

The Wigton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2014

Reference and Administrative Details

1. The Wigton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ("the Congregation") has been given the Registered Charity number 1066633.

2. The contact address of the Congregation is Mr. Geoffrey Roberts, 50 Shaw Wood Road, Thursby, Carlisle CA5 6QQ

3 On the date this report was approved, the Congregation was administered by the following trustees ("the Trustees"):-

Chairman:	Brother Geoffrey Roberts
Secretary:	Brother Charles Bland
Other Trustees:	Brother David Tyson
	Brother Ian Henderson
	Brother Michael Buchan
	Brother Graham Wood
	Brother Roy Smith

4. The Kingdom Hall in Reeds Lane, Wigton is held in trust for the Congregation by the following locally appointed trustees: Ian Henderson, Joseph Wilson Graham and David Tyson

Structure, Governance and Management

5. The Congregation is affiliated with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ("the Society")

6. New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among Congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution

7. 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 3 times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of Congregation members as provided for in the Constitution.

8. The Trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the Congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

Objects, Activities and Public Benefit

9. 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 Christian 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.

10. These meetings are provided and ministry engaged in without charge to the 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 Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching principles of Christian living, which includes 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.

11. 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

12. The Congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by the Congregation members and others. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of the regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by Congregation members toward the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist in carrying out their related religious purposes.

13. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was the contribution to the Congregation of £27,577 by way of Gift Aid and Deeds of Covenant. Further, in addition to the regular donations to the Society amounting to £1,800, the Congregation has loaned the Society a sum of money free of interest. The amount currently loaned to the Society is £77,000.

14. The charity has a consistent income base, through the donations from the Congregation members, some of which is through 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 in excess of 12 months working expenditure.

15. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the Congregation and the Society. In particular, it is anticipated that a new Kingdom Hall will be required in the foreseeable future.

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on June 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:- Chairman

..... Secretary

2014 Accounts Report														
Receipts	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Totals	Average
Contributions	£234.00	£230.00	£201.80	£348.00	£200.00	£227.02	£523.00	£310.04	£195.20	£210.00	£197.00	£285.00	£3,161.06	£263.42
Gift Aid	£1,460.00	£1,420.00	£2,085.00	£1,385.00	£1,335.00	£1,460.00	£1,432.00	£11,360.00	£1,460.00	£1,410.00	£1,410.00	£1,360.00	£27,577.00	£2,298.08
Tax Repayment						£3,376.06							£3,376.06	£281.34
Other				£761.05			£15.00						£776.05	£64.67
Total Receipts	£1,694.00	£1,650.00	£2,286.80	£2,494.05	£1,535.00	£5,063.08	£1,970.00	£11,670.04	£1,655.20	£1,620.00	£1,607.00	£1,645.00	£34,890.17	£2,907.51
Payments														
WWW (by resolution)	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£1,200.00	£100.00
KH Fund (by resolution)	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£600.00	£50.00
Other Donations (by resolution)	£90.10					£200.00			£255.00		£200.00	£156.00	£901.10	£75.09
Operation and Maintenance	£160.22	£45.53	£330.07	£134.97	£40.21	£122.16	£158.69	£108.36	£51.99	£126.31	£110.80	£33.89	£1,423.20	£118.60
CO and visiting speaker expenses			£37.25			£100.00		£31.00		£300.00			£468.25	£39.02
Equipment Purchased														
Other			£2,231.05		£50.00		£450.00				£150.00		£2,881.05	£240.09
Total Payments	£400.32	£195.53	£2,748.37	£284.97	£240.21	£572.16	£758.69	£289.36	£456.99	£576.31	£610.80	£339.89	£7,473.60	£622.80
Surplus/Deficit	£1,293.68	£1,454.47	-£461.57	£2,209.08	£1,294.79	£4,490.92	£1,211.31	£11,380.68	£1,198.21	£1,043.69	£996.20	£1,305.11	£27,416.57	£2,284.71
Donations from Boxes														
WWW	£47.50	£110.00	£20.00	£112.86	£60.03	£20.50	£25.00	£104.05	£111.50	£191.00	£70.18	£89.20	£961.82	£80.15
KH Fund	£10.00	£15.00				£10.00		£0.25	£0.40	£10.00			£45.65	£3.80
			Bank and cash balances as at 1 April 2013 - £58,402.67											
			Bank and cash balances as at 31 March 2014 - £85,769.24											
			Net Receipts for the Year - £27,366.57											



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
WIGTON CONGREGATION OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1066633

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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

Date

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