

2013 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

31 March 13

MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2013

CHARITY COMMISSION
CONTACT

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 1066471.

The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Newington Road, Middlesbrough, TS4 3EP.

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

Chairman: W.Sims
Secretary: N.Parsons
Other Trustees: J.Curwen, L.Finlay, J. McCall,
W.Peacock, A. Sherwood, V.Shrimpton,
P.Spivey, L.Stott, A.Wicklen

The Kingdom Hall land in Newington Road, Middlesbrough, 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 17 October 1996 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with the 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.

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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 objectives 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.

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 held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society and other connected charities to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation were the following donations and expenses.

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Donations authorised by Congregation Resolution:

- **£1,046.00** to the Cleveland No.1 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses
- **£ 939.90** to IBSA/Watch Tower Society
- **£ 50.00** to North Ormesby Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Expenses authorised by Congregation Resolution:

- **£ 150.00** to Teesside University Students' Union
(for the Freshers' Fayre stall)

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 **10 months** working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There is a separate Middlesbrough Kingdom Hall Building Fund, the balance of which at 31 March 2013 was £101,076.78. The build commenced during the spring of 2013.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on Wednesday 29th May 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:



Chairman




Secretary

2013 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT read to the Congregation on Tuesday
4th June 2013.

**Middlesbrough Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at March 31, 2013**

Registered Charity Number: 1066471
HMRC Tax Reference: XN58950

	Funds 2013 £	Funds 2012 £
Cash Assets		
Barclays - Current Account	2,960	5,302
Barclays - Middlesbrough Kingdom Hall Fund Account	101,077	12,873
Cash in hand	0	0
Total Cash Assets	<u>104,037</u>	<u>18,175</u>
Other Monetary Assets		
Gift Aid claim not yet received	7,923	898
Investment Assets	0	0
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use		
Kingdom Hall	0	0
Land	30,321	30,321
	<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>142,281</u>
		<u>49,394</u>
Liabilities		
Loans from Congregation Members	33,500	0
Reserves	108,781	49,394
	<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>142,281</u>
		<u>49,394</u>

Signed 

Date 4.9.13

Secretary for the Trustees of the Middlesbrough Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**Middlesbrough Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Annual Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended March 31, 2013**

Registered Charity Number 1086471
HMRC Tax Reference: XN58950

Receipts	2013	2012
	£	£
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	30,292.29	6449.48
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	898.00	941.39
Gift Aid receipts	31,693.00	3592.00
Other: Convention Coach; TUSU Stall	533.00	1220.90
Loans	33,500.00	0
	<u>96,916.29</u>	<u>12,203.77</u>
Receipts resulting from movement on assets and investments	0	0
Total Receipts	<u>96,916.29</u>	<u>12,203.77</u>
 Payments:		
Donations to IBSA/Watchtower	240.00	564.00
Other Donations from Congregation Funds	1,795.90	1666.00
Kingdom Hall operations and maintenance	3,535.20	1888.80
Other: Convention Coach; TUSU Stall	1,020.00	1455.00
Circuit Overseer & Visiting Speaker Expenses	-	255.00
New Kingdom Hall Build	4,462.80	1675.00
	<u>11,053.90</u>	<u>7,503.80</u>
Payments resulting from movement on assets and investments	-	-
Land purchased	-	-
Loan repayments to Watch Tower	-	-
Total Payments	<u>11,053.90</u>	<u>7,503.80</u>
 Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	 85,862.39	 4,699.97
 Total cash assets brought forward	 <u>18,174.54</u>	 <u>13,474.57</u>
Total cash assets carried forward	<u>104,036.93</u>	<u>18,174.54</u>

Signed..... *M.G. Pearson*

Date..... *4.9.13*

Secretary for the Trustees of the Middlesbrough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of Middlesbrough Central
Congregation**

I report on the charity for the year ended 31.03.13

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (1) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
- (2) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act been met.

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23.07.13

