

CHARITY: WOMBWELL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st. MARCH 2011

Legal and Administrative Information:

The Congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th. May 1997. ('The Constitution').

Registered Charity No. 1065284

The following Trustees, being elders of the Congregation duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution have during the year administered the Congregation:

Chairman: Brother Melvin Watson

Secretary: Brother Merrick Brown

Other Trustees: Brothers, David Askew, Garry Bourne, Peter Cottam, David Hamby
Ronald Upperdine, Ian Webb, Dug Willoughby.

The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Bridge End Lane, West Melton, Rotherham. S63 6FP

The Congregation's Bank is Barclays Bank plc of 25/27 Church Street, Barnsley. South Yorkshire. S70 2AJ

At the end of the year there were 111 congregation members.

The Congregation is within Yorkshire No. 5 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Objectives and Activities

The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to such purposes: It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible.' For this purpose the Congregation is organised on the basis of scriptural precedent and as otherwise recommended by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ('the Society') with which the Congregation is affiliated.

During the year the Congregation has achieved its objective and continues to pursue its purposes by holding regular twice-weekly meetings for the public worship of God and Bible Study. Further most congregation members have assisted by sharing regularly in preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and teaching principles of Christian Living including respect for secular authority, persons and property; the maintenance of personal morality and family values; and other facets of practical Christianity.

Governance

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 activities of the Congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary unpaid basis.

Review of Year and Financial Development

Voluntary contributions made by congregation members and others, supplemented by investments, fund the Congregation. Further, it is confirmed that the congregation's accounts comply with the Constitution and with the relevant statutory requirements.

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 toward the cost of circuit assemblies and other Conventions held by congregation members during the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at 31/03/2011 confirms the cash assets of the Congregation, were as follows:

Total Funds Current Account: **£4,671.23**

These funds are held for the purposes of financing the future activities of the Congregation, including the improvement of accommodation for the holding of meetings for worship and Bible study.

Property - Kingdom Hall, Littlefield Lane, Wombwell, Barnsley, held in trust for the Congregation by the locally appointed Trustees / The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Of particular significance to the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was:

- (a) **£650.00:** donated to Yorkshire No. 5 Circuit towards cost of Circuit Assemblies.
- (b) **£840.00:** donated to the IBS/Society Britain.
- (c) **£11,000** Long term loans for repayment
- (d) **£13,000** Short term loan for repayment
- (e) Sale of the Old Kingdom Hall and the building of a New Kingdom Hall, to be reported on at completion.

All approved by Congregation resolutions.

Finally in all respects the congregation continues to co-operate closely with the other constituted congregations within the Circuit and with the Society for the common purpose of advancing Christianity by preaching the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ.

Internal Control

Proper controls and procedures are adhered to, so that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, are in balance and provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose. A competent person independently examines the accounts on a quarterly basis, using guidelines prepared by the Society. The result is announced to the congregation.

Investment Policy:

The Trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit, but subject to provisions of the Constitution. They will have regard to the soundness of the financial institution, and invest in harmony with Christian principles. Any funds that will be needed in the short term will be invested on that basis.

Reserves policy:

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 is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equal to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 4 months working expenditure.

Risk Management:

The trustees actively review the major risks the charity faces and believe that by maintaining free reserves at the level stated in the Reserve Policy, combined with the internal audit program, the charity will have sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. Established systems are in place to mitigate the significant risk.

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 5th May 2011

Melvin Watson (Chairman)

Merrick Brown (Secretary)

The Wombwell Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference N0. XN56717

Register Charity No. 1065284

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31 2011

	Current Year	Previous Year
RECEIPTS:		
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions including Kingdom Hall Project	£6,657.55	£ 9,551.81
Tax Repayment	£1,217.49	£ 834.03
Congregation Deed/Gift Aid	£4,690.00	£ 4,314.00
Legacies	£	£
Sub-total:	£12,565.04	£14,699.84
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments	£ 78.06	£ 124.40
Rent from properties		
Sub-total:	£ 78.06	£ 124.40
(Misc. Receipts)		
Proceeds from sale of assets	£	£
Audit adjustment:	£	£
Loans received	£ 66,980.00	£11,000.00
Loan repayment from Watchtower Britain branch	£	£20,000.00
Sale of Kingdom Hall Littlefield Lane	£151,551.88	
VAT Refund	£ 10,000.00	
Refund: Virgin Media £26.73 Scottish Power £303.23	£ 329.96	£
Sub-total	£228,861.84	£ 31,000.00
Total Receipts:		
	£ 241,504.94	£45,824.24
Income:		
	£ 12,643.10	£14,824.24
PAYMENTS:		
(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watchtower Society and (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 840.00	£ 840.00
Other Donations: Farsi £1,000 Pioneers Assist £100 Yorkshire No5 Circuit Fund	£ 1,100.00 £ 650.00	£ 1,909.60
Sub-total	£ 2,590.00	£ 2,749.60
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance Flat roof	£ 2,966.90	£ 3,665.00
Circuit Flat £110 School hire £33.70 Visiting Expenses£154.17	£ 297.87	£ 351.36
Sub-total	£ 3,264.77	£ 4,016.36
(Payments for Investment and other assets)		
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	£	£ 390.00
Purchase of Land/Buildings in connection with place of worship	£239,055.48	£ 7,441.29
Sub-total	£239,055.48	£ 7,831.29
(Misc. Payments)		
Transport to convention	£ 975.00	£ 975.00
Loan repayments	£53,980.00	
RBC Expenses £255.45 Invite printing £100.88 Keys £81.49	£ 437.82	
KH Assistant Arrangement /& Travelling overseers car fund	£ 681.00	
New hall: Registration £148 Skip hire £320.00	£ 468.00	
Sub-total	£ 56,541.82	£ 975.00
Final Refund Scottish Power £200.70 Sub Total	£ - 200.70	
Total Payments:		
	£301,251.31	£15,572.25
Net Receipts (expenses) for year	£ 59,746.43 -	£10,251.99
Bank and cash balance at April 1, 2010	£ 64,417.66	£54,165.67
Bank and cash balance at March 31, 2010	£ 4,671.23	£ 64,417.66

