

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1. **CHARITY:** OBAN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (Reg Charity No. SC002840)

2. **ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING:** 31st MARCH 2026

3. **Legal and Administration Information.**

The Oban congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ("the Congregation") is an unincorporated association in Scotland and it operates on the basis of a Constitution adopted on 14th July 2022.

4. Registered Charity No. SC002840

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: Robert Grove

Secretary: Gordon Nash

Other Trustees: Michael Billingham, Craig Hughes, Craig Latham, Scott Murray and William Stewart.

New Trustees are selected by 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: The Kingdom Hall, Etive Road, Dunbeg, By Oban, Argyll. PA37 1QF.

7. The Congregation's Bank is: Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Tonbridge Branch, PO BOX 1000, BX1 1LT

8. At the end of the year, there were 45 congregation members.

9. **Objects and Activities.**

The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to further its 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.

10. **Governance.**

The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who, as members of the charity, work closely together. 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.

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.

11. **Review of Year and Financial Developments.**

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 relevant statutory requirements.

There are no Notes to the 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 meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made towards the cost of circuit assemblies or other conventions held during the year. Funds have also been donated to assist other entities that support the work of Jehovah's Witnesses.

12. **Assets and Liabilities.**

At 31/03/2026 the total cash **assets** of the Congregation were as follows:

Cash in Deposit / Saving Accounts :	£0
Cash in Current Accounts:	£0
Total assets:	<u>£0</u>

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

14. Property - Kingdom Hall, Etive Road, Dunbeg, Oban. PA37 1QF.

- Held in the name of three designated Trustees. In the Constitution they are defined as the Property Trustees.
- On 28th August 2025, at a meeting of the Charity trustees, following correspondence from *The Kingdom Hall Trust*, charity registration number 275946, regarding the proposal to remove the charity known as Oban congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Charity) from the Scottish Charity Register, the trustees considered and agreed to take steps to deregister the Charity from the Scottish Charity Register. *The Kingdom Hall Trust* has similar aims to the Charity. A Resolution to this effect was passed unanimously on 11th September 2025. The Oban congregation has operated from 1st October 2025 in collaboration with *The Kingdom Hall Trust*.
- Kingdom Hall contents value: £25,000

At 31st March 2026, the Congregation had no liabilities.

15. **Notable Receipts and Expenses.**

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

- a) The grants of £1,215.00 approved by Congregation resolutions for the charitable work of associated Charities.
- b) Since the major refurbishment of the Kingdom Hall electricity costs have averaged approximately £5,000 per annum, and measures are being trialled to reduce this cost.
- c) The bank account for the Charity was closed in November 2025 and the closing balance of £10,272.02 was transferred to *The Kingdom Hall Trust*.

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.

16. **Internal Controls.**

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 assurance that 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.

17. **Investment Policy.**

The Trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit in furtherance of their charitable purposes but having regard to the soundness of the financial institution, and our Christian principles. Any funds that may not be needed in the short term will be invested on that basis.

18. **Reserves Policy.**

No reserves are held locally. The Oban congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses now operates in collaboration with *The Kingdom Hall Trust*.

19. Approved by the Trustees of the charity on (12th July 2026) and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

Gordon Nash
Secretary and Trustee, on behalf of the Trustees.