

THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 275946

Details

Other names LONDON COMPANY OF KINGDOM WITNESSES

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [00355443](#)

Registered 1978-05-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PUBLICLY MAKE KNOWN THE KINGDOM OF JEHOVAH GOD UNDER CHRIST JESUS. B) TO PROMULGATE THE TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND INSTRUCT MEN AND WOMEN IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND THE RIGHT LIVING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (SEE CLAUSE 3 OF MEMORANDUM FOR FURTHER DETAILS).

Activities: To advance the Christian religion as practised by Jehovah's Witnesses by providing, maintaining, and at times acting as custodian trustee for places of worship in the United Kingdom.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£30,298,548	£30,525,082	£213,927,407	0
2024-08-31	£27,922,653	£32,456,623	£214,159,157	0
2023-08-31	£25,768,640	£29,065,343	£218,693,127	0
2022-08-31	£30,916,771	£24,832,298	£221,989,830	0
2021-08-31	£133,228,025	£27,316,409	£215,905,357	0
2020-08-31	£104,413,082	£4,010,790	£109,993,741	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD JOHN COOK	Chair	2016-12-28
Alan John Clinton		2018-12-03
JONATHAN COX		2015-07-30
PAUL TRACY WADE		2014-11-20
RAVI SHARMA		2024-02-01
Shaun Daniel Whittaker		2025-02-28
Simon Uchechukwu Achonu		2025-02-28

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00355443 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 275946
OSCR NUMBER: SC046541

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2025
for
The Kingdom Hall Trust**

The Kingdom Hall Trust

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the Trust) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The aims and objectives of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust.

The Trust's long term and short term objectives are correlated, that is to continue to facilitate worship and relieve administrative burdens on individuals wherever possible. The Trust also aims to continue to provide safe, high quality buildings for the use of congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses, all of which are open to the public.

The Trust continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note eight to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Trust, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with its performance.

Significant activities

The Trust provides places of worship (Kingdom Halls) by purchasing completed properties and freehold land, and maintaining these buildings to a high standard. In addition, where a Kingdom Hall cannot be made available, the Trust assists in renting facilities that will allow for the same activities.

The Trust also funds expenses connected with the use of a Kingdom Hall and other matters relating to facilitating public worship, which relieves any financial and administrative burden from the congregations that worship there.

The Trust measures its success by the extent it can relieve financial and administrative burdens from individuals who assist congregations, and facilitate public worship. Appropriate measures for how well these have been relieved include the number of payments made during the year and the number of meetings for public worship facilitated during the year.

Public benefit

The Trust is a public benefit entity. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard in the exercise of their powers and duties to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work done by the Trust ensures that members of the public have access to these buildings free of charge.

Individuals can worship together, promoting godly values, such as well-being and respect for others, and the practice of qualities such as honesty and kindness.

Volunteers

The volunteer spirit of many is crucial to the operations of the Trust. For example, in accordance with delegated authority, individuals arrange for basic repairs to the Kingdom Halls, and the purchasing of routine items such as cleaning materials. Some also perform maintenance checks on the properties of the Trust, ensuring that they are well maintained. The trustees greatly appreciate these tireless efforts.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Principal Achievements for the Year

During the year over 66,000 (2024: 58,000) payments were made. This is a good measure of how the Trust continues to relieve beneficiaries of administrative processes during the year. This has assisted beneficiaries to focus on their personal spiritual activities, such as worshipping together encouraging and helping each other. Caring for financial and legal matters connected to properties and entities, would have been an extra burden.

All of this represents work and activity relieved from individuals throughout the country. The payments made mostly facilitated use and maintenance of Kingdom Halls for public religious meetings.

The Trust owns 709 (2024: 720) buildings used as places of worship. These properties are open to the general public free of charge. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses. During the year 142,000 (2024: 143,000) meetings for public worship were held in these buildings.

Guidance was provided to individuals to perform essential weekly maintenance checks to ensure that facilities are maintained to a good standard.

During the past year £12.7 million (2024: £17.2 million) was donated to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain for use in their charitable activities, which are similar to those of the Trust. The trustees selected this recipient due to their record in supporting the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, as shown by their published financial statements. This fulfils the aim of donors, who wish to support, not only activity in Britain, but global activity. This includes facilitating activities such as worship, disaster relief, and translation work

Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

Internal Controls

Controls are in place over the financial systems of the Trust. These controls ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions; provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose; and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance.

Financial review

Financial position

Total reserves, including property assets, at 31st August 2025, stood at £213,927,407 (2024: £214,153,941). During the year, the total expenditure of the Trust was £30.5 million (2024: £32.5 million), which included paying expenses connected to Kingdom Halls used by congregations, and donations to another legal entity with similar aims and objectives, as described above.

Principal funding sources

The Trust is funded by voluntary donations and legacies. This income supported the Trust in achieving its key objectives during the year. This included providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses and assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Reserves policy

The Trust's policy is to hold approximately six months of operational expenditure as reserves, along with an appropriate amount to fund the purchase of new Kingdom Halls when needed. The closing reserves are in line with this policy. All funds are unrestricted.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risk for the Trust is the lack of building fabric maintenance, which could lead to impairment of the assets owned by the Trust.

To mitigate this risk regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. The congregations using the premises are provided with training, support and documentation to keep the building in good repair. Well qualified individuals periodically monitor and review the quality of the buildings.

A preventative maintenance programme is established at all facilities. Local users are trained to implement maintenance using a comprehensive system of maintenance cards and task reminders that cover all aspects of facility operation and maintenance. Trained maintenance personnel support local users to implement the maintenance programme.

Future plans

The Trust plans to continue to facilitate the financial activity as previously described, allowing congregants to focus more on their personal religious service rather than on administrative matters. It will also continue to look for opportunities to purchase new Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses and continue to assist in facilitating venues where Kingdom Halls are not currently available.

In line with these objectives, charities in Scotland were offered the opportunity for the Trust to care for their financial and administrative processes. This allows beneficiaries to focus more on their personal religious service. Following the year-end, these charities confirmed their intention to accept this arrangement and indicated plans to transfer assets valued at approximately £5.7 million.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

On 28th July 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on 30th June 1978. On 18th November 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On 1st June 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On 6th June 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on 20th June 1994. On 15th July 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. On 30th September 2014, the Articles of Association were altered by Resolution to effect an increase in the maximum number of trustees. On 22nd March 2016, a further amendment was adopted by resolution. On 21st November 2018, amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by resolution. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. On 10th May 2016, it was registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: the trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Trust and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Trust's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month and are in regular contact.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Limited financial authority is delegated to responsible individuals to enter into financial transactions on behalf of the Trust. The nature of these transactions must be in line with direction provided. All transactions are reviewed before payment through the systems of the Trust.

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

Wider network

The Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00355443 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

275946

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
Essex
CM2 8FW

Trustees

S Abbott (resigned 28.2.25)
J Cox
S R Morris (resigned 28.2.25)
P Wade
R Cook
A Clinton
R Sharma
S Achonu (appointed 28.2.25)
S Whittaker (appointed 28.2.25)

Auditors

Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
12 Conqueror Court
Sittingbourne
Kent
ME10 5BH

Bankers

Barclays Corporate North London Team
1-2 Trinity Way
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London
E4 8TD

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

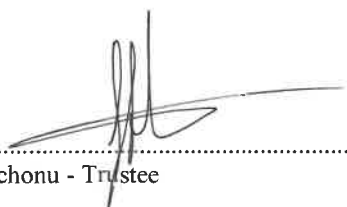
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 2/03/2026 and signed on the board's behalf by:



R Cook - Trustee



S Achonu - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Gaining an understanding of the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Discussing with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.
- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework.
- Evaluating the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.
- Obtaining confirmations from management and those charged with governance as regards related parties and any transactions with said related parties.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees, whilst challenging assumptions made by those charged with governance in the course of accounting estimates.
- Identifying and testing manual journal entries.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with regulatory bodies.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Kingdom Hall Trust**

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Rosanna Turner ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Date: 4 MARCH 2026.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Unrestricted fund as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	28,960,490	26,312,509
Investment income	3	311,343	330,271
Other income		<u>1,026,715</u>	<u>1,279,873</u>
Total		<u>30,298,548</u>	<u>27,922,653</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses		8,834,436	7,179,440
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives		13,785,015	17,200,720
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses		<u>7,905,631</u>	<u>8,081,679</u>
Total		<u>30,525,082</u>	<u>32,461,839</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(226,534)	(4,539,186)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		214,153,941	218,693,127
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>213,927,407</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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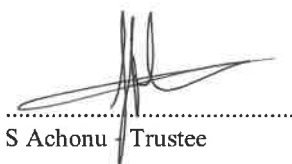
Balance Sheet 31st August 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Unrestricted fund as restated £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	204,873,656	206,683,573
Social investments	10	<u>979,142</u>	<u>445,705</u>
		205,852,798	207,129,278
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	1,421,291	2,543,675
Cash at bank		<u>7,894,483</u>	<u>7,801,981</u>
		9,315,774	10,345,656
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,241,165)	(3,320,993)
		<u>8,074,609</u>	<u>7,024,663</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>8,074,609</u>	<u>7,024,663</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>213,927,407</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>213,927,407</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>213,927,407</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>213,927,407</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2/03/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



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R Cook - Trustee



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S Achonu - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	16	<u>92,813</u>	<u>(1,066,369)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>92,813</u>	<u>(1,066,369)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,142,159)	(3,664,819)
Purchase of social investments		(528,703)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		2,359,208	4,454,756
Interest received		<u>311,343</u>	<u>330,271</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(311)</u>	<u>1,120,208</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		92,502	53,839
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>7,801,981</u>	<u>7,748,142</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>7,894,483</u>	<u>7,801,981</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. The main estimate in these financial statements relates to the value of Kingdom Halls which have been donated to the charity this financial year the value of them being £2,067,689 (2024: £87,663).

