

# MANCHESTER WYTHENSHAW CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Congregation No. 31054 Charity Reg. No. 1067700

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Sale, MANCHESTER M33 3PE

1. MANCHESTER WYTHENSHAW CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012.

## Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1067700.
4. The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 7 Moor End, Northenden, Manchester M22 4JQ.
5. On the date this report was approved, the Congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman :                      Graham Foster

Secretary :                     David Warburton

Other Trustees :             Jonathan Barlow, John Bennett, Paul Bennett, Daniel Penkeyman and Anthony Slater.

6. The Kingdom Hall in Moor End, Northenden, Manchester M22 4JQ, is held in trust by the following locally appointed trustees: Lawrence Spencer (deceased), Jonathan Barlow, Derrick Reginald Carter (Moved to Stoke) and Daniel Penkeyman. The deeds for the Kingdom Hall property are held for safe keeping by the Watchtower, Bible and Tract Society of Great Britain, Watchtower House, The Ridgeway, LONDON NW7 1RN. The trustees are currently making arrangements to transfer the trusteeship to the "Kingdom Hall Trust" which will obviate the requirement to update trustees as is currently required. Prior to this occurring issues are currently being addressed related to the leasehold property on which the Kingdom Hall is sited with reference to a purchase of the freehold.

## Structure, Governance and Management

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

## Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit (cont'd)

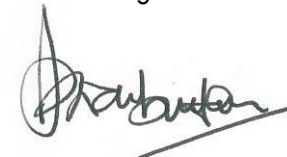
These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, 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

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 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 religious purposes.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was a total of £ 953.30 that was donated to the Society and associated charities to assist in relation to the running of their facilities and providing for Kingdom Hall Assistance. A further £ 200.00 has been donated to travelling ministers to defer costs associated with their visits to the congregation during the year. A total of £ 6,521.76 was spent on the maintenance and upkeep of the Kingdom Hall property during the year. Other miscellaneous expenses associated with the operation of the congregation totalled £ 778.80. A total of £ 933.55 was received during the year from HMRC as gift aid repayment for donations made after the deduction of income tax.
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 purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 26 months working expenditure based on the expenditure of the current financial year. An additional £ 20,000.00 of reserves are held on deposit with the Watchtower Society which can be accessed with immediate effect should the necessity arise.
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 7th June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:   
Chairman

  
Secretary

**The Manchester, Wythenshawe Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN 31985 Registered Charity No. 1067700

**ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2012**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	Current Year	Previous Year
<b>(Voluntary Sources)</b>		
Congregation Contributions	£ 13,871.04	£ 7,724.70
Tax Repayment	£ 933.55	£ 1,160.31
Congregation Deeds of Covenant	£ -	£ -
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 4,451.00	£ 4,146.00
Legacies	£ -	£ -
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>£ 19,255.59</b>	<b>£ 13,031.01</b>
<b>(Income from Assets)</b>		
Interest from Investments	£ -	£ -
Rents from Property	£ -	£ -
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Misc. Receipts</b>		
Proceeds from sale of assets	£ -	£ -
Other	£ -	£ 9.99
<b>Sub-total:</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 9.99</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£ 19,255.59</b>	<b>£ 13,041.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>		
<b>(Direct Charitable Expenditure)</b>		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 953.30	£ 300.00
Other Donations (e.g. Pioneer Ministry School, Circuit Funds)	£ -	£ -
<b>(Other Expenditure)</b>		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 6,521.76	£ 8,124.71
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	£ 200.00	£ 498.75
<b>(Payment for Investment and Other Assets)</b>		
Long term investments (tied up for a year)	£ -	£ -
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	£ -	£ -
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connection with place of worship	£ -	£ -
<b>(Misc. Payments)</b>		
Loan Repayment to the Society re Kingdom Hall Building	£ -	£ -
Other	£ 778.80	£ 605.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 8,453.86</b>	<b>£ 9,528.46</b>
<b>Net Receipts (expense) for the year</b>	<b>£ 10,801.73</b>	<b>£ 3,512.54</b>