

ANNUAL REPORT

1. SEAFORD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1065555
4. The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, West Street, Seaford, BN25 1ED
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:
Chairman: David Norman Secretary: Colin Staniford
Other Trustees:-Phillip Gurr. Paul Heard,. Geoff Knapp and Ron Ward.

Geoff Knapp was appointed in October 2018 and James Staniford served as a trustee until March 2019.

6. The Kingdom Hall in West Street, Seaford 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 the Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th 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

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 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

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 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. Noteworthy expenses were a one-off donation made to the “KH&AHCWW” through a resolution for £231,958.01, and donations totalling £3,620.00 to the Society.
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 in the current account were in excess of 6 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, or set aside for a particular purpose.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on the 27th June 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: _____
Chairman

Secretary

The Seaford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN54647. Registered Charity No. 1065555

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT : YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2019

RECEIPTS:

<i>(Voluntary Sources)</i>		<u>Previous Year</u>
Congregation Contributions	£ 942.00	£ 550.00
Electronic Donations	£ 435.00	£ -
Congregation Small Donations Scheme	£ 2,306.70	£ 3,172.76
Tax Repayment	£ 1,285.08	£ 1,377.59
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 1,830.00	£ 1,965.00
Legacies	£231,958.01	£ -
Sub-total:	<u>£238,756.79</u>	<u>£ 7,065.35</u>
 <i>(Income from Assets)</i>		
Interest from investments	£ -	£ -
Rents from Property	£ -	£ -
Sub-total:	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
 <i>(Misc Receipts)</i>		
Proceeds from sale of assets	£ -	£ -
Loans received	£ -	£ -
Sub-total:	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Total Receipts	<u>£238,756.79</u>	<u>£ 7,065.35</u>

PAYMENTS:

<i>(Direct Charitable Expenditure)</i>		
Donation to IBSA/WT Soc (associated registered charities)	£ 3,620.00	£ 3,770.00
Donation to KH&AHCWW by resolution	£231,958.01	£ -
Other Donations (e.g. pioneer school, circuit funds)	£ -	£ 330.00
Donation to WT Society by resolution	£ -	£ 1,225.00
Other Donations	£ -	£ -
<i>(Other Expenditure)</i>		
Kingdom Hall Operation & Maintenance	£ 4,684.18	£ 3,559.94
Circuit & Visiting Minister Expenses	£ 188.93	£ 396.60
<i>(Payments for investment & other assets)</i>		
Long Term Investments (tied up for a year)	£ -	£ -
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	£ -	£ -
Purchase of Land/Buildings in Connection with Place of Worship	£ -	£ -
<i>(Misc Payments)</i>		
	£ -	£ -
Total Payments	<u>£240,451.12</u>	<u>£ 9,281.54</u>
 Net receipts (expense) for year	 <u>-£ 1,694.33</u>	 <u>-£ 2,216.19</u>
Bank balance at April 1st, 2018	£ 6,251.89	£ 8,468.08
Bank balance at March 31st, 2019	£ 4,557.56	£ 6,251.89

Signed _____ Date _____
Secretary for the trustees of the Seaford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Seaford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Seaford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Congregation) for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Congregation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Congregation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Congregation as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Russell Bright

Relevant professional qualification: Association of Accounting Technicians

Address: 27 Blois Road, Lewes, BN7 2TR

Date: 04/08/2019