Donated assets, as stated elsewhere, are recognised at fair value. The charity does not intend to re-value its assets on a five-yearly basis, so once established, this value becomes the cost for accounting purposes.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income

All income whether in the form of donations, legacies or gift aid is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number. Donated assets are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. Donated assets are recognised at fair value. Donated income is included in the financial statements when received at the Trust's headquarters.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Trust is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Trust has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable activities it is allocated to that particular activity. When this is not the case the cost has been allocated equally between the Trust's activities.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are valued on a historic cost basis, at cost less depreciation. This is with the exception of the initial recognition of donated Kingdom Halls. These are measured at fair value based on a desktop valuation. This then becomes the cost value of the Hall, which is subsequently depreciated. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% to 2.5% on cost

Social investments

The Trust classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Donated goods

Donated goods are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Trust. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Trust has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider the Trust a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	23,426,199	20,672,791
Donated Assets	1,776,499	402,113
Gift aid	2,270,961	2,140,655
Legacies	<u>1,486,831</u>	<u>3,096,950</u>
	<u>28,960,490</u>	<u>26,312,509</u>

£5.1 million (2024: £3.4 million) in donations relates to significant repairs and refurbishments made to our properties by a charity which specialises in caring for such buildings.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025 £	2024 £
Deposit account interest	<u>311,343</u>	<u>330,271</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	8,688,840	145,596	8,834,436
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives	13,785,015	-	13,785,015
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>7,761,102</u>	<u>144,529</u>	<u>7,905,631</u>
	<u>30,234,957</u>	<u>290,125</u>	<u>30,525,082</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	91,875	53,721	145,596
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>90,807</u>	<u>53,722</u>	<u>144,529</u>
	<u>182,682</u>	<u>107,443</u>	<u>290,125</u>

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6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024 as restated
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	52,800	58,200
Depreciation - owned assets	3,231,537	3,198,543
(Deficit)/surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>429,020</u>	<u>(632,569)</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2025 nor for the year ended 31st August 2024.

The trustees and their spouses donated in total £1,057 (2024: £1,420) to the charity.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2025 nor for the year ended 31st August 2024.

8. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

An adjustment in respect of a prior period has been made to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 to recognise an asset under construction that was completed during 2024 but was not recorded at that time, as the final invoice was not received until 2026. It has since been confirmed that the conditions for recognition under the applicable accounting framework were satisfied during that period. Accordingly, the comparative information has been restated. This has resulted in an increase in tangible fixed assets recognised in the year ended 31 August 2024 of £417,276 (cost), with the corresponding credit recognised within trade creditors.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1st September 2024	217,956,264
Additions	4,209,848
Disposals	<u>(2,968,964)</u>
At 31st August 2025	<u>219,197,148</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st September 2024	11,272,691
Charge for year	3,231,537
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(180,736)</u>
At 31st August 2025	<u>14,323,492</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2025	<u>204,873,656</u>
At 31st August 2024	<u>206,683,573</u>

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10. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2024	445,705
Additions	528,703
Exchange differences	<u>4,734</u>
At 31st August 2025	<u>979,142</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2025	<u>979,142</u>
At 31st August 2024	<u>445,705</u>

The Trust has made two social investments that support its charitable objectives: one facilitating access to places of worship globally, and another aimed at strengthening financial infrastructure for charities with similar aims and objectives worldwide. The trustees are confident in their performance and the ongoing impact and alignment of these investments with the Trust's aims and objectives.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	448,562	849,790
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>972,729</u>	<u>1,693,885</u>
	<u>1,421,291</u>	<u>2,543,675</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	as restated £
Trade creditors	590,221	2,986,100
Other creditors	432,790	154,293
Accrued expenses	<u>218,154</u>	<u>180,600</u>
	<u>1,241,165</u>	<u>3,320,993</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2025

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	214,153,941	(226,534)	213,927,407
	<u>214,153,941</u>	<u>(226,534)</u>	<u>213,927,407</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>214,153,941</u>	<u>(226,534)</u>	<u>213,927,407</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,298,548	(30,525,082)	(226,534)
	<u>30,298,548</u>	<u>(30,525,082)</u>	<u>(226,534)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,298,548</u>	<u>(30,525,082)</u>	<u>(226,534)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	218,693,127	(4,539,186)	214,153,941
	<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>(4,539,186)</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>(4,539,186)</u>	<u>214,153,941</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,922,653	(32,461,839)	(4,539,186)
	<u>27,922,653</u>	<u>(32,461,839)</u>	<u>(4,539,186)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,922,653</u>	<u>(32,461,839)</u>	<u>(4,539,186)</u>

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Although there are no related parties, the Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Following the year-end, the charity received confirmation of an intended donation of assets valued at approximately £5.7 million from charities based in Scotland. As the donation was not legally binding at the balance sheet date, it is treated as a non-adjusting post balance sheet event. The financial statements have not been amended to reflect this donation.

16. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	as restated £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(226,534)	(4,539,186)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,231,537	3,198,543
Losses on investments	(4,734)	-
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	429,020	(632,569)
Interest received	(311,343)	(330,271)
Donated assets	(2,067,689)	(532,913)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,122,384	(799,852)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(2,079,828)</u>	<u>2,569,879</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>92,813</u>	<u>(1,066,369)</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.24	Cash flow	At 31.8.25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>7,801,981</u>	<u>92,502</u>	<u>7,894,483</u>
	<u>7,801,981</u>	<u>92,502</u>	<u>7,894,483</u>
Total	<u>7,801,981</u>	<u>92,502</u>	<u>7,894,483</u>

18. EMPLOYEES

The Trust does not have any employees (2024: nil).

THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 275946

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00355443 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 275946
OSCR NUMBER: SC046541

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st August 2024
for
The Kingdom Hall Trust**

The Kingdom Hall Trust

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the Trust) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The aims and objectives of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust.

The Trust's long term and short term objectives are correlated, that is to continue to facilitate worship and relieve administrative burdens on individuals wherever possible. The Trust also aims to continue to provide safe, high quality buildings for the use of congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses, all of which are open to the public.

The Trust continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note eight to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Trust, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with its performance.

Significant activities

The Trust provides places of worship (Kingdom Halls) by purchasing completed properties and freehold land, and maintaining these buildings to a high standard. In addition, where a Kingdom Hall cannot be made available, the Trust assists in renting facilities that will allow for the same activities.

The Trust also funds expenses connected with the use of a Kingdom Hall and other matters relating to facilitating public worship, which relieves any financial and administrative burden from the congregations that worship there.

The Trust measures its success by the extent it can relieve financial and administrative burdens from individuals who assist congregations, and facilitate public worship. Appropriate measures for how well these have been relieved include the number of payments made during the year and the number of meetings for public worship facilitated during the year.

Public benefit

The Trust is a public benefit entity. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard in the exercise of their powers and duties to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work done by the Trust ensures that members of the public have access to these buildings free of charge.

Individuals can worship together, promoting godly values, such as well-being and respect for others, and the practice of qualities such as honesty and kindness.

Volunteers

The volunteer spirit of many is crucial to the operations of the Trust. For example, in accordance with delegated authority, individuals arrange for basic repairs to the Kingdom Halls, and the purchasing of routine items such as cleaning materials. Some also perform maintenance checks on the properties of the Trust, ensuring that they are well maintained. The trustees greatly appreciate these tireless efforts.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Principal Achievements for the Year

During the year over 58,000 (2023: 62,000) payments were made. This is a good measure of how the Trust continues to relieve beneficiaries of administrative processes during the year. This has assisted beneficiaries to focus on their personal spiritual activities, such as worshipping together encouraging and helping each other. Caring for financial and legal matters connected to properties and entities, would have been an extra burden.

All of this represents work and activity relieved from individuals throughout the country. The payments made mostly facilitated use and maintenance of Kingdom Halls for public religious meetings.

In total, there are 719 (2023: 724) buildings owned by the Trust. All of these places of worship remain available for the same beneficiaries who were accessing them before the merge. These properties are open to the general public free of charge. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses. During the year 143,000 (2023: 144,000) meetings for public worship were held in these buildings.

Guidance was provided to individuals to perform essential weekly maintenance checks to ensure that facilities are maintained to a good standard.

During the past year £17.2 million (2023: £14 million) was donated to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain for use in their charitable activities, which are similar to those of the Trust. The trustees selected this recipient due to their record in supporting the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, as shown by their published financial statements. This fulfils the aim of donors, who wish to support, not only activity in Britain, but global activity. This includes facilitating activities such as worship, disaster relief, and translation work

Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

Internal Controls

Controls are in place over the financial systems of the Trust. These controls ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions; provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose; and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance.

Financial review

Financial position

Total reserves, including property assets, as at 31 August, 2024, stood at £214,159,157 (2023: £218,693,127). During the year, the total expenditure of the Trust was £32.5 million (2023: £29 million), which included paying expenses connected to Kingdom Halls used by congregations, and donations to another legal entity with similar aims and objectives, as described above.

Principal funding sources

The Trust is funded by voluntary donations and legacies. This income supported the Trust in achieving its key objectives during the year. This included providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses and assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Reserves policy

The Trust's policy is to hold approximately six months of operational expenditure as reserves, along with an appropriate amount to fund the purchase of new Kingdom Halls when needed. The closing reserves are in line with this policy.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risk for the Trust is the lack of building fabric maintenance, which could lead to impairment of the assets owned by the Trust.

To mitigate this risk regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. The congregations using the premises are provided with training, support and documentation to keep the building in good repair. Well qualified individuals periodically monitor and review the quality of the buildings.

A preventative maintenance programme is established at all facilities. Local users are trained to implement maintenance using a comprehensive system of maintenance cards and task reminders that cover all aspects of facility operation and maintenance. Trained maintenance personnel support local users to implement the maintenance programme.

Future plans

The Trust plans to continue to facilitate the financial activity as previously described, allowing congregants to focus more on their personal religious service rather than on administrative matters. It will also continue to look for opportunities to purchase new Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses and continue to assist in facilitating venues where Kingdom Halls are not currently available.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

On 28th July 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on 30th June 1978. On 18th November 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On 1st June 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On 6th June 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on 20th June 1994. On 15th July 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. On 30th September 2014, the Articles of Association were altered by Resolution to effect an increase in the maximum number of trustees. On 22nd March 2016, a further amendment was adopted by resolution. On 21st November 2018, amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by resolution. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. On 10th May 2016, it was registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Trust and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Trust's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month and are in regular contact.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Limited financial authority is delegated to responsible individuals, to enter into financial transactions on behalf of the Trust. The nature of these transactions must be in line with direction provided. All transactions are reviewed before payment through the systems of the Trust.

