

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LEEDS)
Registered Charity 1164024

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Mothers' Union, Diocese of Leeds

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022. In presenting this report, the Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees accepted and signed off the accounts for 2022 at the Trustee Meeting on 12th May 2023.

Risk to the Charity

The Trustees are satisfied that the balance in the accounts is sufficient for the charity to continue in 2024. The members' annual subscription for 2023 was increased to £30, made up of £21 subscription to the Central Mothers' Union and £9 to the Diocese. Expenses are still reduced slightly by the use of Zoom for some meetings.

Structure, governance and management

The affairs of the charity are governed by the terms of the central Mothers' Union's Royal Charter, granted in 1926 and which is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales (240531).

The Board of Trustees manages the charity. They met on five occasions during 2022 instead of the usual four. The first was held on Zoom and the following four in person. The Trustees are elected tri-annually by the members of the charity's Council consisting of the Diocesan President, members of the Trustee Board, Team Leaders, Branch Leaders and Past Presidents of the charity living in the Diocese. The Chaplain is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop. A new Diocesan President and Trustees were commissioned by the Diocesan Bishop at a service at Wakefield Cathedral on 22nd January 2022.

The Council and Annual General Meeting was held on 9th June 2022 in person when information was shared and matters debated with the members present. A further Council was held on 10th November 2022.

Training for Trustees was provided at the beginning of the three-year period in 2022.

The Trustees were elected in 2021 and took office for the Charity on 1st January 2022 for a period of three years. The trustees who served in 2022 were:

Mrs Elaine Swinhoe	Diocesan President
Rev Jenny Kimber	Area President - Bradford Episcopal Area
Mrs Patricia Ainsworth	Area President - Leeds Episcopal Area
Mrs Margaret Crawford	Area President - Ripon Episcopal Area
Mrs Susan Atherton	Area President - Wakefield Episcopal Area
Mrs Julia Tum	Area President - Huddersfield Episcopal Area
Mrs Daryl Kelly	General Trustee
Mrs Trees Fewster	General Trustee
Mrs Evelyn Haigh	General Trustee
Mrs Barbara Vaughan	General Trustee
Mrs Gillian Wilks	General Trustee
Mrs Yvonne Hutson	Co-opted Trustee representing the Outreach Team

The charity does not own any property other than two caravans on the East Coast which are to provide holidays for families in need of a break.

For administrative purposes the contact address used by the charity throughout 2022 was 94 Victoria Gardens, Leeds, LS18 4PH.

Officers

The following officers acted on behalf of the charity throughout the year:

Diocesan Chaplain:	Venerable Peter Townley, Archdeacon of Pontefract
Diocesan Treasurer:	Mr Paul Leeming
Diocesan Secretary:	Mrs Joanna Sarkar

Bankers

The charity's bankers are Barclays Bank plc, Leicester, LE87 2BB

Independent examiner

This role was undertaken by Mrs Elizabeth Short FCA, of Spenser Wilson Ltd, Equitable House, 55 Pellon Lane, Halifax HX1 5SP

Membership

The charity is a membership body. Membership can be of a specific branch, linked to an Anglican church parish, or of the diocese, when members can choose to attend branch meetings but rely more heavily on written and electronic communication for contact with fellow members. A requested proportion of the membership fee has been forwarded to the central Mothers' Union.

We have 1458 members and 83 branches. In 2021 we had 1661 members and 90 branches.

Membership in 2022 numbered 1458. Of these, 136 members were Diocesan Members. The remaining members were members of one of the branches. About 20 members, who are unable to attend meetings, usually due to age or infirmity, are designated Indoor Members.

The membership in 2022 worked in the five Episcopal Areas of Leeds, Ripon, Bradford, Huddersfield and Wakefield, in accordance with the structure of the Anglican Diocese of Leeds.

The work is organised in Teams (Prayer, Outreach, Communication, Membership, Diocesan Services and Mothers' Union Retail) each having a Team Leader and covering aspects as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Diocesan Services	leader Mrs Margaret Bentley
Prayer	leader Mrs Jean Thurman
Membership	leader Mrs Mary Marshall
Communications	vacant
Outreach	leader Mrs Yvonne Hutson
MU Retail	vacant (various people in the 5 Episcopal Areas)

Restrictions imposed by the Governing Document concerning the way in which the charity may operate

Branches of the charity have the power to support the needs of their parishes, subject to the aim, purpose and objects of Mothers' Union. However, branches are not permitted to be used as a channel for charitable appeals on behalf of other organisations, nor is money permitted to be allocated to such organisations from branch funds.

Risk Management

The Trustees have throughout their term of service recognised their responsibility to identify the key risks to which the charity was exposed and to ensure that measures were in place and monitored to mitigate against these risks. Adequate insurance cover has been in place to protect the charity against financial loss.

