

The Wigton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Annual Report for the Year ending 31st March 2017

Reference and Administrative Details

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

The contact address of the Congregation is Mr. David Tyson, Windmill House, Little Bampton, Wigton, CA7 0JJ

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

Chairman:	Brother David Tyson
Secretary:	Brother Roy Smith
Other Trustees:	Brother Michael Buchan
	Brother Barry Gray
	Brother Jim Gray
	Brother Ian Henderson
	Brother Philip Hindmoor
	Brother Geoff Roberts
	Brother Graham Wood

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

The Congregation is affiliated with the 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 3 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.

Objects, 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 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.

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.

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 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.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was the contribution to the Congregation of £15,802.15 by way of Gift Aid and Deeds of Covenant. A significant income was a repayment from HMRC for the previous 4 years of Gift Aid donation of 19,637.98.

Further, the congregation has provided regular donations to the Society amounting to £13,200.00 long with a one-off donation of £16,000.

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 6 months working expenditure. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the Congregation and the society.

Arrangements have been introduced by the Society to fund the construction of new kingdom halls and the congregation is planning to make use of these new arrangements.

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on *17th June 2017*

Signed on its behalf by:

David Tyson P.P. David Tyson Chairman

Russell Secretary

Receipts	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Totals	Average
Contributions	£ 260.00	£ 260.00	£ 260.30	£ 447.00	£ 265.00	£ 270.30	£ 215.00	£ 270.00	£ 275.00	£ 240.00	£ 250.00	£ 281.30	£ 3,293.90	£ 274.49
Gift Aid	£ 1,180.00	£ 1,280.00	£ 1,740.00	£ 1,180.00	£ 1,540.00	£ 1,185.00	£ 1,362.15	£ 1,235.00	£ 1,185.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 1,415.00	£ 1,215.00	£ 15,802.15	£ 1,316.85
Tax Repayment							£ 19,637.98						£ 19,637.98	£ 1,636.50
Other				£ 402.00 [2]									£ 402.00	£ 33.50
Total Receipts	£ 1,440.00	£ 1,540.00	£ 2,000.30	£ 2,029.00	£ 1,805.00	£ 1,455.30	£ 21,215.13	£ 1,505.00	£ 1,460.00	£ 1,525.00	£ 1,665.00	£ 1,496.30	£ 39,136.03	£ 3,261.34
Payments														
WWW (by resolution)	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 12,000.00	£ 1,000.00
KH Fund (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
Other Donations (by resolution)						£ 250.00 [3]			£ 16,000.00				£ 16,250.00	£ 1,354.17
Operation and Maintenance	£ 199.55	£ 172.25	£ 73.35	£ 137.03	£ 441.55	£ 306.95	£ 50.79	£ 135.47	£ 57.56	£ 149.86	£ 128.23	£ 103.97	£ 1,956.56	£ 163.05
CO and visiting speaker expenses	£ 8.10	£ 49.50	£ 172.30		£ 135.00	£ 5.65	£ 11.15		£ 225.00	£ 44.70	£ 11.10	£ 16.75	£ 679.25	£ 56.60
Equipment Purchased					£ 427.20 [4]								£ 427.20	£ 35.60
Other	£ 200.00 [5]		£ 804.67 [6]	£ 940.00 [7]		£ 500.00 [8]						£ 600.00 [9]	£ 3,044.67	£ 253.72
Total Payments	£ 1,507.65	£ 1,321.75	£ 2,150.32	£ 2,177.03	£ 2,103.75	£ 2,162.60	£ 1,161.94	£ 1,235.47	£ 17,382.56	£ 1,294.56	£ 1,239.33	£ 1,820.72	£ 35,557.68	£ 2,963.14
Surplus/Deficit	-£67.65	£218.25	-£150.02	-£148.03	-£298.75	-£707.30	£20,053.19	£269.53	-£15,922.56	£230.44	£425.67	-£324.42	£3,578.35	£ 298.20
Donations from Boxes														
WWW	£ 40.00	£ 90.00	£ 124.16	£ 85.55	£ 22.97	£ 31.00	£ 40.00	£ 151.21	£ 145.02	£ 44.00	£ 32.00	£ 45.10	£ 851.01	£ 70.92
									Bank and cash balances as at 1 April 2016		£2,694.12			
									Bank and cash balances as at 31 March 2017		£6,322.47			
									Net Receipts for the Year		£3,628.35			
<p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Secretary for the trustees of Wigton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses</p>														

[1] HMRC Repayment

[2] Kingdom Hall Insurance from GM Thomson

[3] Global Assistance Arrangement

[4] Fire Extinguishers

[5] Convention Coach Deposit - £200.00

[6] Insurance - £804.67

[7] Convention Coach

[8] Circuit Accomodation - £350.00

Circuit Assembly - £150.00

[9] Convention Coach Deposit - £600.00