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

Wider network

The Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00355443 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

275946

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
Essex
CM2 8FW

Trustees

S Abbott
A Clinton
J Cox
R Cook
J D Dutton (resigned 31.1.24)
S R Morris
R Sharma (appointed 1.2.24)
P Wade

Auditors

Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Becket House
36 Old Jewry
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The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

Barclays Corporate North London Team
1-2 Trinity Way
Chingford
London
E4 8TD

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

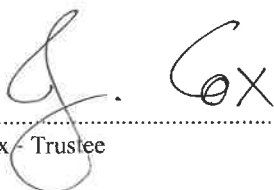
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 16th January 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



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R Cook - Trustee



.....
J Cox - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Gaining an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and the charity's activities,
- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Reviewing any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to risk management.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework, along with any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, and related disclosures made by the trustees, whilst challenging assumptions made by those charged with governance in the course of accounting estimates;
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and evaluating the business rationale for any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Kingdom Hall Trust**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Becket House
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London
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Date: 16/01/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	26,312,509	25,180,054
Investment income	3	330,271	224,145
Other income		<u>1,279,873</u>	<u>364,441</u>
Total		<u>27,922,653</u>	<u>25,768,640</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses		7,174,224	6,488,839
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives		17,200,720	14,801,498
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses		<u>8,081,679</u>	<u>7,775,006</u>
Total		<u>32,456,623</u>	<u>29,065,343</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,533,970)	(3,296,703)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>214,159,157</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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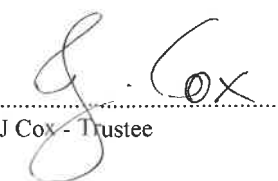
Balance Sheet 31st August 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Unrestricted fund £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	206,271,512	209,506,571
Social investments	9	<u>445,705</u>	<u>445,705</u>
		206,717,217	209,952,276
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	2,543,675	1,743,823
Cash at bank		<u>7,801,981</u>	<u>7,748,142</u>
		10,345,656	9,491,965
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,903,716)	(751,114)
		<u>7,441,940</u>	<u>8,740,851</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>7,441,940</u>	<u>8,740,851</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>214,159,157</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>214,159,157</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	12	<u>214,159,157</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>214,159,157</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16th January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
R Cook - Trustee



.....
J Cox - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	15	<u>(1,510,646)</u>	<u>(2,442,066)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(1,510,646)</u>	<u>(2,442,066)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,220,542)	(692,270)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		4,454,756	2,066,898
Interest received		<u>330,271</u>	<u>224,145</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>1,564,485</u>	<u>1,598,773</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		53,839	(843,293)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>7,748,142</u>	<u>8,591,435</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>7,801,981</u>	<u>7,748,142</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. The main estimate in these financial statements relates to the value of Kingdom Halls which have been donated to the charity this financial year the value of them being £87,663 (2023: £1,266,495).

Donated assets, as stated elsewhere, are recognised at fair value. The charity does not intend to re-value its assets on a five-yearly basis, so once established, this value becomes the cost for accounting purposes.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income

All income whether in the form of donations, legacies or gift aid is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number. Donated assets are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. Donated assets are recognised at fair value. Donated income is included in the financial statements when received at the Trust's headquarters.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Trust is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Trust has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable activities it is allocated to that particular activity. When this is not the case the cost has been allocated equally between the Trust's activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are valued on a historic cost basis, at cost less depreciation. This is with the exception of the initial recognition of donated Kingdom Halls. These are measured at fair value based on a desktop valuation. This then becomes the cost value of the Hall, which is subsequently depreciated. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% to 2.5% on cost

Social investments

The Trust classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Donated goods

Donated goods are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Trust. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Trust has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Going Concern

The Trustees consider the Trust a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donated Assets	402,113	1,266,495
Donations	20,672,791	19,136,560
Gift aid	2,140,655	2,020,516
Legacies	<u>3,096,950</u>	<u>2,756,483</u>
	<u>26,312,509</u>	<u>25,180,054</u>

£3.4 million (2023: £3 million) in donations relates to significant repairs and refurbishments made to our properties by a charity which specialises in caring for such buildings.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>330,271</u>	<u>224,145</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	7,045,913	128,311	7,174,224
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives	17,200,720	-	17,200,720
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>7,953,368</u>	<u>128,311</u>	<u>8,081,679</u>
	<u>32,200,001</u>	<u>256,622</u>	<u>32,456,623</u>

Comparatives for 2023

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	6,349,164	139,675	6,488,839
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives	14,801,498	-	14,801,498
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>7,635,332</u>	<u>139,674</u>	<u>7,775,006</u>
	<u>28,785,994</u>	<u>279,349</u>	<u>29,065,343</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	77,728	50,583	128,311
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>77,728</u>	<u>50,583</u>	<u>128,311</u>
	<u>155,456</u>	<u>101,166</u>	<u>256,622</u>

Comparatives for 2023

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	60,580	79,095	139,675
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>60,580</u>	<u>79,094</u>	<u>139,674</u>
	<u>121,160</u>	<u>158,189</u>	<u>279,349</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	58,200	74,400
Depreciation - owned assets	3,193,327	3,197,585
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(632,569)</u>	<u>(303,526)</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2024 nor for the year ended 31st August 2023.

The trustees and their spouses donated in total £1,420 (2023: £1,026) to the charity.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2024 nor for the year ended 31st August 2023.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1st September 2023	217,753,900
Additions	3,780,455
Disposals	<u>(3,995,368)</u>
At 31st August 2024	<u>217,538,987</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st September 2023	8,247,329
Charge for year	3,193,327
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(173,181)</u>
At 31st August 2024	<u>11,267,475</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2024	<u>206,271,512</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>209,506,571</u>

9. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024	<u>445,705</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2024	<u>445,705</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>445,705</u>

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims and objectives of the Trust.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	849,790	980,209
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,693,885</u>	<u>763,614</u>
	<u>2,543,675</u>	<u>1,743,823</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,568,823	103,153
Other creditors	154,293	165,361
Accrued expenses	<u>180,600</u>	<u>482,600</u>
	<u>2,903,716</u>	<u>751,114</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	218,693,127	(4,533,970)	214,159,157
	<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>(4,533,970)</u>	<u>214,159,157</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>(4,533,970)</u>	<u>214,159,157</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,922,653	(32,456,623)	(4,533,970)
	<u>27,922,653</u>	<u>(32,456,623)</u>	<u>(4,533,970)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,922,653</u>	<u>(32,456,623)</u>	<u>(4,533,970)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	221,989,830	(3,296,703)	218,693,127
	<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,768,640	(29,065,343)	(3,296,703)
	<u>25,768,640</u>	<u>(29,065,343)</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,768,640</u>	<u>(29,065,343)</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Although there are no related parties, the Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 12th July 2024 the Trust subscribed to purchase 631,250 €1 shares in Mina Treasury Services Limited as a social investment, and paid for these shares after year end.

15. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(4,533,970)	(3,296,703)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,193,327	3,197,585
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(632,569)	(303,526)
Interest received	(330,271)	(224,145)
Donated assets	(559,913)	(1,266,495)
Assets donated	-	198,565
Increase in debtors	(799,852)	(1,092,195)
Increase in creditors	<u>2,152,602</u>	<u>344,848</u>
Net cash used in operations	<u>(1,510,646)</u>	<u>(2,442,066)</u>

16. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>7,748,142</u>	<u>53,839</u>	<u>7,801,981</u>
	<u>7,748,142</u>	<u>53,839</u>	<u>7,801,981</u>
Total	<u>7,748,142</u>	<u>53,839</u>	<u>7,801,981</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

17. EMPLOYEES

The Trust does not have any employees (2023: nil).

THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 275946

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00355443 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 275946
OSCR NUMBER: SC046541

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023
for
The Kingdom Hall Trust

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the Trust) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document as referenced on page 3. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The aims and objectives of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust.

The Trust's long term and short term objectives are correlated, that is to continue to facilitate worship and relieve administrative burdens on individuals wherever possible. The Trust also aims to continue to provide safe, high quality buildings for the use of congregations, all of which are open to the public.

The Trust continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note eight to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Trust, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with its performance.

Significant activities

The Trust provides places of worship (Kingdom Halls) by purchasing completed properties and freehold land, and maintaining these buildings to a high standard.

The Trust also funds expenses connected with the use of a Kingdom Hall, which relieves any financial and administrative burden from the congregations that worship there.

The Trust measures its success by the extent it can relieve financial and administrative burdens from individuals who were formerly assisting congregation charities, and facilitate public worship. Appropriate measures for how well these have been relieved include the number of payments made during the year.

The Trust has had its busiest year since the merger was completed. This is due to increased activities in the first full year unaffected by the pandemic.

Public benefit

The Trust is a public benefit entity. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard in the exercise of their powers and duties to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work done by the Trust ensures that members of the public have access to these buildings free of charge.

Individuals can worship together, promoting godly values, such as well-being and respect for others, and the practice of qualities such as honesty and kindness.

Volunteers

The volunteer spirit of many is crucial to the operations of the Trust. For example, in accordance with delegated authority, individuals arrange for basic repairs to the Kingdom Halls, and the purchasing of routine items such as cleaning materials. Some also perform maintenance checks on the properties of the Trust, ensuring that they are well maintained. The trustees greatly appreciate these tireless efforts.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Principal Achievements for the Year

Over 62,000 payments were made, which is the highest amount since the merger completed. This is because activity resumed in full during the entire year. As this responsibility of making payments was formerly spread across many individual charities, this is a good measure of how the Trust has relieved beneficiaries of administrative processes during the year.

All of this represents work and activity relieved from individuals throughout the country. The payments made mostly facilitated use and maintenance of the Kingdom Halls for public religious meetings.

This has assisted beneficiaries to focus on their personal spiritual activities, such as worshipping together encouraging and helping each other. Caring for financial and legal matters connected to properties and entities, would have been an extra burden. Most congregations also formerly relied on cheque payments which required two signatures, a process which would have been more difficult during the pandemic. By facilitating and simplifying these processes, the Trust alleviates responsibilities that would have otherwise fallen on thousands of individuals to handle.

In total, there are 724 buildings owned by the Trust. All of these places of worship remain available for the same beneficiaries who were accessing them before the merge. These properties are open to the general public free of charge. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Guidance was provided to individuals to perform essential weekly maintenance checks to ensure that facilities are maintained to a good standard despite lack of occupation.

During the past year £14 million was donated to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain for use in their charitable activities, which are similar to those of the Trust. The trustees selected this recipient due to their record in supporting the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, as shown by their published financial statements. This fulfils the aim of donors, who wish to support, not only activity in Britain, but global activity. This includes facilitating activities such as worship, disaster relief, and translation work

Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

Internal Controls

Controls are in place over the financial systems of the Trust. These controls ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions; provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose; and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance.

Financial review

Financial position

Total reserves, including property assets, at 31st August, 2023, stood at £218,693,127. During the year, the total expenditure of the Trust was £29 million, which included paying expenses connected to Kingdom Halls used by merged congregations, and donations to another legal entity with similar aims and objectives, as described above.

Principal funding sources

The Trust is funded by voluntary donations and legacies. This income supported the Trust in achieving its key objectives during the year. This included providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses and Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Reserves policy

The Trust's policy is to hold approximately six months of operational expenditure as reserves, along with an appropriate amount to fund the purchase of new Kingdom Halls when needed. The closing reserves are in line with this policy.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risk for the Trust is the lack of building fabric maintenance, which could lead to impairment of the assets owned by the Trust.

To mitigate this risk regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. The congregations using the premises are provided with training, support and documentation to keep the building in good repair. Well qualified individuals periodically monitor and review the quality of the buildings.

A preventative maintenance programme is established at all facilities. Local users are trained to implement maintenance using a comprehensive system of maintenance cards and task reminders that cover all aspects of facility operation and maintenance. Trained maintenance personnel support local users to implement the maintenance programme.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The Trust plans to continue to facilitate the financial activity as previously described, allowing congregants to focus more on their personal religious service rather than on administrative matters. It will also continue to look for opportunities to purchase new Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

On 28th July 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on 30th June 1978. On 18th November 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On 1st June 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On 6th June 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on 20th June 1994. On 15th July 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. On 30th September 2014, the Articles of Association were altered by Resolution to effect an increase in the maximum number of trustees. On 22nd March 2016, a further amendment was adopted by resolution. On 21st November 2018, amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by resolution. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. On 10th May 2016, it was registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Trust and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Trust's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month and are in regular contact.

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Limited financial authority is delegated to responsible individuals, to enter into financial transactions on behalf of the Trust. The nature of these transactions must be in line with direction provided. All transactions are reviewed before payment through the systems of the Trust.

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

Wider network

The Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00355443 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

275946

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
Essex
CM2 8FW

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

Trustees

S Abbott
J Cox
J D Dutton
S R Morris
P Wade
R Cook
A Clinton

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 25th January 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



R Cook - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Discussing with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.
- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework.
- Evaluating the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.
- Confirmations from management and those charged with governance as regards related parties.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees, whilst challenging assumptions made by those charged with governance in the course of accounting estimates.
- Identifying and testing manual journal entries.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with regulatory bodies.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Becket House
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Date: 25 January 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	25,180,054	30,916,771
Investment income	3	224,145	-
Other income		<u>364,441</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>25,768,640</u>	<u>30,916,771</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses		6,488,839	4,236,329
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives		14,801,498	14,250,000
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses		<u>7,775,006</u>	<u>6,345,969</u>
Total		<u>29,065,343</u>	<u>24,832,298</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,296,703)	6,084,473
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>218,693,127</u></u>	<u><u>221,989,830</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Balance Sheet

31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	209,506,571	212,707,328
Social investments	9	<u>445,705</u>	<u>445,705</u>
		209,952,276	213,153,033
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	1,743,823	651,628
Cash at bank		<u>7,748,142</u>	<u>8,591,435</u>
		9,491,965	9,243,063
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(751,114)	(406,266)
		<u>8,740,851</u>	<u>8,836,797</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>218,693,127</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Cook - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	14	<u>(2,442,066)</u>	<u>(1,980,270)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(2,442,066)</u>	<u>(1,980,270)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(692,270)	(1,916,796)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		2,066,898	1,003,010
Interest received		<u>224,145</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>1,598,773</u>	<u>(913,786)</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(843,293)	(2,894,056)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>8,591,435</u>	<u>11,485,491</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>7,748,142</u></u>	<u><u>8,591,435</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. The main estimate in these financial statements relates to the value of Kingdom Halls which have been donated to the charity this financial year the value of them being £1,266,495.

Donated assets, as stated elsewhere, are recognised at fair value. The charity does not intend to re-value its assets on a five-yearly basis, so once established, this value becomes the cost for accounting purposes.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number. Donated assets are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. Donated assets are recognised at fair value. Donated income is included in the financial statements when received at the Trust's headquarters.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable activities it is allocated to that particular activity. When this is not the case the cost has been allocated equally between the Trust's activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are valued on a historic cost basis, at cost less depreciation. This is with the exception of the initial recognition of donated Kingdom Halls. These are measured at fair value based on a desktop valuation. This then becomes the cost value of the Hall, which is subsequently depreciated. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% to 2.5% on cost

Social investments

The Trust classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Donated goods

Donated goods are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand include current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Trust. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Trust has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider the Trust a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donated Assets	1,266,495	12,136,476
Donations	19,136,560	16,283,429
Gift aid	2,020,516	1,533,024
Legacies	<u>2,756,483</u>	<u>963,842</u>
	<u>25,180,054</u>	<u>30,916,771</u>

£3 million in donations relates to significant repairs and refurbishments made to our properties by a charity which specialises in caring for such buildings.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>224,145</u>	<u>-</u>

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	6,349,164	139,675	6,488,839
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives	14,801,498	-	14,801,498
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>7,635,332</u>	<u>139,674</u>	<u>7,775,006</u>
	<u><u>28,785,994</u></u>	<u><u>279,349</u></u>	<u><u>29,065,343</u></u>

As explained in the trustee' report, the Trust has no staff/employees.

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	60,580	79,095	139,675
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>60,580</u>	<u>79,094</u>	<u>139,674</u>
	<u><u>121,160</u></u>	<u><u>158,189</u></u>	<u><u>279,349</u></u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditors' remuneration	74,400	48,000
Depreciation - owned assets	3,197,585	3,060,697
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(303,526)</u>	<u>(43,175)</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2023 nor for the year ended 31st August 2022.

The trustees and their spouses donated in total £1,026 to the charity.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2023 nor for the year ended 31st August 2022.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1st September 2022	217,812,417
Additions	1,958,765
Disposals	<u>(2,017,282)</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>217,753,900</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st September 2022	5,105,089
Charge for year	3,197,585
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(55,345)</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>8,247,329</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2023	<u>209,506,571</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>212,707,328</u>

At the reporting date, an entity has a binding sale agreement on land and buildings which are held in the fixed asset group 'freehold property', being one of the properties used as a place of worship. The net carrying value of this is £365,556. Included in freehold property is land which is not depreciated with a value of £126,782.

9. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
COST	
At 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	<u>445,705</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2023	<u>445,705</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>445,705</u>

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims and objectives of the Trust.

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	980,209	519,117
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>763,614</u>	<u>132,511</u>
	<u>1,743,823</u>	<u>651,628</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	103,153	4,043
Other creditors	165,361	126,368
Accrued expenses	<u>482,600</u>	<u>275,855</u>
	<u>751,114</u>	<u>406,266</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	221,989,830	(3,296,703)	218,693,127
	<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>	<u>218,693,127</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,768,640	(29,065,343)	(3,296,703)
	<u>25,768,640</u>	<u>(29,065,343)</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,768,640</u>	<u>(29,065,343)</u>	<u>(3,296,703)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	215,905,357	6,084,473	221,989,830
	<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,916,771	(24,832,298)	6,084,473
	<u>30,916,771</u>	<u>(24,832,298)</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,916,771</u>	<u>(24,832,298)</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Although there are no related parties, the Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

14. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(3,296,703)	6,084,473
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,197,585	3,060,697
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(303,526)	(43,175)
Interest received	(224,145)	-
Donated assets	(1,266,495)	(11,144,731)
Assets donated	198,565	-
Increase in debtors	(1,092,195)	(19,490)
Increase in creditors	<u>344,848</u>	<u>81,956</u>
Net cash used in operations	<u>(2,442,066)</u>	<u>(1,980,270)</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>8,591,435</u>	<u>(843,293)</u>	<u>7,748,142</u>
	<u>8,591,435</u>	<u>(843,293)</u>	<u>7,748,142</u>
Total	<u>8,591,435</u>	<u>(843,293)</u>	<u>7,748,142</u>

THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 275946

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00355443 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 275946
OSCR NUMBER: SC046541

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2022
for
The Kingdom Hall Trust

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the Trust) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The aims and objectives of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by the body of Christians known as Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust.

The Trust's long term and short term objectives are correlated, that is to continue to facilitate worship and relieve administrative burdens on individuals wherever possible. The Trust also aims to continue to provide safe, high quality buildings for the use of congregations, all of which are open to the public.

The Trust continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note eight to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Trust, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with its performance.

Significant activities

The Trust provides places of worship (Kingdom Halls) by purchasing completed properties and freehold land, and maintaining these buildings to a high standard.

The Trust also funds expenses connected with the use of a Kingdom Hall, which relieves any financial and administrative burden from the congregations that worship there.

The Trust measures its success by the extent it can relieve financial and administrative burdens from individuals who were formerly assisting congregation charities, and facilitate public worship. Appropriate measures for how well these have been relieved include the number of payments made during the year.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Kingdom Halls had been closed. In April 2022 the Trust decided that it could safely re-open the buildings for ongoing usage, allowing beneficiaries to use the facilities. The Trust has continued to support maintenance of the properties and associated expenses as needed.

A significant negative factor had been the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, limiting the Trust's ability to make its' buildings available. However, these buildings have been open for use again since April 2022.

Public benefit

The Trust is a public benefit entity. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard in the exercise of their powers and duties to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work done by the Trust ensures that members of the public have access to these buildings free of charge.

Individuals can worship together, promoting godly values, such as well-being and respect for others, and the practice of qualities such as honesty and kindness.

Volunteers

The volunteer spirit of many is crucial to the operations of the Trust. For example, in accordance with delegated authority, individuals arrange for basic repairs to the Kingdom Halls, and the purchasing of routine items such as cleaning materials. Some also perform maintenance checks on the properties of the Trust, ensuring that they are well maintained. The trustees greatly appreciate these tireless efforts.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Principal Achievements for the Year

During the year the Trust completed the merge of congregation charities in England and Wales. Over 45,000 payments were made, and the supply of utilities for Kingdom Halls continued to be moved across to consolidated billing systems. As this responsibility was formerly spread across many individual charities, this is a good measure of how the Trust has relieved beneficiaries of administrative processes during the year.

All of this represents work and activity relieved from individuals throughout the country. The payments made facilitated use and maintenance of the Kingdom Halls for public religious meetings.

This has assisted beneficiaries to focus on their personal spiritual activities, such as worshipping together (via video-conference and using Kingdom Halls after April 2022) encouraging and helping each other. Caring for financial and legal matters connected to properties and entities, would have been an extra burden. Most congregations also formerly relied on cheque payments which required two signatures, a process which would have been more difficult during the pandemic. By facilitating and simplifying these processes, the Trust alleviates responsibilities that would have otherwise fallen on thousands of individuals to handle.

The Trust also completed the process of obtaining beneficial ownership of the Kingdom Halls in England and Wales. In total, there are now 726 buildings owned by the Trust. All of these places of worship remain available for the same beneficiaries who were accessing them before the merge. These properties are open to the general public free of charge. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Guidance was provided to individuals to perform essential weekly maintenance checks to ensure that facilities are maintained to a good standard despite lack of occupation.

During the past year £14 million was donated to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain for use in their charitable activities, which are similar to those of the Trust. The trustees selected this recipient due to their record in supporting the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, as shown by their published financial statements. This fulfils the aim of donors, who wish to support, not only activity in Britain, but global activity. This includes facilitating activities such as worship, disaster relief, and translation work

Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

Internal Controls

Controls are in place over the financial systems of the Trust. These controls ensure that financial reports accurately represent all transactions; provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose; and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance. The internal audit programme has been achieved and all was found to be in order

Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

	Carbon Tonnes	KwH
Quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible	2,384	
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		12,745,042

This information was gathered from utility bills received by the Trust during the year. It relates to energy use in Kingdom Halls. Approximately 700 Kingdom Halls were part of this activity during the year, meaning the above measure would be KwH 18,207 per Hall for the year. It should be noted that starting April 2022 these Kingdom Halls were under normal occupancy after being reopened due to the easing of COVID-19 pandemic safety restrictions.