Objectives and Activities

Our Vision Statement

Mothers' Union, in the Diocese of Leeds, through the love of God and in partnership with the church, seeks to reach out creatively and actively to support stable family relationships and to promote a more just society.

Our Mission

We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We can do this through supporting strong relationships within the family and promoting reconciliation at all levels.

Our Values

1. We are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centered on mutual respect and collaboration.
2. Our governance, leadership and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide.
3. We work with people of all faiths and none.

Our Aims and Objectives

- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity
- To promote and support married life

Activities during 2022

Fundraising for Mothers' Union's family-centred projects in the UK and overseas was able to start up again and continued throughout the year. A number of branches held Summer of Hope events to raise funds for the central appeal.

Various services for Lady Day, Mary Sumner Day and Advent services were held across the diocese to make it easier for members to attend and share fellowship. A Summer Celebration was held at Bradford Cathedral on 9th July 2022 with activities for children. The Council Meeting in June also included a thanksgiving and celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In September the Diocesan President and Area President for Bradford met with representatives from the Archbishop's Commission for Families and Households to share information about the work of Mothers' Union in the area.

Members continued to support the central Mothers' Union's Financial Appeals during the year to ensure the continuance of financial support for overseas work.

Achievements and Performance

We have attempted to maintain active links with linked dioceses in Nigeria, the Solomon Islands, Lesotho and Rwanda, although there are still communication problems with some dioceses. Branches participated in the Global Wave of Prayer in January 2022 and regular mid-day prayers have been said via across the Diocese - some via Zoom and some in person at the cathedrals. A prayer network has continued in all five Episcopal Areas through which requests for anyone experiencing ill health or other troubles is prayed for. Regular newsletters were sent to members and a website providing or signposting resources and information continued.

OUTREACH WORK

Prison Support

Work in prisons was able to start up again later in the year. Sweets and Christmas cards were delivered to three prisons in the diocese.

AFIA Holidays

We were pleased to be able to recommence providing family (AFIA - Away From It All) holidays to those in need during 2022 in our two caravans. Thirty four holidays were provided when a total of 53 adults and 64 children enjoyed a week at the coast. These were families who had not had a holiday for many years and desperately needed a break.

Community Support (Making and Collecting Projects)

Members reached out by keeping busy with knitting items to support local women's refuges, hospitals and care homes and by supplying emergency toiletry packs to hospitals.

Work with Partner Organisations supporting Families

Food banks -Some members volunteered at local food banks or provided food to be distributed. A reprint of our own "Food on a Budget" booklet is still available.

Baby Banks - Members collect baby clothes and equipment in support of Baby Banks. These are agencies which enable new mums to have the items they need after the birth of a baby and also support families fleeing from domestic violence.

Supporting Refugees

Sanitary and hygiene products were provided for refugee centres and a church in a deprived area.

Refuges

Food, clothing, toiletries, bedding, towels and clothes were provided for a number of women's refuges.

Hospitals

Emergency toilet bags and knitted hearts were given to hospitals.

Care Homes

Twiddle muffs, Prayer Shawls and knee blankets were provided.

Primary Schools

Knitted mittens were provided for children who arrived at school with cold hands.

CHURCH SUPPORT - churches were supported with Easter and Mothering Sunday gifts, knitted nativity sets and Baptism cards and gifts.

Prayers were offered on a daily basis and the diocesan wide Prayer Network ensured those families and individuals suffering from illness, bereavement and loneliness were remembered.

POLICY and CAMPAIGNING

Our support and influence as a worldwide organisation on policy and campaigning is of huge value in raising awareness of the issues that cause adversity in family life.

Mothers' Union campaigns at international, national and local level. Local action during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based violence (Nov 25th- Dec 10th) involved raising awareness through holding themed services and in 2022, we supported the Global Day on 26th November by holding a number of vigils - outside Halifax Minster and in the marketplaces of Boroughbridge and Settle when the theme was "No more 1 in 3" (This refers to the fact that 1 in 3 women worldwide suffer abuse during their lifetime). There will be on-going campaigning to move from 16 days to 365 days supporting the vision of a world where all thrive, are respected and live free from domestic abuse.

Mothers' Union also works with the Clewer Initiative to raise awareness of Modern Slavery in the UK.

Financial Review

The results are reported in the financial statements accompanying this report.

The Trustees received no remuneration for their services although they were eligible to claim reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the course of their trusteeship.

Deficit for the Year

The Charity had a surplus of £4,078 on unrestricted funds and a deficit of £7,546 on restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Charity maintains unrestricted cash reserves which are approximately one year's running costs. The Trustees are of the opinion that this amount is reasonable.

