Michael Farrell  
Michael Thomas  
Ryan Scurrall

### **Structure Governance And Management**

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 1997 (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 basis

### **Objectives, Activities, and Public Benefit**

The Constitution restricts the operation 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 the 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 a Tax refund £1,395.39 from the Inland Revenue. We were able during the year to purchase sound equipment that was donated to our brothers in Sri Lanka.

The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from the 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 three months working expenditure. At the year end, the free reserves were roughly equal to three months working expenditure.

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 8th June 2011 and signed on it's behalf by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman

Secretary