Measures taken for the purpose of increasing the Trust's energy efficiency, whilst protecting the buildings during this period, include regular checks of the halls, and heating to minimum 'set-back temperatures' for frost and damp protection. The 'vacant' period also provided an opportunity to monitor the consumption data, for any halls using more, or less, electricity than expected, and then reviewing anomalies further.

There have also been collection of water meter readings during maintenance visits, to identify any water leaks or over-use of water.

Facilities are constructed in line with the appropriate building control standards, and upgraded as necessary during the next major renovation of the facility. Periodic renovation allows for increased thermal efficiency of buildings, and the installation of improved HVAC systems, to reduce the environmental impact of using the facility.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Section 172(1) statement

The trustees have had regard to wider stakeholder needs when carrying out their duties during the year.

This report highlights many areas of activity where decisions have been made that benefit many stakeholders.

An example from the year has been the reopening of Kingdom Halls. The Trust was alert to the needs of beneficiaries to have access to the halls again. However, facilitating large gatherings again had to be considered alongside the health of beneficiaries and the wider community. Therefore, the decision was only made when it was safe enough to do so.

The merger process itself also considered the needs of many stakeholders. Whilst it meant local charities would no longer hold or control funds, it would also allow for easing administrative burdens as described in this report. Throughout the process, the local congregants were consulted and overall shown to be in full agreement with this process. The results of the merger have demonstrated that this was successful, because the activity of beneficiaries has been facilitated in an improved manner, and was uninterrupted.

Financial review

Financial position

Total reserves, including property assets, at 31st August, 2022, stood at £221,989,830. During the year, the total expenditure of the Trust was £25 million, which included paying expenses connected to Kingdom Halls used by merged congregations, and donations to another legal entity with similar aims and objectives, as described above.

Reserves policy

The Trust's policy is to hold approximately six months of operational expenditure as reserves, along with an appropriate amount to fund the purchase of new Kingdom Halls when needed. The closing reserves are in line with this policy.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risk for the Trust is the lack of building fabric maintenance, which could lead to impairment of the assets owned by the Trust.

To mitigate this risk regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. The congregations using the premises are provided with training, support and documentation to keep the building in good repair. Well qualified individuals periodically monitor and review the quality of the buildings.

A preventative maintenance programme is established at all facilities. Local users are trained to implement maintenance using a comprehensive system of maintenance cards and task reminders that cover all aspects of facility operation and maintenance. Trained maintenance personnel support local users to implement the maintenance programme.

Future plans

The Trust plans to continue to facilitate the financial activity as previously described, allowing congregants to focus more on their personal religious service rather than on administrative matters. It will also continue to look for opportunities to purchase new Kingdom Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

On 28th July 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on 30th June 1978. On 18th November 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On 1st June 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On 6th June 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on 20th June 1994. On 15th July 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. On 30th September 2014, the Articles of Association were altered by Resolution to effect an increase in the maximum number of trustees. On 22nd March 2016, a further amendment was adopted by resolution. On 21st November 2018, amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by resolution. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. On 10th May 2016, it was registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional trustee. Such a person must be a member of the Trust and serve as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission. Trustees are given appropriate Charity Commission publications and training is arranged as part of the meetings of the trustees when the Trust's policies are discussed. This is supplemented by periodic training provided by other professional bodies when new legislation affecting the Society is introduced.

The trustees meet together each month and are in regular contact.

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Limited financial authority is delegated to responsible individuals, to enter into financial transactions on behalf of the Trust. The nature of these transactions must be in line with direction provided. All transactions are reviewed before payment through the systems of the Trust.

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

Wider network

The Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others

The Trust has endeavoured to maintain strong relationships with suppliers in order to allow beneficiaries to continue to use the services of the Trust. This includes the supply of a robust donation system and necessary supplies for Kingdom Halls. The Trust also recognises the importance of individuals being able to engage suppliers on a local level to deal with day to day matters. Guidance is provided to ensure such small interactions are possible but well controlled.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00355443 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

275946

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
Essex
CM2 8FW

Trustees

S Abbott
J Cox
J D Dutton
S R Morris
P Wade
R Cook
A Clinton

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Auditors

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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EC2R 8DD

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Barclays Corporate North London Team
1-2 Trinity Way
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on11.05.2023..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



R Cook - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Discussing with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.
- Gaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework.
- Evaluating the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Becket House
36 Old Jewry
London
EC2R 8DD

Date: *19 May 2023*

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	30,916,771	133,228,025
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses		4,236,329	1,727,892
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives		14,250,000	21,150,000
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses		6,345,969	4,438,517
Total		<u>24,832,298</u>	<u>27,316,409</u>
NET INCOME		6,084,473	105,911,616
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>221,989,830</u></u>	<u><u>215,905,357</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

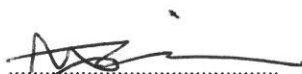
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Balance Sheet

31st August 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	212,707,328	203,666,333
Social investments	8	<u>445,705</u>	<u>445,705</u>
		213,153,033	204,112,038
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	651,628	632,138
Cash at bank		<u>8,591,435</u>	<u>11,485,491</u>
		9,243,063	12,117,629
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(406,266)</u>	<u>(324,310)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>8,836,797</u>	<u>11,793,319</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>221,989,830</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on11.05.2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
A Clinton - Trustee

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	13	<u>(1,980,270)</u>	<u>5,166,992</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(1,980,270)</u>	<u>5,166,992</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,916,796)	(647,704)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		<u>1,003,010</u>	<u>356,662</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(913,786)</u>	<u>(291,042)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(2,894,056)</u>	<u>4,875,950</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>11,485,491</u>	<u>6,609,541</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>8,591,435</u></u>	<u><u>11,485,491</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. The main estimate in these financial statements relates to the value of Kingdom Halls which have been donated to the charity this financial year the value of them being £8,477,340.

Donated assets, as stated elsewhere, are recognised at fair value. The charity does not intend to re-value its assets on a five-yearly basis, so once established, this value becomes the cost for accounting purposes.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number. Donated assets are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. Donated assets are recognised at fair value. Donated income is included in the financial statements when received at the Trust's headquarters.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable activities it is allocated to that particular activity. When this is not the case the cost has been allocated equally between the Trust's activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are valued on a historic cost basis, at cost less depreciation. This is with the exception of the initial recognition of donated Kingdom Halls. These are measured at fair value based on a desktop valuation. This then becomes the cost value of the Hall, which is subsequently depreciated. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% to 2.5% on cost

Social investments

The Trust classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Trust. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Trust has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider the Trust a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Donated Assets	12,136,476	102,059,932
Donations	17,247,271	29,545,930
Gift aid	1,533,024	1,622,163
	<u>30,916,771</u>	<u>133,228,025</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	4,162,763	73,566	4,236,329
Donations to other charities with similar aims and objectives	14,250,000	-	14,250,000
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>6,272,403</u>	<u>73,566</u>	<u>6,345,969</u>
	<u>24,685,166</u>	<u>147,132</u>	<u>24,832,298</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship for Jehovah's Witnesses	37,704	35,862	73,566
Assisting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	<u>37,703</u>	<u>35,863</u>	<u>73,566</u>
	<u>75,407</u>	<u>71,725</u>	<u>147,132</u>

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5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	48,000	22,080
Depreciation - owned assets	3,060,697	1,642,898
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(43,175)</u>	<u>(3,224)</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2022 nor for the year ended 31st August 2021.

The trustees and their spouses donated in total £1,860 to the charity.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2022 nor for the year ended 31st August 2021.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1st September 2021	205,719,317
Additions	13,061,527
Disposals	<u>(968,427)</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>217,812,417</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st September 2021	2,052,984
Charge for year	3,060,697
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(8,592)</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>5,105,089</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2022	<u>212,707,328</u>
At 31st August 2021	<u>203,666,333</u>

8. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022	<u>445,705</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2022	<u>445,705</u>
At 31st August 2021	<u>445,705</u>

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8. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS - continued

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. The trustees are very confident in its performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims and objectives of the Trust.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	519,117	629,418
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>132,511</u>	<u>2,720</u>
	<u>651,628</u>	<u>632,138</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,043	1,863
Other creditors	126,368	153,447
Accrued expenses	<u>275,855</u>	<u>169,000</u>
	<u>406,266</u>	<u>324,310</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	215,905,357	6,084,473	221,989,830
	<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,916,771	(24,832,298)	6,084,473
	<u>30,916,771</u>	<u>(24,832,298)</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,916,771</u>	<u>(24,832,298)</u>	<u>6,084,473</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	109,993,741	105,911,616	215,905,357
	<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,228,025	(27,316,409)	105,911,616
	<u>133,228,025</u>	<u>(27,316,409)</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>133,228,025</u>	<u>(27,316,409)</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	109,993,741	111,996,089	221,989,830
	<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>111,996,089</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>111,996,089</u>	<u>221,989,830</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	164,144,796	(52,148,707)	111,996,089
	<u>164,144,796</u>	<u>(52,148,707)</u>	<u>111,996,089</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,144,796</u>	<u>(52,148,707)</u>	<u>111,996,089</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Although there are no related parties, the Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust also considers policies, procedures and guidelines used by entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives, and, where applicable, seeks to implement them

13. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	6,084,473	105,911,616
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,060,697	1,642,898
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(43,175)	(3,224)
Donated Assets	(11,144,731)	(99,000,000)
Donated Assets	-	(3,059,932)
Increase in debtors	(19,490)	(405,995)
Increase in creditors	81,956	81,629
	<u>81,956</u>	<u>81,629</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(1,980,270)</u>	<u>5,166,992</u>

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14.. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>11,485,491</u>	<u>(2,894,056)</u>	<u>8,591,435</u>
	<u>11,485,491</u>	<u>(2,894,056)</u>	<u>8,591,435</u>
Total	<u><u>11,485,491</u></u>	<u><u>(2,894,056)</u></u>	<u><u>8,591,435</u></u>

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022	2021
Debt instruments at cost		
Other debtors	<u>519,117</u>	<u>629,418</u>
Total	<u><u>519,117</u></u>	<u><u>629,418</u></u>
Financial Liabilities at cost		
Trade creditors	4,043	1,863
Other creditors	126,368	153,447
Accrued expenses	<u>275,855</u>	<u>169,000</u>
Total	<u><u>406,266</u></u>	<u><u>324,310</u></u>

THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 275946

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00355443 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 275946
OSCR NUMBER: SC046541

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2021
for
The Kingdom Hall Trust

The Kingdom Hall Trust

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The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the Trust for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust.

