

ANNUAL REPORT

WINSFORD CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Reference and Administrative details

Registered Charity No 1066310

The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 38 Siddorn Street Winsford CW7 2BA

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

Chairman: George Kidd Secretary: Jeremy Williams
Other trustees: Karl Wilson, Martin Del Manso, Saviour Sammut, Michael Pointon

Craig Dunning also served as trustee until August 2010 when he left the congregation.

Structure Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th May 1997 ('the Constitution'). 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 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 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 the ministry engaged in, without charge to the adherents or to 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 teaching the 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 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 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.

Noteworthy expenses were:

- a) The contribution of £1600 was approved by congregation resolutions for the District Convention Coach Allowance.
- b) Donations of £605.75 for Circuit expenses including assemblies and Circuit run training courses
- c) Expenditure of £1800.00 for Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance.
- d) Contributions of £586.43 for visiting minister expenses

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 respect to 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, free reserves were roughly equal to 10 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 1st June 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed

Chairman

Secretary

THE WINSFORD CENTRAL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XR17024

Registered Charity No. 1066310

Previous
Year

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT : YEAR TO MARCH 31 2011

RECEIPTS

(Voluntary Sources)

Congregation Contributions	£ 1,760.72	£ 4,564.10
Tax Repayments	£ 1,432.87	£ 1,794.41
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 4,160.00	£ 5,075.00
Legacies (Error)	£ 37.00	£ 325.46

Sub-total £ 7,390.59

(Income from Assets)

Interest from Investments	£ -	
Rents from Property	£ -	

Sub-total £ -

(Misc Receipts)

Proceeds from sale of Assets	£ -	
Loans received	£ -	
Coach/Car Park Receipts	£ -	
Other - Cancelled Cheque	£ -	£ 20.00

Sub-total £ -

Total Receipts:

£ 7,390.59

PAYMENTS

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)

Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society	£ 120.00	£ 140.00
Other Donations	£ 1,755.75	£ 2,766.86

(Other Expenditure)

Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 1,800.00	£ 6,840.00
Circuit and Visiting Expenses	£ 586.43	£ 238.37

(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)

Long term investments (tied up for a year)	£ -	
Equipment purchased for Kingdom hall	£ -	
Purchase of Land/Buildings in Connection with Place of Worship	£ -	
Kingdom Hall Building Project	£ -	

(Misc Payments)

Loan repayment to the Society re Kingdom Hall Building	£ -	
Other loan repayment	£ -	
District Convention payments	£ 1,380.00	£ 444.00
Payment to WM Cong for loan	£ -	
Insurance	£ -	
Sundry Items	£ -	£ 24.68

Total Payments:

£ 5,642.18

Net Receipts (Expense) for the year	£ 1,748.41	£ 1,325.06
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2010	£ 8,342.97	£ 7,017.91
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2011	£ 10,091.38	£ 8,342.97

Statement of Loans

Loans due within the next 12 months	£ -	
Loans due in more than 12 months	£ -	

Total Loans Outstanding at March 31, 2011 £ -

Signed

Date

Secretary for the trustees of the Winsford Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses