

Charitable status

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The Church of Scientology has, according to the [Express](#), filed accounts claiming it does not owe tax as it has charitable status.

It has not got that status. The UK refused to grant it.

True it made a loss. But with almost £7 million in the bank it must have had a significant interest income. The organisation may have been able to claim that it was not taxable on some of its activities under the mutuality principle, but that leaves interest still within charge. I would like to know why the challenge has not been raised.

I hope it is. There is a point of principle at play here. Those organisations that are not charities must not enjoy the benefits of those that are subject to the regulatory regime applied to those that are.