In the short term the Trust will look to merge more congregation charities where possible. The Trust's long term objective is to continue to facilitate worship and relieve administrative burdens on individuals wherever possible. The Trust also aims to continue to provide safe, high quality buildings for the use of congregations, all of which are open to the public.

The Trust continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note 8 to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Trust, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with its performance.

Significant activities

The Trust provides places of worship by purchasing completed properties and freehold land, and maintaining these buildings to a high standard.

The Trust also tries to reduce the administrative burden that would otherwise fall on individuals.

A key activity to achieve this is caring for administrative and financial processes, concerning congregations, making payments and processing receipts.

The Trust also at times acts as custodian trustee, by holding title to freehold and leasehold properties acquired as places of worship as well as other related properties for congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in England and Wales. This activity has reduced because many congregation charities have transferred beneficial ownership of their properties to the Trust. This has the same benefit of lessening the administrative burden for those involved.

The Trust measures its success by the extent it can relieve financial and administrative burdens from individuals who were formerly assisting congregation charities, and facilitate public worship. Appropriate measures for how well these have been relieved include the number of congregation payments made, and the number of congregation charities merged during the year.

During the pandemic Kingdom Halls have been closed to congregations and the public. Despite this, the Trust continued to support maintenance of the properties and associated expenses as needed, At the time of writing this report the Trust has allowed for safe access to its properties again.

A new activity of the Trust is to donate surplus funds to other charities with similar aims. Retaining these funds in the Trust would limit their usage to supporting activity in Britain. Donating these funds fulfils the wishes of donors to support, not simply local activity, but the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses in Britain and worldwide.

A significant negative factor has been the ongoing pandemic. This has limited the Trust's capacity to make its buildings available. As previously stated the Trust is now working to allow safe use of its properties again.

Public benefit

The Kingdom Hall Trust is a public benefit entity. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard in the exercise of their powers and duties to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work done by the Trust ensures that members of the public have access to these buildings free of charge.

Individuals can worship together, promoting godly values, such as well-being and respect for others, and the practice of qualities such as honesty and kindness.

During the pandemic, the Trust has continued to maintain the properties to ensure they remain fit for purpose and to care for associated expenses.

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

The volunteer spirit of many is crucial to the operations of the Trust. For example, in accordance with delegated authority, individuals arrange for basic repairs to the Kingdom Halls, engage with suppliers for running costs and maintain basic financial records for their congregation. Some also perform maintenance checks on the properties of the Trust, ensuring that they are well maintained. The trustees greatly appreciate these tireless efforts.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Principal Achievements for the Year

A further 354 congregation charities merged with the Trust during the year. Approximately 30,000 payments were made, and the supply of utilities for Kingdom Halls continued to be moved across to consolidated billing systems. As this responsibility was formerly spread across many individual charities, this is a good measure of how the Trust has relieved beneficiaries of administrative processes during the year.

All of this represents work and activity relieved from individuals throughout the country. The payments made facilitated use and maintenance of the Kingdom Halls for public religious meetings.

This has assisted beneficiaries to focus on their personal spiritual activities, such as worshipping together (via video-conference) encouraging and helping each other. Caring for local financial and legal matters, connected to properties and entities, would have been an extra burden. Most congregations also formerly relied on cheque payments which required two signatures, a process which would have been more difficult during the pandemic. By facilitating and simplifying these processes, the Trust alleviates responsibilities that would have otherwise fallen on thousands of individuals to handle.

As the merger process continued, the Trust obtained the beneficial ownership of a further 373 Kingdom Halls. In total, by 31 August 2021 there were 688 buildings owned by the Trust. All of these places of worship remain available for the same beneficiaries who were accessing them before the merge. These properties are open to the general public free of charge. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

During the pandemic, a key aim of the Trust was to keep these buildings fit for purpose and properly maintained. Therefore, guidance has been provided to individuals to perform essential weekly maintenance checks to ensure that facilities are maintained to a good standard despite lack of occupation. All checks were carried out in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

During the past year £21 million was donated to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain for use in their charitable activities, which are similar to those of the Trust. The trustees selected this recipient due to their record in supporting the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses around the world, as shown by their published financial statements. This fulfils the aim of donors, who wish to support, not only activity in Britain, but global activity. This includes facilitating activities such as worship, disaster relief, and translation work.

Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Internal Controls

Controls are in place over the financial systems of the Trust. These controls ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions; provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose; and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance. The internal audit programme has been achieved. The internal auditor and his assistant have a set agenda to pursue through the year.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

	Carbon Tonnes	KwH
Quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible	2,505	
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		12,945,190

This information was gathered from utility bills received by the Trust during the year. It relates to energy use in Kingdom Halls. Over 850 Halls were part of this activity during the year, meaning the above measure would be KwH 15,229 per Hall for the year. It should be noted that none of these Kingdom Halls were under normal occupancy during this period due to Covid-19 safety restrictions. Halls are gradually being added to these arrangements as the merging process continues.

Measures taken for the purpose of increasing the Trust's energy efficiency, whilst protecting the buildings during this period, include regular checks of the Halls, and heating to minimum 'set-back temperatures' for frost and damp protection. The 'vacant' period also provided the Trust an opportunity to monitor the consumption data, for any Halls using more, or less, electricity than expected, and then reviewing anomalies further.

There have also been collection of water meter readings from the Halls during maintenance visits, to identify any water leaks or over-use of water.

Financial review

Financial position

Total reserves, including property assets, at 31st August, 2021, stood at £215,905,357. During the year, the total expenditure of the Trust was £27 million, which included the forwarding of online donations to congregations whose charities have not merged with the Trust, the paying of expenses of congregations whose charities had merged, and the donation to another charity with similar aims, as described above.

By far the most significant income was £102 million of donated assets. This was due to the transfer of the beneficial ownership of Kingdom Halls from the merging charities. The values were based on desktop valuations, using properties nearby as a guide. These Halls are unique assets and have not been acquired for onward sale. Rather the Trust will continue to care for them and ensure they are available when needed.

Donations are also higher because donations that formerly went to congregation charities, now come directly to the Trust due to the merger of these charities during the year.

Reserves policy

We believe that the reserves carried forward are sufficient to cover the anticipated expenses of the Trust for the coming year. At this stage the Trust has not yet formalised a reserves policy as congregations continue to complete their merge and transfer their funds.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risk for the Trust is the lack of building fabric maintenance, which could lead to impairment of the assets owned by the Trust.

To mitigate this risk regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. The congregations using the premises are provided with training, support and documentation to keep the building in good repair. Well qualified individuals periodically monitor and review the quality of the buildings.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The Trust will continue its ongoing programme of transferring ownership of Kingdom Hall properties to the Trust.

The Trust plans to continue to facilitate the financial activity as previously described, allowing congregants to focus more on their personal religious service rather than on administrative matters. It will continue to look to merge more congregation charities where possible.

The pandemic has greatly reduced the activity of purchasing new or newly built Kingdom Halls. The Trust, however, is able to continue with its other activities and has no issues relating to going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

On 28th July 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on 30th June 30 1978. On 18th November 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On 1st June 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On 6th June 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on 20th June 1994. On 15th July 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. On 30th September 2014, the Articles of Association were altered by Resolution to effect an increase in the maximum number of trustees. On 22nd March 2016, a further amendment was adopted by resolution. On 21st November 2018, amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by resolution. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. On 10th May 2016, it was registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The trustees meet at least two times a year and are in regular contact. Trustees are elected by the Board of Trustees.

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: periodically, trustees will review potential candidates. Their abilities are evaluated by means of the trustees' personal knowledge of candidates. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees.

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Limited financial authority is delegated to responsible individuals, to enter into financial transactions on behalf of the Trust. The nature of these transactions must be in line with direction provided. All transactions are reviewed before payment through the systems of the Trust.

Wider network

The Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust reviews policies and procedures used by such entities and determines if it is appropriate to implement these for the Trust's activity.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others

The Trust has endeavoured to maintain strong relationships with suppliers in order to allow beneficiaries to continue to use the services of the Trust. This includes the supply of a robust donation system and necessary supplies for Kingdom Halls. The Trust also recognises the importance of individuals being able to engage suppliers on a local level to deal with day to day matters. Guidance is provided to ensure such small interactions are possible but well controlled.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00355443 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

275946

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
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CM2 8FW

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

Trustees

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J D Dutton
S R Morris
P Wade
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CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

The Trust acts as custodian trustee by holding title to 14 properties used by charities which share the same aims and objectives as the Trust, to facilitate worship.

The Trust fulfils its role of reducing administrative burdens through maintaining property documentation and acting on behalf of these charities when necessary. This is managed separately from properties for which the Trust has beneficial ownership.

Due to the merger, the beneficial ownership of many properties, for which the Trust formerly acted as custodian trustee, has been passed over to the Trust. Beneficial ownership of the asset is not recognised until official confirmation has been received that title has passed to the Trust.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors,
on20 May 2022..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



.....
R Cook - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 44 (1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud or error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Gaining an extensive knowledge of the entity and external environment, as well as the regulatory frameworks it must adhere to.
- Obtaining a sufficient understanding of the internal environment, including control systems in place for the detection and prevention of fraud, as well as organisational structure and chain of command.
- Evaluating said systems to determine whether they are operating to a satisfactory level and are providing the right level of control and authorisation within the entity.
- Understanding the entity's current activities, assets and liabilities and comparing these to the entity's charitable objectives and aims.
- Discussions with management and those charged with governance as to any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.
- Challenging and recalculating judgements and estimates made by management in its accounting policies.
- Review of significant and unusual transactions as well as the rationale behind said transactions.
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and comparing these to what is reflected in the statutory accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume FCA

Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Becket House
36 Old Jewry
London
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Date: 23 May 2022

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	133,228,025	104,413,082
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Providing places of worship		1,727,892	188,971
Donations to other charities		21,150,000	-
Assisting congregations		4,438,517	3,821,819
Total		<u>27,316,409</u>	<u>4,010,790</u>
NET INCOME		105,911,616	100,402,292
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>215,905,357</u></u>	<u><u>109,993,741</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements


The Kingdom Hall Trust

Balance Sheet

31st August 2021

		2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	7	203,666,333	102,955,033
Social investments	8	<u>445,705</u>	<u>445,705</u>
		204,112,038	103,400,738
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	632,138	226,143
Cash at bank		<u>11,485,491</u>	<u>6,609,541</u>
		12,117,629	6,835,684
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(324,310)	(242,681)
		<u>11,793,319</u>	<u>6,593,003</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		215,905,357	109,993,741
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>215,905,357</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on*20 May 2022*..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
S Abbott - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	13	<u>5,166,992</u>	<u>8,100,881</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>5,166,992</u>	<u>8,100,881</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(647,704)	(2,523,760)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		<u>356,662</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(291,042)</u>	<u>(2,523,760)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>4,875,950</u>	<u>5,577,121</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>6,609,541</u>	<u>1,032,420</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>11,485,491</u></u>	<u><u>6,609,541</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. The main estimate in these financial statements relates to the value of Kingdom Halls which have been donated to the charity this financial year the value of them being £102,030,334.

Donated assets, as stated elsewhere, are recognised at fair value. The charity does not intend to re-value its assets on a five-yearly basis, so once established, this value becomes the cost for accounting purposes.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation, a significant judgement being that buildings should be depreciated over fifty years. The trustees are of the opinion that this judgement applies to the buildings owned by the Trust, and therefore the depreciation rates used are appropriate.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number. Donated assets are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. Donated assets are recognised at fair value.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable activities it is allocated to that particular activity. When this is not the case the cost has been allocated equally between the Trust's activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are valued on a historic cost basis, at cost less depreciation. This is with the exception of the initial recognition of donated Kingdom Halls. These are measured at fair value based on a desktop valuation. This then becomes the cost value of the Hall, which is subsequently depreciated. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost

Social investments

The Trust classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Trust. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Trust has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider the Trust a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Donated Assets	102,059,932	90,848,887
Donations	29,545,930	12,801,315
Gift aid	<u>1,622,163</u>	<u>762,880</u>
	<u>133,228,025</u>	<u>104,413,082</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship	1,664,431	63,461	1,727,892
Donations to other charities	21,150,000	-	21,150,000
Assisting congregations	<u>4,375,055</u>	<u>63,462</u>	<u>4,438,517</u>
	<u>27,189,486</u>	<u>126,923</u>	<u>27,316,409</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship	35,819	27,642	63,461
Assisting congregations	<u>35,819</u>	<u>27,643</u>	<u>63,462</u>
	<u>71,638</u>	<u>55,285</u>	<u>126,923</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	22,080	27,006
Depreciation - owned assets	1,642,898	146,378
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(3,224)</u>	<u>-</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2021 nor for the year ended 31st August 2020.

The trustees and their spouses donated, without conditions, in total £900 to the charity.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2021 nor for the year ended 31st August 2020.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1st September 2020	103,366,834
Additions	102,707,636
Disposals	<u>(355,153)</u>
At 31st August 2021	<u>205,719,317</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st September 2020	411,801
Charge for year	1,642,898
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,715)</u>
At 31st August 2021	<u>2,052,984</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2021	<u>203,666,333</u>
At 31st August 2020	<u>102,955,033</u>

8. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021	<u>445,705</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2021	<u>445,705</u>
At 31st August 2020	<u>445,705</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

8. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS - continued

This represents the investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. Although this is in its early stages the Trustees are very confident in its expected performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Trust.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	629,418	226,143
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,720</u>	<u>*</u>
	<u>632,138</u>	<u>226,143</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,863	1,820
Other creditors	153,447	215,661
Accrued expenses	<u>169,000</u>	<u>25,200</u>
	<u>324,310</u>	<u>242,681</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	109,993,741	105,911,616	215,905,357
	<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,228,025	(27,316,409)	105,911,616
	<u>133,228,025</u>	<u>(27,316,409)</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>133,228,025</u>	<u>(27,316,409)</u>	<u>105,911,616</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,591,449	100,402,292	109,993,741
	<u>9,591,449</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,591,449</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	104,413,082	(4,010,790)	100,402,292
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,413,082</u>	<u>(4,010,790)</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,591,449	206,313,908	215,905,357
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,591,449</u>	<u>206,313,908</u>	<u>215,905,357</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	237,641,107	(31,327,199)	206,313,908
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,641,107</u>	<u>(31,327,199)</u>	<u>206,313,908</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Although there are no related parties, the Trust works closely with other charities in many countries which have similar aims and objectives. This is explained further in the 'Wider Network' paragraph of the Report of the Trustees.

13. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	105,911,616	100,402,292
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,642,898	146,378
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(3,224)	=
Donated Assets	(99,000,000)	(90,848,887)
Donated Assets	(3,059,932)	=
Increase in debtors	(405,995)	(160,991)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	81,629	(1,437,911)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>5,166,992</u>	<u>8,100,881</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

14.. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>6,609,541</u>	<u>4,875,950</u>	<u>11,485,491</u>
	<u>6,609,541</u>	<u>4,875,950</u>	<u>11,485,491</u>
Total	<u><u>6,609,541</u></u>	<u><u>4,875,950</u></u>	<u><u>11,485,491</u></u>

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021	2020
Debt instruments at cost		
Other debtors	<u>629,418</u>	<u>226,143</u>
Total	<u><u>629,418</u></u>	<u><u>226,143</u></u>
Financial Liabilities at cost		
Trade creditors	1,863	1,820
Other creditors	153,447	215,661
Accrued expenses	<u>169,000</u>	<u>25,200</u>
Total	<u><u>324,310</u></u>	<u><u>242,681</u></u>

THE KINGDOM HALL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 275946

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00355443 (England and Wales)

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OSCR NUMBER: SC046541

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2020
for
The Kingdom Hall Trust**

The Kingdom Hall Trust

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

The trustees, who are also directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the Trust) for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian religion as practised by Jehovah's Witnesses, as detailed in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the governing document of the Trust, by providing and administering places of public worship for congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses (Kingdom Halls) and administering the financial affairs of such congregations.

Short term objectives are to invite more congregations to merge with the Trust. In the long term the Trust hopes to continue to relieve administrative burdens on congregants wherever possible. The Trust also aims to continue to provide safe, high quality buildings for the use of congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Significant activities

To achieve these objectives, the Trust aims to provide congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses with access to places of worship. This is mainly accomplished by purchasing completed properties and freehold land.

The Trust also aims to reduce the administrative burden that could fall on individuals or congregations. One way this is achieved is by acting as custodian trustee, by holding title to freehold and leasehold properties acquired as places of worship as well as other related properties for congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in England and Wales. All these are open to the public.

Another key activity to achieve this is caring for the administrative financial activities of the congregation, holding funds allocated to each congregation, making payments and processing receipts.

The Trust measures its success by the extent to which it can relieve financial and administrative burdens from congregations, and provide suitable buildings for public worship. Appropriate measures for how well these objectives have been achieved include the number of congregation payments made, and the number of congregations merged during the year.

During the pandemic Kingdom Hall use has stopped and congregation activity has greatly changed. Despite this, the Trust continued to support activity as needed, by making many payments to care for buildings and other necessary expenses of congregations.

Public benefit

The Trust is a public benefit entity. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard in the exercise of their powers and duties to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work done by the Trust ensures that members of the public have access to buildings for public worship free of charge.

Individuals can worship together, promoting godly values, such as well-being and respect for others, and the practice of Christian qualities such as honesty and kindness.

Although the buildings have not been used during the pandemic, facilitating public worship has assisted individuals to continue these activities. For example, when requested the Trust has funded online video-conferencing. The Trust has also continued to maintain Kingdom Halls in good condition.

Volunteers

The volunteer spirit of many is crucial to the operations of the Trust. For example, individuals in local congregations arrange for basic repairs to the Kingdom Halls, engage with suppliers for running costs and maintain basic financial records for their congregation. Some also perform maintenance checks on the properties of the Trust, ensuring that they are well maintained. The trustees greatly appreciate these tireless efforts.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Principal Achievements for the Year

1,269 congregations merged with the Trust during the year. Over 3,000 payments were made as requested by local congregations and, in addition, congregations were incorporated into consolidated billing for the supply of utilities. Congregations continued to carry out their religious activities unimpeded during the merge, whilst benefitting from the services provided by the Trust.

All of this represents work and activity relieved from individuals throughout the country.

Throughout the pandemic, congregations were able to request payment of expenses, such as for video conferencing software, to allow them to continue with their religious activities in the best way possible, despite the necessary restrictions.

This period has especially emphasised why the work of the Trust is so beneficial. During this difficult time, individuals in congregations wish to focus on their spiritual activities, such as worshipping together (via video-conference) encouraging and helping each other. Caring for local financial and legal matters, connected to properties and entities, would have been an extra burden. Most congregations also formerly relied on cheque payments which required two signatures, a process which would have been more difficult during the pandemic. By facilitating and simplifying these processes, the Trust alleviates responsibilities that would have otherwise fallen on thousands of individuals to handle.

This year seven newly built Kingdom Halls were acquired. This is in addition to properties which were transferred to the beneficial ownership of the Trust as part of the merger. In total, there are now 315 buildings owned by the Trust. All of these places of worship remain available for the same beneficiaries who were accessing them before the merge. Although they are currently closed, due to the pandemic, these properties would usually be open to the general public free of charge. They provide a base in the local community for activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

During the pandemic, a key aim of the Trust is to keep these buildings fit for purpose and properly maintained. Therefore, guidance has been provided to individuals in congregations to perform essential weekly maintenance checks to ensure that facilities are maintained to a good standard despite lack of occupation. All checks are carried out safely and in line with current Covid-19 restrictions.

The Trust continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note 8 to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Trust, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with the early results achieved.

Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Internal Controls

Controls are in place over the financial systems of the Trust. These controls ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions; provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose; and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance. The internal audit programme has been achieved. The internal auditor and his assistant have a set agenda to pursue through the year.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Consumption & Energy Efficiency

	Carbon Tonnes	KwH
Quantity of emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from activities for which the company is responsible	8,377	
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the company is responsible		31,130,177

This information was gathered from utility bills received by the Trust during the year. It relates to energy use in Kingdom Halls. 372 Kingdom Halls were part of this activity during the year, meaning the above measure would be 83,683 KwH per Kingdom Hall for the year. It should be noted that none of these Kingdom Halls were under normal occupancy during this period due to Covid-19 safety restrictions. Kingdom Halls are gradually being added to these arrangements as the merging process continues.

Measures taken for the purpose of increasing the Trust's energy efficiency, whilst protecting the buildings during this period, include regular checks of the Kingdom Halls, and heating to minimum 'set-back temperatures' for frost and damp protection. The 'vacant' period also provided an opportunity to monitor the consumption data, for any Kingdom Halls using more, or less, electricity than expected, and then reviewing anomalies further.

There have also been collection of water meter readings from the Kingdom Halls during maintenance visits, to identify any water leaks or over-use of water.

Financial review

Financial Position and Reserves policy

Total reserves, including property assets, at August 31, 2020, stood at £112,608,410. During the year, total expenditure of the Trust was £3,998,790, which included forwarding online donations to congregations which have not merged with the Trust, and paying expenses of congregations which had merged.

