

**Newcastle-under-Lyme  
Central  
Congregation  
Of Jehovah's Witnesses**

**Annual Reports  
April 2009-March 2011**

## Annual Report

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered Charity No. 1066132

The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Garden Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1BW.

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

Chairman: Graham Davies                      Secretary: Craig Davies  
Other trustees: Guy Barker, Stewart Barker, Joseph Brennan, Ethney Bryan,  
David Craig, Paul Lees, Paul Lowe, Maurice Simpson and Peter Warren

The Kingdom Hall in Garden Street Newcastle 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 27 May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected by existing trustees from among congregation members, and 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 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, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular 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 it in carrying out its related religious purposes.

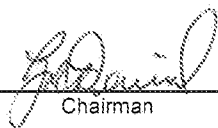
Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the payment of £404,631.60 to purchase land at Seagrave Street, including associated costs. £1,050 was spent on hiring two coaches for travel to the District Convention. A total of £773.00 was paid in connection with travelling overseer expenses.

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.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 June 2011 and signed on its behalf by

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

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

# The Newcastle-U-Lyme Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

HMRC Tax Reference No. XN52953

Registered Charity Number 1066132

## ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2011

RECEIPTS	Current Year		Previous Year
	£	£	£
(Voluntary Sources)			
Congregation Contributions	2,631.01		1,481.47
Tax Repayment	5,833.79		
Congregation Gift Aid	4,402.50		4,722.00
Sub-total:		12,867.30	6,203.47
(Income from Assets)			
Interest from Investments	1.24		636.13
Loan Repayment	260,000.00		10,000.00
Sub-total		260,001.24	10,636.13
(Misc Receipts)			
Cross Heath KH Operation and Maintenance	1,466.00		996.00
Cross Heath site acquisition contribution	147,610.00		
Severn Trent refund	123.96		
Sub-total		149,199.96	996.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>422,068.50</b>	<b>17,835.60</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
(Direct Charitable Expenditure)			
Insurance	482.00		330.00
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	3,257.08		3,177.70
Circuit/Visiting Minister/RBC Expenses	773.00		1,048.40
Missionary Fund 2009			30.00
IBSA Convention	100.00		100.00
Pioneer School	50.00		
(Miscellaneous Payments)			
Land Purchase at Seagrave Street	391,486.50		
Site costs - solicitors, surveys etc	13,145.10		6,191.88
Loan to Society			35,634.85
District Convention Coach	1,050.00		
Handbill Printing	177.63		
Room Hire for Memorial	123.77		121.19
Bank charge	25.00		
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>410,670.08</b>	<b>46,634.02</b>
Net receipts (expense) for the year	11,398.42		-28,798.42
Bank and cash balances at 1 April 2010	33,384.51		62,182.93
Bank and cash balances at 31 March 2011	44,782.93		33,384.51

Signed

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Date

*9 June 2011*

Secretary for the Trustees of the Newcastle-U-Lyme Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

# The Newcastle -under-Lyme Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2011

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank and Current Account	42,291.63	30,894.45
Bank Deposit account	2,491.30	2,490.06
Cash not banked	0.00	0.00
Total: Agrees with March 31 balance on annual account	44,782.93	33,384.51
Loans to other congregations and Watch Tower Society	44,782.93	447,488.00
Other (Income Tax Gift Aid claim for 2010/2011)	1,100.63	1,120.50
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due for immediate payment	0.00	0.00
Loans (Repayment within one year on request)	0.00	0.00
Future and contingent		
Loan re construction/renovation of place of worship (Footnote A)	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Long term investments (tied up for a year or more)	0.00	0.00
Place of Worship (Footnote B)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Furniture and other contents of place of worship (Footnote C)	7,500.00	7,500.00
Site for proposed new Place of Worship (Footnote D)	390,000.00	0.00

### Footntes

- A** Loan
- B** Registered Place of Worship: Kingdom Hall, Garden Street, Newcastle under Lyme. Shown at historic cost. Property leasehold; Lease expires 1 April 2060; Annual lease payment £83.90. Condition of property good.
- C** Contents: Chairs (£2,000); Sound Equipment (£4,500); Misc (£1,000). Shown at cost. Condition of contents good.
- D** Site at Seagrave Stret, Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 1LB. Shown at historic cost purchased 22 December 2010. Condition of property - vacant site.

## ANNUAL KINGDOM HALL OPERATING COMMITTEE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS REPORT

Newcastle-under-Lyme Central/Cross Heath Congregations: Year to 31 March 2011

RECEIPTS	Current Year £	£	Previous Year £
<i>(Voluntary Sources)</i>			
<i>Congregation Contributions</i>			
Donations from Newcastle Central Congregation	7,400.00		2,100.00
Congregation Gift Aid	1,466.00		996.00
Sub-total:		8,866.00	3,096.00
 <i>(Income from Assets)</i>			
Interest from Investments	0.00		0.00
Sub-total		0.00	0.00
 <i>(Misc Receipts)</i>			
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.00		0.00
Loans received	0.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00
Sub-total		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>8,866.00</b>	<b>3,096.00</b>
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<i>(Other Expenditure)</i>			
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	3,173.20		2,792.66
Seagrave Street site costs	636.47		0.00
 <i>(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)</i>			
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	0.00		0.00
Purchase of Land and Buildings in connection with Place of Worship	0.00		0.00
 <i>(Miscellaneous Payments)</i>			
Loan repayment to the Society re Kingdom Hall Building Fund	0.00		0.00
Other - Ground Rent	83.88		83.88
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>3,893.55</b>	<b>2,876.54</b>
Net receipts (expense) for the year	4,972.45		219.46
Bank and cash balances at 1 April 2010	499.25		279.79
Bank and cash balances at 31 March 2011	5,471.70		499.25

Signed

*C. Davis*

Date

*9 June 2011*

Secretary for the Trustees of the Newcastle-U-Lyme Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

Newcastle Under Lyme Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1066132

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

J Bourne

Date

28/12/11

Name

J. BOURNE

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

None - all in order

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JB' with a stylized flourish extending to the right.