Unrestricted funds are £124,089 including designated funds of £17,589 therefore the present level of free reserves available to the charity is £106,500

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12th May 2023

Section A: Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ending 31 December 2022

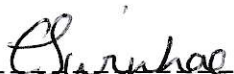
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Income					
Donations		55,566	18,551	74,117	67,090
Charitable Activities		7,223	40	7,263	7,724
Bank Interest		999	-	999	39
Gain on Disposal of Assets		-	-	-	-
Total Income	2	<u>63,788</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>82,379</u>	<u>74,854</u>
Expenditure					
Raising Funds		11,033	-	11,033	8,492
Charitable Activities		31,773	26,137	57,911	55,659
Diocesan Administration		16,903	-	16,903	14,324
Total Expenditure	3	<u>59,710</u>	<u>26,137</u>	<u>85,847</u>	<u>78,474</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		4,078	(7,546)	(3,468)	(3,621)
Opening Balance		120,011	57,489	177,500	181,120
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>124,089</u>	<u>49,943</u>	<u>174,031</u>	<u>177,500</u>

Section B: Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Fixed Assets					
Caravans	4		25,160	25,160	29,732
		-	25,160	25,160	29,732
Current Assets					
Mue Stock	5	593		593	782
Prepayments	6	-	11,571	11,571	10,231
Gift Aid Tax Refund Due	7	1,328		1,328	1,327
Cash at Bank and In Hand	8	125,931	13,212	139,143	138,736
		<u>127,852</u>	<u>24,783</u>	<u>152,635</u>	<u>151,076</u>
Current Liabilities					
Accruals	9	3,764	-	3,764	3,308
Net Current Assets		<u>124,089</u>	<u>24,783</u>	<u>148,871</u>	<u>147,768</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>124,089</u>	<u>49,943</u>	<u>174,031</u>	<u>177,500</u>
Charity Funds		124,089	49,943	174,031	177,500
Total Funds	11	<u>124,089</u>	<u>49,943</u>	<u>174,031</u>	<u>177,500</u>

Signed Elaine Swinhoe, Leeds Mothers' Union Diocesan President and trustee on behalf of all the trustees.

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Dated 12/05/2023

Section C: Notes to the Accounts

for the year ending 31 December 2022

Note 1: Basis of Preparation and Policies

1) These accounts have been prepared:

- a) On an accruals basis.
- b) Under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.
- c) In accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

2) Going Concern:

From the review of forecasts and projections the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

3) All income is recognised when the Charity becomes legally entitled and the amount quantifiable with reasonable accuracy.

4) Fund Accounting:

- a) Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.
- b) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.
- c) Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

5) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty:

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are not considered to be any judgements or accounting estimates or assumptions that have a significant impact on the financial statements.

6) Financial instruments:

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Note 2: Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Donations				
Subscriptions	42,616		42,616	46,532
Collections and Donations	10,942	18,551	29,492	19,118
Gift Aid Tax Refund	2,009		2,009	1,441
	<u>55,566</u>	<u>18,551</u>	<u>74,117</u>	<u>67,090</u>
Charitable Activities				
MUe Sales	6,127		6,127	6,196
MUe Sales Commission	1,097		1,097	1,207
New Hall Prison Tea Bar Income	-	40	40	321
	<u>7,223</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>7,263</u>	<u>7,724</u>
Bank Interest	<u>999</u>		<u>999</u>	<u>39</u>
Gain on Disposal of Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	<u>63,788</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>82,379</u>	<u>74,854</u>

Note 3: Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Raising Funds				
Branch Expenses	5,381		5,381	2,852
Mue Purchases	5,652		5,652	5,640
	<u>11,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,033</u>	<u>8,492</u>
Charitable Activities				
Subscriptions to MSH	30,440		30,440	33,284
Emergency Fund to MSH	-		-	-
Donations to MSH Projects	-	6,408	6,408	3,774
AFIA Expenses	-	14,413	14,413	11,156
Caravan Depreciation	-	4,572	4,572	4,572
New Hall Prison Tea Bar	-	745	745	40
Outreach and Prayer	299	-	299	2,536
Church Services	-		-	-
Publications	-		-	-
Training	940		940	190
Badges and Banners	94		94	108
	<u>31,773</u>	<u>26,137</u>	<u>57,911</u>	<u>55,659</u>
Diocesan Administration				
Secretarial and Accounting	12,832		12,832	11,278
Travel	381		381	219
Post and Stationery	1,743		1,743	1,519
Insurance	719		719	674
Room Rent and Meeting Costs	992		992	387
Bank Charges	-		-	(9)
Sundry	236		236	256
	<u>16,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,903</u>	<u>14,324</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>59,710</u>	<u>26,137</u>	<u>85,847</u>	<u>78,474</u>

Note 4: Fixed Assets - Caravans

	Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value
At Start of Year	45,717	15,986	29,732
2022 Additions			-
2022 Disposals			-
2022 Depreciation		4,572	(4,572)
At End of Year	45,717	20,557	25,160

At the end of 2018 a new caravan was purchased for £23,013.

At the end of 2017 a new caravan was purchased for £22,704.

Caravans are depreciated on a straight line basis. It is anticipated that both caravans have a 10 year life.

Note 5: Stock

Stock is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Note 6: Prepayments

Prepayments of £11,517 are site rents for the two caravans relating to 2023 but transacted in 2022.

Prepayments of £54 are caravan non domestic rates, paid, later credited and held on account for 2023.

Note 7: Gift Aid Tax Refund Due

2022 Gift Aid Tax Refund of £1,328 (2021 £1,327) was due at year end.

Note 8: Cash at Bank and In Hand

Cash at Bank and In Hand includes £21,574 (2021 £19,402) held by branches.

Note 9: Accruals

Accruals are for known expenditures relating to 2022 but transacted in 2023.

Note 10: Statements

- 1) The success of the Mothers' Union is dependent on the many dedicated unpaid volunteers.
- 2) Trustees receive no payments except for expenses incurred.
- 3) Ten trustees incurred total expenses of £324 (2021 £0) for travel and £19 (2021 £76) for office expenses.
- 4) There are no employees.
- 5) The Independent Examiner's fees are £450 + £90 vat (2021 £450 + £90 vat). The independent examiner received no other fees.

Note 11: 2022 Funds

Details of funds held and movements in 2022 are shown below.

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Total Funds Closing Balance	Cash Closing Balance
Restricted Funds						
AFIA Replacement	6,349	1,051	-	-	7,400	7,400
AFIA Running	48,116	11,092	18,984	-	40,224	3,493
Newhall Prison Tea Bar	1,438	40	745	-	733	733
Kitty Cooper Bursary	1,586	-	-	-	1,586	1,586
Overseas	-	2,963	2,963	-	-	-
Relief	-	225	225	-	-	-
Big Summer Appeal	-	2,688	2,688	-	-	-
Britain & Ireland Development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Literacy	-	130	130	-	-	-
Make a Mother's Day	-	402	402	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	57,489	18,591	26,137	-	49,943	13,212
Unrestricted Funds						
Prayer	3,701	-	46	-	3,655	3,655
Outreach	6,168	416	253	-	6,331	6,331
Training	8,543	-	940	-	7,603	7,603
Unallocated Funds	101,599	63,372	58,471	-	106,500	108,343
Total Unrestricted Funds	120,011	63,788	59,710	-	124,089	125,931
Total Funds per Balance Sheet	177,500	82,379	85,847	-	174,031	139,143

Fund Descriptions

'AFIA Replacement' is a fund for replacing the two caravans.

'AFIA' provides holidays to disadvantaged families 'Away from it all'.

The 'Newhall Prison Tea Bar' is a low priced café helping families of those held at the prison.

The 'Kitty Cooper Bursary' is to help members afford to attend events.

'Overseas' relates to charitable work carried on outside the UK.

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The 'Big Summer Appeal' supports a number of Mary Sumner House projects.

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'Literacy' is a fund to improve reading and writing.

'Make a Mother's Day' is a fund to help disadvantaged mothers.

'Prayer' provides funding for prayer resources including for 'Indoor Members'.

'Outreach' includes other projects to support families in the Diocese.

'Training' is to provide training for members.

'Unallocated Funds' includes £21,574 (2021 £19,402) held by branches in bank accounts and cash in hand.

Note 12: 2021 Funds

Details of funds held and movements in 2021 are shown below.

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Total Funds Closing Balance	Cash Closing Balance
Restricted Funds						
AFIA Replacement	6,035	315	-	-	6,349	6,349
AFIA Running	53,794	10,049	15,728	-	48,116	8,653
Newhall Prison Tea Bar	1,157	321	40	-	1,438	1,438
Kitty Cooper Bursary	1,586	-	-	-	1,586	1,586
Overseas	-	1,834	1,834	-	-	117
Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Summer Appeal	-	1,668	1,668	-	-	-
Britain & Ireland Development	-	8	8	-	-	-
Literacy	-	50	50	-	-	-
Make a Mother's Day	-	214	214	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	62,572	14,459	19,541	-	57,489	18,143
Unrestricted Funds						
Prayer	4,004	20	323	-	3,701	3,701
Outreach	8,176	205	2,213	-	6,168	6,168
Training	8,733	-	190	-	8,543	8,543
Unallocated Funds	97,636	60,170	56,207	-	101,599	102,182
Total Unrestricted Funds	118,549	60,395	58,933	-	120,011	120,593
Total Funds per Balance Sheet	181,120	74,854	78,474	-	177,500	138,736

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'Unallocated Funds' includes £19,402 (2020 £18,755) held by branches in bank accounts and cash in hand.

THE MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LEEDS)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF LEEDS)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Leeds) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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12 May 2023