By far the most significant income was £93 million of donated assets. This was due to the transfer of the beneficial ownership of Kingdom Halls from the merging congregations. The values were based on desktop valuations, using properties nearby as a guide. These Kingdom Halls are unique assets and have not been acquired for onward sale. Rather the Trust will continue to care for them and ensure they are available when needed.

Donations are also higher because donations that formerly went to congregation charities, now come to the Trust.

We believe that the reserves carried forward are sufficient to cover the anticipated expenses of the Trust for the coming year. At this stage the Trust has not yet formalised a reserves policy as congregations continue to complete their merge and transfer their funds. However, congregations are encouraged to maintain a balance of approximately 3 months operating expenditure in their accounts.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risk for the Trust is the lack of building fabric maintenance, which could lead to impairment of the assets owned by the Trust.

To mitigate this risk regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. The congregations using the premises are provided with training, support and documentation to keep the building in good repair. Well qualified individuals periodically monitor and review the quality of the buildings.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future plans

The Trust will continue its ongoing programme of transferring title of Kingdom Hall properties into the name of the Trust.

The Trust plans to continue to administrate the financial activity of congregations, allowing congregants to focus more on their personal religious activities rather than on administrative matters.

The pandemic has greatly reduced the activity of purchasing new or newly built Kingdom Halls. The Trust, however, is able to continue with its other activities and has no issues relating to going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

On 28th July 1939, the London Company of Kingdom Witnesses was formed as an unlimited company incorporated in England and Wales. It was later formally registered as a charity on 30th June 1978. On 18th November 1994, it was granted status as a Trust Corporation. On 1st June 1993, new Articles of Association were adopted by Special Resolution. On 6th June 1994, amendments to the Memorandum of Association were adopted by Resolution, including the change in name of the charitable company to The Kingdom Hall Trust. The changes were given legal effect on 20th June 1994. On 15th July 2014, a further amendment was adopted by Resolution, to re-register the company as a private company, limited by guarantee. On 30th September 2014, the Articles of Association were altered by Resolution to effect an increase in the maximum number of trustees. On 22nd March 2016, a further amendment was adopted by resolution. On 21st November 2018, amendments to the Articles of Association were adopted by resolution. The Kingdom Hall Trust continues as a registered charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. On 10th May 2016, it was registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Recruitment and appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The trustees meet at least two times a year and are in regular contact. Trustees are elected by the Board of Trustees.

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows: periodically, trustees will review potential candidates. Their abilities are evaluated by means of the trustees' personal knowledge of candidates. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees.

Organisational structure

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Limited financial authority is delegated to congregations to enter into financial transactions on behalf of the Trust. The nature of these transactions must be in line with direction provided. All transactions are reviewed before payment through the systems of the Trust.

Wider network

The Trust cooperates with other charities with similar aims and objectives. This cooperation sometimes takes the form of shared facilities or processes. The Trust reviews policies and procedures used by such entities and determines if it is appropriate to implement these for the Trust's activity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00355443 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

275946

Registered office

1 Kingdom Way
West Hanningfield
Chelmsford
Essex
CM2 8FW

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

Trustees

S Abbott
J Cox
J D Dutton
S R Morris
P Wade
R Cook
A Clinton

Auditors

Calcutt Matthews WBZ Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
19 North Street
Ashford
TN24 8LF

Bankers

Barclays Corporate North London Team
1-2 Trinity Way
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CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

The Trust previously held title to 636 properties as custodian trustee. The beneficial ownership was with congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. Due to the merger, the beneficial ownership of these properties (and properties that were not formerly held as custodian trustee) is gradually being passed over to the Trust. Beneficial ownership of the asset is not recognised until official confirmation has been received that title has passed to the Trust.

ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS AND OTHERS

The Trust has endeavoured to maintain strong relationships with suppliers in order to allow congregations and the public to continue to use Kingdom Halls. This includes the supply of a robust donation system and necessary supplies for Kingdom Halls. The Trust also recognises the importance of individuals being able to engage suppliers on a local level to deal with day to day matters. Guidance is provided to ensure such small interactions are possible but well controlled.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Kingdom Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors,
on 11 MAY 2021..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



.....
R Cook - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kingdom Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of The Kingdom Hall Trust

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Nicholas Hume FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Calcutt Matthews WBZ Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
19 North Street
Ashford
TN24 8LF

Date: 24 May 2021

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	104,413,082	6,655,946
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Providing places of worship		188,971	118,314
Assisting congregations		3,821,819	1,866,188
Total		<u>4,010,790</u>	<u>1,984,502</u>
NET INCOME		100,402,292	4,671,444
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>9,591,449</u>	<u>4,920,005</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>109,993,741</u></u>	<u><u>9,591,449</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Balance Sheet

31st August 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	102,955,033	9,728,764
Social investments	8	<u>445,705</u>	<u>445,705</u>
		103,400,738	10,174,469
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	226,143	65,152
Cash at bank		<u>6,609,541</u>	<u>1,032,420</u>
		6,835,684	1,097,572
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(242,681)	(1,680,592)
		<u>6,593,003</u>	<u>(583,020)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		109,993,741	9,591,449
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>109,993,741</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 MAY 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Cook - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	13	<u>8,100,881</u>	<u>2,573,986</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>8,100,881</u>	<u>2,573,986</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,523,760)	(1,099,212)
Purchase of social investments		<u>-</u>	<u>(445,705)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,523,760)</u>	<u>(1,544,917)</u>
		<u>5,577,121</u>	<u>1,029,069</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>1,032,420</u>	<u>3,351</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>6,609,541</u></u>	<u><u>1,032,420</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. The main estimate in these financial statements relates to the value of Kingdom Halls which have been donated to the charity. These make up the majority of the tangible fixed assets recognised in the balance sheet, the value of them being £96,528,327. Donated assets, as stated elsewhere, are recognised at fair value. The charity does not intend to re-value its assets on a five-yearly basis, so once established, this value becomes the cost for accounting purposes.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number. Donated assets are recognised as income when the Trust has control over the item, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Trust of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. Donated assets are recognised at fair value.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable activities it is allocated to that particular activity. When this is not the case the cost has been allocated equally between the Trust's activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are valued on a historic cost basis, at cost less depreciation. This is with the exception of the initial recognition of donated Kingdom Halls. These are measured at fair value based on a desktop valuation. This then becomes the cost value of the Kingdom Hall, which is subsequently depreciated. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% on cost

Social investments

The Trust classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

Taxation

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Kingdom Hall Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Trust. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Trust has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

Volunteers

The Trust relies on individuals voluntarily giving their time and resources to assist with its activities. Such ones are used for both administrative and operational activities.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider the Trust a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Donated Assets	90,848,887	3,804,000
Donations	12,801,315	2,537,693
Gift aid	<u>762,880</u>	<u>314,253</u>
	<u>104,413,082</u>	<u>6,655,946</u>

Approximately £90 million of the above donations relate to the transfer of the beneficial ownership of Kingdom Halls during the year as part of the merger project.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Providing places of worship	147,878	41,093	188,971
Assisting congregations	<u>3,789,395</u>	<u>32,424</u>	<u>3,821,819</u>
	<u>3,937,273</u>	<u>73,517</u>	<u>4,010,790</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Providing places of worship	253	14,497	26,343	41,093
Assisting congregations	<u>253</u>	<u>17,828</u>	<u>14,343</u>	<u>32,424</u>
	<u>506</u>	<u>32,325</u>	<u>40,686</u>	<u>73,517</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	27,006	20,879
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>146,378</u>	<u>93,622</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2020 nor for the year ended 31st August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2020 nor for the year ended 31st August 2019.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1st September 2019	9,994,187
Additions	<u>93,372,647</u>
At 31st August 2020	<u>103,366,834</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st September 2019	265,423
Charge for year	<u>146,378</u>
At 31st August 2020	<u>411,801</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2020	<u>102,955,033</u>
At 31st August 2019	<u>9,728,764</u>

8. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020	<u>445,705</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st August 2020	<u>445,705</u>
At 31st August 2019	<u>445,705</u>

This represents the investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. Although this is in its early stages the Trustees are very confident in its expected performance and that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Trust.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	<u>226,143</u>	<u>65,152</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	1,820	138
Other creditors	215,661	1,669,054
Accrued expenses	<u>25,200</u>	<u>11,400</u>
	<u>242,681</u>	<u>1,680,592</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,591,449	100,402,292	109,993,741
	<u>9,591,449</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,591,449</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	104,413,082	(4,010,790)	100,402,292
	<u>104,413,082</u>	<u>(4,010,790)</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,413,082</u>	<u>(4,010,790)</u>	<u>100,402,292</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,920,005	4,671,444	9,591,449
	<u>4,920,005</u>	<u>4,671,444</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,920,005</u>	<u>4,671,444</u>	<u>9,591,449</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,655,946	(1,984,502)	4,671,444
	<u>6,655,946</u>	<u>(1,984,502)</u>	<u>4,671,444</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>6,655,946</u>	<u>(1,984,502)</u>	<u>4,671,444</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,920,005	105,073,736	109,993,741
	<u>4,920,005</u>	<u>105,073,736</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,920,005</u>	<u>105,073,736</u>	<u>109,993,741</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	111,069,028	(5,995,292)	105,073,736
	<u>111,069,028</u>	<u>(5,995,292)</u>	<u>105,073,736</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>111,069,028</u>	<u>(5,995,292)</u>	<u>105,073,736</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Although there are no related parties, the Trust works closely with other charities in many countries which have similar aims and objectives. This is explained further in the 'Wider Network' paragraph of the Report of the Trustees.

13. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	100,402,292	4,671,444
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	146,378	93,622
Donated Assets	(90,848,887)	(3,804,000)
Increase in debtors	(160,991)	(65,152)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(1,437,911)</u>	<u>1,678,072</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>8,100,881</u>	<u>2,573,986</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

14.. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.20 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>1,032,420</u>	<u>5,577,121</u>	<u>6,609,541</u>
	<u>1,032,420</u>	<u>5,577,121</u>	<u>6,609,541</u>
Total	<u><u>1,032,420</u></u>	<u><u>5,577,121</u></u>	<u><u>6,609,541</u></u>

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020	2019
Debt instruments at cost		
Other debtors	<u>226,143</u>	<u>65,152</u>
Total	<u><u>226,143</u></u>	<u><u>65,152</u></u>
Financial Liabilities at cost		
Trade creditors	1,820	138
Other creditors	215,661	1,669,054
Accrued expenses	<u>25,200</u>	<u>11,400</u>
Total	<u><u>242,681</u></u>	<u><u>1,680,592</u></u>

16. GOING CONCERN

The trustees have reviewed the potential financial impact of COVID-19 on the Trust. It was confirmed that no significant financial loss has occurred, neither is any expected in the foreseeable future due to the pandemic.

