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**ANNUAL REPORT**

1. CHARITY: OKEHAMPTON CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2015.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

3. Registered Charity No. 1065393

4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Old Star Yard, East Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AS

5. The Congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being elders of the Congregation duly appointed pursuant with the Constitution:

Chairman: Brother James Ulyett

Secretary: Brother Glyn Jones

Other Trustees: Brothers Anthony Hazell, Charles Holland, Michael Olive,  
Andrew Pearn, Ian Sampson and Michael Silvester

Michael Bidmead also served as a trustee up till April, 2014

6. The Kingdom Hall in Old Star Yard, East Street, Okehampton is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1997 ('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.

**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.

These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with 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 teaching of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

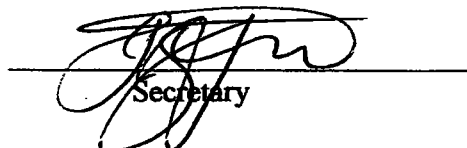
The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their power or duties.

#### **Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

9. 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 the 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 other duly constituted Congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation during the year were the following:
  - (a) A donation of £720 to the Society for the World Wide Work.
  - (b) A donation of £5,840 to the Society for the Kingdom Hall & Assembly Hall construction worldwide fund.
  - (c) A donation of £234 to the Society for the Global Assistance Arrangement.
  - (d) A donation of £243 to the Society for the Travelling Overseers Assistance arrangement.
  - (e) A donation of £1,200 to Devon Circuit No. 2 towards Circuit Assembly costs.
  - (f) Expenditure of £1,050 for the hire of coaches for Assemblies held at Plymouth MAKH.
  - (g) Expenditure of £1,086 to complete the refurbishment of the Kingdom Hall ventilation system
  - (h) Expenditure of £1,531 to purchase and install a projector for the transmission of streamed programs from the Society to the Kingdom Hall.
  - (i) A legacy of £75,264 from the estate of the late Freda Sillifant.
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 ~~the three~~ months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 14 months working expenditure.
12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use. It is proposed that £60,000 be donated to the Society's Kingdom Hall and Assembly Hall construction worldwide, if approved by resolution to be submitted to the Congregation on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015.
13. Approved by the Trustees of the charity on *16th May, 2015* and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

**The Okehampton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Annual Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31st March, 2015**  
Registered Charity Number: 1065393  
HMRC Tax Reference: XN64754

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2015 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2014 £</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
<b>Voluntary Sources</b>		
Donations for local congregation expenses	6,438	6,783
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	1,424	531
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest	0	0
<b>Other receipts</b>		
Legacy from the estate of Freda Sillifant	75,265	0
Other	0	0
	<u>83,127</u>	<u>7,314</u>
<b>Receipts resulting from movement on assets and investments</b>		
Loan repayment from Watch Tower	0	0
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<u><u>83,127</u></u>	<u><u>7,314</u></u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	720	720
Donations to Watch Tower for KH & AH construction	5,840	234
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA	243	0
Donations to Watch Tower for GAA	234	240
Donations to Devon Circuit No. 2	1,200	885
Donations to St Budeaux Cong. for Plymouth Project	0	475
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	2,906	2,127
Kingdon Hall ventilation project	1,086	3,118
Projector project & replacement PC	1,930	0
Hire of coach for convention and assemblies	1,050	1,439
Circuit Overseer expenses	190	290
Visiting speaker expenses	255	330
Administration expenses	171	108
	<u>15825</u>	<u>9966</u>
<b>Payments resulting from movements on assets and investements</b>		
Land purchased	0	0
Loan repayments to Watch Tower	0	0
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<u><u>15825</u></u>	<u><u>9966</u></u>
<b>Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year</b>	<u>67,302</u>	<u>-2,652</u>
<b>Total cash assets brought forward</b>	<u>10,730</u>	<u>13,382</u>
<b>Total cash assets carried forward</b>	<u><u>78,032</u></u>	<u><u>10,730</u></u>

Signed: .....  
Date: ..... 20 April, 2015 .....

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

**The Okehampton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**As at 31st March, 2015**

Registered Charity Number: 1065393

HMRC Tax Reference: XN64754

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2015 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2014 £</b>
<b><u>Cash Assets</u></b>		
Barclays bank accounts	78,032	1,730
Cash in hand	0	0
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower	0	9,000
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>78,032</b>	<b>10,730</b>
<b><u>Other Monetary Assets</u></b>		
Gift Aid claim for 2014/15 not yet received	1,490	1,423
<b><u>Investment Assets</u></b>		
	0	0
<b><u>Assets retained for the Charity's own use</u></b>		
Kingdom Hall	100,000	100,000
Othe assets	50,000	50,000
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Resolution to donate to KH&AH construction in 2015/16	60,000	0

Signed: .....

Date: ..... 30th April, 2015 .....

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