

ANNUAL REPORT

PORHCAWL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2014

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity No. 1067017

The registered address of the congregation is: The Kingdom Hall, Sandy Lane, Porthcawl, CF36 5BW

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

Chairman: Brian Collins

Secretary: Brian Taylor

Other trustees: Richard Brownbill, Andrew James, Geoff Pearce, David Riddel, Beverley Tallbot, Simon Thomas, Dennis Upton.

The Kingdom Hall in Sandy Lane, Porthcawl, 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 29th March 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

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 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, and 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the receipt of a legacy donation for the sum of **£31,000**.

Noteworthy expenses were:

- donations to the Society totalling **£406**
- donations to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses totalling **£1610**
- repayment in full of the loan from the society for the Kingdom Hall refurbishment, totalling **£16930**

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 54 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use. £30,000 has been set aside for the purpose of resurfacing the Kingdom Hall car park.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 4th June 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:


Chairman


Secretary

The Porthcawl Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Annual Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended March 31, 2014

Registered Charity Number: 1067017
 HMRC Tax Reference: XN42155

| | Unrestricted | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Funds | Total Funds |
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | |
| Voluntary sources | | |
| Donations for local congregation expenses | 8,305 | 30,931 |
| Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC | | 1,993 |
| Investment income | | |
| Interest | - | - |
| Other receipts (Refunds & Bank Transfers) | | |
| Legacy | 31,000 | 4,572 |
| | <u>39,305</u> | <u>37,496</u> |
| Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments | | |
| Loan received from Watch Tower | - | - |
| Total Receipts | <u><u>39,305</u></u> | <u><u>37,495.80</u></u> |
| Payments | | |
| Costs of charitable activities | | |
| Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work | 121 | 126 |
| Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA | 285 | 261 |
| Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA | - | 267 |
| Donations to Circuit/District | 1,610 | 1,160 |
| Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance | 4,659 | 8,130 |
| Hire of coach for assemblies/convention | 1,480 | 2,040 |
| Circuit overseer expenses | 495 | 392 |
| | <u>8,650</u> | <u>12,376.40</u> |
| Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments | | |
| Land purchased | | - |
| Loan repayments to Watch Tower | 16,930 | 4,920 |
| Total Payments | <u><u>25,580</u></u> | <u><u>17,296.40</u></u> |
| Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year | 13,725 | 20,199 |
| Total cash assets brought forward | 25,185 | 4,986 |
| Total cash assets carried forward | <u><u>38,910</u></u> | <u><u>25,185.40</u></u> |

Signed B. S. J.

Date: 4/6/14

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

The Porthcawl Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at March 31, 2014

Registered Charity Number: 1067017
 HMRC Tax Reference: XN42155

| | Unrestricted | Total Funds |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Funds | 2013 |
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| | £ | £ |
| Cash Assets | | |
| Barclays/Lloyds bank accounts | 3,910 | 25,185 |
| Cash in hand | - | - |
| Funds on deposit with Watch Tower | 35,000 | - |
| Total Cash Assets (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account) | <u>38,910</u> | <u>25,185</u> |
| Other Monetary Assets | | |
| Gift Aid claim not yet received | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Investment Assets | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use | | |
| Kingdom Hall | 216,500 | 216,500 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Loan (repayable to Watch Tower) | <u>-</u> | <u>16,930</u> |

Signed *B. Taylor*
 Date: *4/6/14*

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

B. Taylor
 4/6/14

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name THE PORTHCAWL CONGREGATION OF
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On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1067017

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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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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

Bryan Appleby

Date

10/12/2014

Name

BRYAN APPLEBY

Relevant professional qualification(s)
or body (if any)

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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.