Signed: *Merrick Brown*
Merrick Brown

Date: 5th May 2011

Secretary for the trustees of the WOMBWELL Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

THE WOMBWELL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Annual statement of Assets and Liabilities: As at 31 March 2011

	Current Year	Previous Year
<u>CASH ASSETS</u>		
Bank and Cash Balance		
Bank Current Account	£4,671.23	£25,493.75
Bank Deposit Account	Account closed	£38,923.91
Total: <i>(Agrees with March 31 balance on annual accounts)</i>	£4,671.23	£64,423.66
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Future and contingent liabilities:		
Loan re: construction of new place of worship (Footnote A)	£24,000.00	£11,000.00
 <u>Other Assets</u>		
New place of worship (Footnote B)	£182,000.00	£78,000.00
Furniture and other contents of place of worship (Footnote C)	£ 21,000.00	£15,000.00
Total	£203,000.00	£93,000.00

Footnotes

- A** The loans of £24,000.00, includes interest of 0% Secured by the freehold place of worship.
- B** Registered Place of Worship: Kingdom Hall, Bridge End Lane, West Melton, Rotherham. S63 6FP
Shown at cost:
Condition of property: New
- C** Contents: Shown at cost. Condition of contents: New

Annual Accounts Summary

WOMBWELL CONGREGATION of JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

2010 -2011 Financial Year

2010 - 2011		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTALS
Balance b/f		64,417.66	64,688.62	62,484.72	62,689.65	51,679.53	51,342.75	55,398.05	98,586.44	96,187.32	11,455.19	11,404.49	4,222.89	-
RECEIPTS														-
Congregation	C	454.61	653.61	468.50	502.14	1,429.80	241.81	175.00	730.00	320.14	715.05	380.50	586.39	6,657.55
Tax Repayment (Gift Aid)			1,217.49											1,217.49
Congregation Gift Aid	G	225.00	155.00	215.00	255.00	195.00	255.00	2,215.00	165.00	185.00	255.00	195.00	375.00	4,690.00
Legacies	E													-
Bank Interest	I						78.06							78.06
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Loans Received	L					10,000.00	56,980.00							66,980.00
Other :														-
Sale of Kingdom Hall Wombwell	S							151,551.88						151,551.88
VAT Refund Project account													10,000.00	10,000.00
Refund Vergin Media													26.73	26.73
Refund Scottish Power								303.23						303.23
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Total Receipts		679.61	2,026.10	683.50	757.14	11,624.80	57,554.87	154,245.11	895.00	505.14	970.05	575.50	10,988.12	241,504.94
PAYMENTS														
Donation to IBSA/Society		70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	840.00
Yorkshire No. 5 Circuit Fund	A	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	650.00
Kingdom Hall Operation	U	208.65	290.00	291.69	372.26	279.81	279.57	268.72	166.95	35.55	600.00	94.10	79.60	2,966.90
Circuit Overseer Expenses	V	80.00							74.17					154.17
Long Term Investments	Z													-
Equipment for K/Hall	Q													-
Other :														-
Loan repayments								9,000.00	3,000.00	24,980.00		7,000.00	10,000.00	53,980.00
IBSA Convention Leeds					975.00									975.00
K/H & car Assist Arrangement	AA							348.00				333.00		681.00
New Kingdom Hall project	HP		2,820.00		10,300.00	11,561.77	53,100.00	101,000.00	100.00	60,020.23	101.48		52.00	239,055.48
Pioneer School Attendance Assistance												100.00		100.00
Kingdom Hall Flat												110.00		110.00
Memorial invitations / year text				66.88									34.00	100.88
Circuit Overseer Visit (school hire)									33.70					33.70
RBC Expences from Congregation Funds											149.27		106.18	255.45
New Kingdom Extre Keys										81.49				81.49
Donation to Rotherham Farsi Congregat			1,000.00											1,000.00
Scotish Power final refund									200.70					200.70
RMBC Registration													148.00	148.00
Skip Hire								320.00						320.00
Total Payments		408.65	4,230.00	478.57	11,767.26	11,961.58	53,499.57	111,056.72	3,294.12	85,237.27	1,020.75	7,757.10	10,539.78	301,251.37
Surplus / Deficit		270.96	- 2,203.90	204.93	- 11,010.12	- 336.78	4,055.30	43,188.39	- 2,399.12	- 84,732.13	- 50.70	- 7,181.60	448.34	- 59,746.43
TOTAL FUNDS		64,688.62	62,484.72	62,689.65	51,679.53	51,342.75	55,398.05	98,586.44	96,187.32	11,455.19	11,404.49	4,222.89	4,671.23	4,671.23