

**Verwood Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

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CHARITY COMMISSION

**Reference and Administrative Details.**

Registered Charity No. 1065372

The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Village Hall Lane, Brackendean, Three legged Cross, Wimborne, BH21 6SG

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

Chairman: David Legg

Secretary: Mark Bullman

Other trustees: Norman Saunders, Michael Cooke, Lee Eldridge, Ray Field, George Mein, Phillip Mepham, Simon Roff, Richard Shepherd, Clive Canter, Ian Brushwood

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 1997 ('the Constitution').

The congregation is affiliated with Watchtower 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 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 the Kingdom by Christ Jesus 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.

These meetings are provided, and the 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 Christian and the wider public by providing train 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 toward the costs of circuit assemblies and conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.


## **Accounts Report.**

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 designed for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 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 30th May 2013 and signed on its behalf;

Signed:   
Chairman

  
Secretary

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Verwood Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses		
Annual Receipts and Payments Account		
For the Year Ended 31st March 2013		
Registered Charity Number: 1065372		
HMRC Tax Reference: XR 4544		
	2013	
	£	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Voluntary sources		
Congregation contributions		3,279.31
Gift aided contributions		4,562.75
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC		1,115.29
Investment income		
Interest		0.35
Other receipts		60,497.66
Subtotal		<b>69,455.36</b>
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>69,455.36</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Costs of Charitable activities		
Donations to WT for WWW		420.00
Donations to WT for KHAA		1,600.00
Donations to WT for TOAA		327.00
Donations to Dorset No1 Circuit		806.00
Donation to Elder's school		165.00
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance		9,892.76
Circuit overseer expenses		270.00
Visiting speaker expenses		10.00
Subtotal		13,490.76
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan repayments to Watch Tower		11,038.00
Loan repayment (private)		3,000.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>27,528.76</b>
Net Receipt (Payment) for the year		41,926.60
Total cash assets brought forward (31st March 2012)		5,115.84
Total cash assets carried forward		<b>47,042.44</b>
Signed... <i>MAB</i> .....		
Date... 30/5/13 .....		
Secretary for the Trustees of the Verwood Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses		