

The London Epsom Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No X94772

Registered Charity No. 254490

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2013

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions	£3,565.96	£2,169.23
Congregation Gift Aid	£8,247.60	£6,437.50
Congregation Gift Aid Refund	£1,846.59	£1,261.63
Worldwide Work	£1,981.82	£1,593.03
Kingdom Hall Fund	£1,328.92	£1,109.57
Loan Repayment from WTS	£10,000.00	£0.00
Other	£35.00	£0.00
(Income from Assets)		
Bank Interest	£0.00	£0.00
(Misc. Receipts)	£0.00	£0.00
Total Receipts:	£27,005.89	£12,570.96
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>		
(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society	£6,790.74	£5,703.20
Other donations (HLC,Circuit funds)	£1,700.00	£1,500.00
C/O car fund	£345.00	£339.00
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£5,511.89	£3,900.00
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	£510.00	£430.00
Contribution to SAH	£0.00	£2,500.00
Coach Hire	£2,160.00	£2,090.00
(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)		
Insurances	£58.00	£55.00
KHAA	£339.00	£480.00
Money Deposited on Loan to WTS	£0.00	£10,000.00
(Misc. Payments)		
Phonelink	£48.00	£0.00
Donation Leatherhead	£50.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£508.50	£403.00
Total Payments	£18,021.13	£27,400.20
Bank and cash balances at beginning of year	£2,705.68	£17,534.92
Bank and cash balances at end of year	£11,690.44	£2,705.68
Held at WTBS at March 31 2013	£40,000.00	£50,000.00

Signed: *M Whicher*

Date 1st August 2013

Secretary for the trustees of the Epsom Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

ANNUAL REPORT

CHARITY: LONDON EPSOM CONGEGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 2013

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 254490

The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Banstead Road, Ewell KT19 3EP

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

Chairman: Peter Davey
Secretary: Michael Whicher
Other Trustees: David Morley Andrew Heath David Woodfield

The Kingdom Hall in Banstead Road, Epsom, 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 16th 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 resolution 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.

Objects and Activities

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 opportunity 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 includes 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 and income from property. 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 is the amount of £40,000 on loan to the Society. Noteworthy expenses were our contributions towards the cost of our Assemblies, Conventions and Pioneer School.

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 3 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 2nd June signed on its behalf by:

Signed: P Davey P DAVEY M Whicher M WHICHER
(Chairman) (Secretary)