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**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.

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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.

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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.

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

Trustees

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Ashford
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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.

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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

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

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
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		4,010,790	1,984,502
NET INCOME		100,402,292	4,671,444
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		9,591,449	4,920,005
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		109,993,741	9,591,449

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,593,003</u>	<u>(583,020)</u>
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

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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> </u>	<u> </u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		5,577,121	1,029,069
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

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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.

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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	762,880	314,253
	<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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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
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
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
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,920,005</u>	<u>4,671,444</u>	<u>9,591,449</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	6,655,946	(1,984,502)	4,671,444
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
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
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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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.

