

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1. CHARITY: HAMILTON CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

3. The Congregation is an unincorporated association in Scotland and it operates on the basis of a Constitution adopted on 19 July 2007.
4. Registered Charity Number: **SC009051**
5. The Congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being elders of the Congregation duly appointed and still serving at the date of this report:

Chairman: Stewart McCreadie

Secretary: Steven Forsyth

Other Trustees: John Adegunsoye, Mark Anderson, James Corrigan, Walter Dickie, David Hawke, Campbell Kelly, Dale Kelly, Darren Lambie, Richard McDiarmid, Gordon Nelson, Silvano Pisano, Craig Smith and Mark Violet.

New Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees, from the congregation membership following prayerful consideration of their spiritual qualifications, in the light of the Bible.

6. The Registered Address of the Congregation is 25 New Park Street, Hamilton, ML3 0BN
7. At the end of the year there were approximately 161 congregation members

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

8. The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to such purposes, these being the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible.

During the year the Congregation has achieved its objects and continued 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

9. The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the charity, work together closely. Meetings to discuss financial matters are arranged whenever required, being included in the regular religious meetings of the congregation. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the directions from the Society.

The Elders of the congregation are its Trustees, and they are responsible to administer the congregation ensuring it has financial autonomy. Responsibilities include maintaining accounts records and having these reviewed by an individual meeting the legal criteria of an independent examiner. Expenditure, other than ordinary running costs, must be recommended by a quorum of the elders and approved by congregation resolution passed by a simple majority of a quorum of the congregation. The expense must be solely to advance the objects of the congregation.

The Trustees and all other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary unpaid basis. No expenses or remunerations were paid to Trustees, nor were there any financial transactions between the charity and Trustees, or any persons connected to a Trustee.

REVIEW OF YEAR AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

10. The congregation is funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by income from bank interest. Further, it is confirmed that the congregation's accounts comply with the directions from the Society and with the relevant statutory requirements.

There are no Notes to Accounts, all relevant information having been included in this report.

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 towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held during the year. Funds have also been donated to assist other entities that support the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

11. Assets and Liabilities

During the year, the trustees approved that all income and expenditure and assets of the charity be transferred to another charity with similar aims and objectives – The Kingdom Hall Trust (registered in Scotland Charity Reg. No. SC046541). This transfer happened on 1st October 2025. At 31 March 2026, the charity has no assets.

12. Property - Kingdom Hall, 25 New Park Street, Hamilton, ML3 0BN held in trust for the Congregation by the Service Committee as Trustees. Value £100,000. Kingdom Hall Contents Value £30,000.

13. Notable Receipts and Expenses

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year were:

Grants of £1,9110 approved by Congregation resolutions for the charitable work of associated Charities. Cash assets of £12,254.27 were transferred to The Kingdom Hall Trust (registered in Scotland Charity Reg. No. SC046541).

In addition, during the year, the sum of £931 for International Bible Students Association (registered in Scotland Charity Reg. No. SC046866), was collected and sent on to that charity.

In all respects the Congregation continues to co-operate closely with the other duly constituted congregations and with other charities for the common purpose of advancing Christianity by preaching the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ

INTERNAL CONTROLS

14. Proper Controls and procedures are adhered to, so that the monthly financial reports made to the Trustees and the congregation, accurately represent all transactions, are in balance and provide reasonable evidence that that the finances are being used for their intended purpose. A competent person checks the accounts on a quarterly basis. The result is announced to the Congregation.

INVESTMENT POLICY

15. The Trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit, having regard to the soundness of the financial institution, and our Christian principles. Any funds that are needed in the short term are invested on that basis.

RESERVES POLICY

16. 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, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. As noted earlier in the report, the charity has no cash reserves at the year end.

17. Approved by the Trustees of the charity and signed on its behalf on 28 June 2026 by:

Signed:  Steven Forsyth Trustee

On behalf of the Trustees of the Hamilton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses