

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	RETTFORD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES		
On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2012	Charity no (if any)	1066235
	One to Three (1-3)		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • 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. <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:		Date:	25-12-2012
Name:	BENJAMIN ELLIOTT		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS		

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

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The RET FORD

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Land Revenue Tax Reference No. _____

Registered Charity No. 1066235

Annual Receipts and Payments Accounts Report: Year to March 31, 2012

		Previous Year
RECEIPTS		
Voluntary Sources		
Congregation Contributions	£ <u>29,529.69</u>	£ <u>11,506.05</u>
Donations from _____	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>-</u>
Tax Claim	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>4,093.71</u>
Congregation Gift Aid	£ <u>5,100.00</u>	£ <u>6,275.53</u>
Legacies	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>-</u>
	<u>£ 34,629.69</u>	<u>£ 21,875.29</u>
Income from Assets		
Interest from Investments	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>-</u>
Rents from Property	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>-</u>
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Misc. Receipts		
Proceeds sale of assets	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>8,916.50</u>
Loans received	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>-</u>
Other (<u>RENT - POWER CABLE</u>)	£ <u>5.56</u>	£ <u>9,407.33</u>
	<u>£ 5.56</u>	<u>£ 9,8574.03</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>£ 34,635.25</u></u>	<u><u>£ 120,449.32</u></u>
PAYMENTS		
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ <u>40.00</u>	£ <u>-</u>
Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	£ <u>486.00</u>	£ <u>1,121.50</u>
	<u>£ 526.00</u>	<u>£ 1,121.50</u>
Other Expenditure		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ <u>1,574.19</u>	£ <u>2,489.15</u>
Circuit Minister Expenses	£ <u>290.00</u>	£ <u>79.43</u>
	<u>£ 1,864.19</u>	<u>£ 2,568.58</u>
Payments for investment and other assets		
Assets retained for investment purposes	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>-</u>
Equipment purchase for Charity property	£ <u>922.38</u>	£ <u>648.43</u>
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connections with place of worship	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>6,989.95</u>
	<u>£ 922.38</u>	<u>£ 7,638.38</u>
Misc. payments		
Loan repayment to the Society re KH building	£ <u>9,500.00</u>	£ <u>5,175.00</u>
Other (_____)	£ <u>210,095.00</u>	£ <u>3,704.77</u>
	<u>£ 219,595.00</u>	<u>£ 8,879.77</u>
Total Payments	<u><u>£ 222,907.57</u></u>	<u><u>£ 66,783.23</u></u>
Net receipt (payment) for the year	<u>£ 18,827.23</u>	<u>£ 53,666.09</u>
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 20 <u>11</u>	<u>£ 20,194.11</u>	<u>£ 14,827.02</u>
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 20 <u>12</u>	<u>£ 13,669.79</u>	<u>£ 20,194.11</u>

Signed Buey Date 06.06.2012

Secretary for the Trustees of the RET FORD Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

RETFORD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 1066235.

The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Randall Way, Retford, DN22 7GR

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

Chairman: Timothy Smith Secretary: Peter Trolley
Other trustees: George Gaze, Michael Lockwood, Colin Plummer and Bryan Stoneham

Stewart Higson also served as a trustee up till July 2011.

The Kingdom Hall in Randall Way, Retford, is held in trust for the congregation by the following locally appointed trustees: Timothy Smith, Peter Trolley, George Gaze, Michael Lockwood, Colin Plummer, and Bryan Stoneham.

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 16 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

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, 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 is the fact that, during the course of the year, all of the congregation's outstanding loans have been settled – leaving the Kingdom Hall loan with the Society as the congregation's sole outstanding liability.

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 9 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, or set aside for a particular purpose.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 6 June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:  _____  _____
?? Chairman Secretary