

The ROYSTON Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN 51588A Registered Charity No. 260913

Annual Receipts and Payments Accounts Report: Year to March 31, 20 11

RECEIPTS

Voluntary Sources

		Previous Year
Congregation Contributions	£ 10059.23	£ 1896.75
Donations from _____	£ _____	£ _____
Tax Claim	£ 1696.17	£ 1876.16
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 21231.43	£ 6009.33
Legacies	£ _____	£ _____
	£ 32986.83	£ _____

Income from Assets

Interest from Investments	£ 19.76	£ 395.05
Rents from Property	£ _____	£ _____
	£ 19.76	£ _____

Misc. Receipts IBSA money not yet paid

Proceeds sale of assets Refund from Lloyds T.S.B.	£ 51.40	£ 42.00
Loans received	£ 14500.00	£ 36.80
other (<u>Convention Coach</u>)	£ _____	£ 830.00
	£ 14551.40	£ _____

Total Receipts

£ 47557.99 £ 11086.09

PAYMENTS

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 1895.00	£ 1260.00
Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	£ 2021.00	£ 1566.00
	£ 3916.00	£ _____

Other Expenditure

Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 4702.92	£ 4505.11
Circuit Minister Expenses and visiting speaker expenses.	£ 530.00	£ 724.78
	£ 5232.92	£ _____

Payments for investment and other assets

Assets retained for investment purposes	£ _____	£ 309.00
Equipment purchase for Charity property	£ _____	£ _____
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connections with place of worship	£ _____	£ _____

Misc. payments Expenses incurred. R.B.C. 1B

Loan repayment to the Society re KH building	£ 300.00	£ _____
K/H Trust app.	£ 9.00	£ _____
other (<u>Convention Coach</u>)	£ 905.00	£ 905.00
	£ 1214.00	£ _____

Total Payments

£ 10362.92 £ 9269.89

Net receipt (payment) for the year

£ 37195.07 £ 1816.20

Bank and cash balances at April 1, 20__

£ 22617.80 £ 20843.60

Bank and cash balances at March 31, 20__

£ 59812.87 £ 22659.80

Signed [Signature] C/fwd total less IBSA money held 51.40 £ 59761.47 £ 22617.80
Date 23 May 2011 (42.00)

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

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of "Royston Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses" Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2011.

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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:

(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.

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Date: 3rd January 2012



ANNUAL REPORT

1. ROYSTON CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2011

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 260913
4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 49 Green Drift, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 5BX.
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregaion was administered by the following trustees: Chairman: Kenneth Adamson Secretary: John Hollis
Other trustees: James Digby, Paul King, Steven Kinsey, Keri Lawrence, Alan Maddox, James O'Looney, James Salter, John Simmons, Stuart Smith, Graham West.
6. The Kingdom Hall in Green Drift, Royston 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 7 November 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

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 practise 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, 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

9. The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by the 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.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation during the year was: £960 donation to IBSA, £416 donation to North London Assembly Hall, £1000 donation to Norwich Convention, £315 donation to the Travelling Overseers assistance arrangement, £835 donation to Bedford No.1 circuit.
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 3 months working expenditure. At the year end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 20 months working expenditure.
12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. A maximum of £50000 has been set aside for the refurbishment of our Kingdom Hall. The refurbishment is expected to commence in the latter half of 2011.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 26 May 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed 

Chairman



Secretary