

Charity Registration Number: 249721

Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)**Charity Information**

Charity Name:	Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)	
Charity Registration Number:	249721	
Governing Document:	The Society is governed by a Royal Charter dated 15th June 1926, amended by a supplemental Charter dated 5th September 1974. Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Liverpool is an autonomous body affiliated to Mothers' Union worldwide. It is bound by the central constitution of Mothers' Union, in so far as it relates to the activities of a Diocese. The affairs of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Liverpool are managed by Trustees appointed by the Diocesan Council.	
Principal Business Address:	Mothers' Union Office St James House 20 St James Road Liverpool L1 7BY	
Trustees:	Mrs E.C. Collins Mrs P. Lewis Mrs B. Boden Miss B. Kinvig Mrs S. Sharp Ms J. Longworth Ms R Loxham Mrs J. Gladders Mrs C. Harper Mrs E. Clarke Ms J. Spilsbury	Diocesan President Vice President /Secretary Area Lead Sefton/ Links Area Lead Huyton Area Lead Liverpool Area Lead Wigan Area Lead North Meols Area Lead Ormskirk Area Lead Widnes Membership Indoor Members
Other Officers:	Mrs B. Stratford Rev'd Canon C. Dowdle Mr U. Russell	Hon Diocesan Treasurer Hon Chaplain Training Officer
Independent Examiner:	Mr C.S. Hughes 106 Stanley Park Litherland Liverpool L21 9JU	
Bankers:	TSB Charlotte Row Box 1000 BX1 1LT (Liverpool Branch)	

Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2024**

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

The details are set out on page 2.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Mrs E.C. Collins
Mrs P. Lewis
Mrs C. Smaller
Miss B. Kinvig
Mrs B. Boden
Mrs S. Sharp
Mrs J. Roskell
Mrs J. Miller
Mrs J. Gladders
Mrs C. Harper
Mrs E. Clarke

Structure, Governance and Management**Governing document**

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Trustee induction and training

New trustees meet with the existing trustees to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Trust Deed, the trustees and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisation

The organisation is run by a board of trustees that delegate day to day matters to the Secretary. The board of trustees meet on a regular basis throughout the year to discuss matters appropriate to the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which includes:

- a review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.
- development and implementation of other risk management procedures including health and safety and fire safety;
- a financial reserves policy;
- an investment policy.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the commitment of its volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the charity's operations.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

Objective and activities

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out its Aim, its Objects:

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church
- 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

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The activities undertaken by the Charity to further its objectives were:

- conducting meetings
- running community projects
- organising activities and groups

Achievements and performance during the year - Diocesan President's Report

This year was the end of a triennial; time to say goodbye to people who have served on the Trustee board, some of the branch leaders and our Provincial President.

Our work with AFIA continues with us offering holidays and days out to those in need. We have also helped families make memories when a member of the family has had a terminal illness.

We were able to take over 40 people to a retreat and weekend of training at Cliff College with the support of Jeff Engel's legacy.

Our work with prisons continues to expand with the new parenting course being carried out at Hinley Prison and our new connection with Liverpool Prison.

We have taken part in the Mothers' Union Rise Up Campaign with a lot of our branches achieving bronze and silver awards. We also continue to support the awareness of Modern Day Slavery.

Our Christmas Appeal was to make sure that every child in our communities had a book for Christmas, with them being distributed through the Food Bank and other similar agencies.

Financial Review

Results for the year

The results for the year are set out on page 7.

Investment powers and policy

The charity has the power to invest in any way the trustees wish and currently some funds are invested in interest bearing bank accounts.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have, which is equal to twelve months' of normal unrestricted expenditure. Reserves are needed to even out any short term funding gaps between spending and the related income. The trustees therefore consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31st December 2024 would be £57,000 (2023: £59,000). The current level of reserves are £81,000 (2023: £80,000).

Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)**Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)****Plans for future periods**

Next year we wish to expand our work with prisons and universities and local communities, and expand our campaigning against modern day slavery and domestic violence with more awareness and practical help. We also hope to expand our reach with our AFIA project. We look forward to welcoming our new trustee board.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Charity 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 charity and of its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

E C Collins
Diocesan President

Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese) [the Trust] for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts 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.

**Mr C.S. Hughes
106 Stanley Park
Litherland
Liverpool
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17th October 2024

Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note			2024 £	2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and Legacies	2	42,662	10,835	53,497	132,324
Other trading activities	3	7,527	0	7,527	10,817
Investments	4	1,868	0	1,868	538
Charitable activities	5	5,321	0	5,321	4,302
TOTAL INCOME		<u>57,378</u>	<u>10,835</u>	<u>68,213</u>	<u>147,981</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	54,518	11,429	65,947	57,699
Raising Funds	7	2,420	0	2,420	3,044
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>56,938</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>68,367</u>	<u>60,743</u>
NET INCOME		440	-594	-154	87,238
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	10	203	-203	0	0
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENT ASSETS		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>643</u>	<u>-797</u>	<u>-154</u>	<u>87,238</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward at 1st January 2024 (as previously reported)		80,873	91,700	172,573	85,335
Fund movement in the year		643	-797	-154	87,238
Total funds carried forward at 31st December 2024		<u>81,516</u>	<u>90,903</u>	<u>172,419</u>	<u>172,573</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	11	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		406	240
Debtors	12	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		182,609	182,681
Total current assets		<u>183,015</u>	<u>182,921</u>
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	13	10,597	10,349
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>172,418</u>	<u>172,572</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		172,419	172,573
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>172,419</u>	<u>172,573</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	14		
Unrestricted		81,516	80,873
Restricted		90,903	91,700
Total charity funds		<u>172,419</u>	<u>172,573</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
E C Collins

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese)**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024****1 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) and applicable UK Accounting Standards.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal.

Transfers of funds are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of groups that owe their main affiliation to another body.

Income**Donations and legacies**

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

Grants receivable

Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting period.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Volunteers

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (cont.)

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the charity.

Raising funds

All expenses relating to fundraising, publicity, public relations and investment management charges are charged to this heading.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold leasehold land and buildings	-	2% on cost (or valuation)
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% reducing balance
Musical equipment	-	20% reducing balance

All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £1000, are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the charity's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the charity at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

Operating Leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the income and expenditure account as incurred.

Contingent Liabilities and Provisions

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from that constructive obligation.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)**

1 Accounting policies (cont.)

Charitable status and taxation

As a registered charity, the charity benefits from rates' relief and is generally exempt from income tax and corporation tax. The charity is not registered for value added tax.

INCOME FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £
2 Donations and Legacies						
Subscriptions	25,416	0	25,416	28,597	0	28,597
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collections at meetings	9,568	0	9,568	9,220	0	9,220
Refreshments	1,361	0	1,361	1,296	0	1,296
Legacies	0	9,800	9,800	0	85,800	85,800
Sundry Donations	6,317	1,035	7,352	6,518	893	7,411
	<u>42,662</u>	<u>10,835</u>	<u>53,497</u>	<u>45,631</u>	<u>86,693</u>	<u>132,324</u>
3 Other trading activities						
Fetes and other fundraising events	7,527	0	7,527	10,817	0	10,817
	<u>7,527</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,527</u>	<u>10,817</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,817</u>
4 Investments						
Bank Interest	1,868	0	1,868	538	0	538
	<u>1,868</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,868</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>538</u>
5 Charitable activities						
MU Enterprises	3,059	0	3,059	4,126	0	4,126
Cliff College	685	0	685	30	0	30
Scargill	1,577	0	1,577	146	0	146
	<u>5,321</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,321</u>	<u>4,302</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,302</u>
Total Income	<u>57,378</u>	<u>10,835</u>	<u>68,213</u>	<u>61,288</u>	<u>86,693</u>	<u>147,981</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £
6 Charitable activities						
Grants						
Childrens Fund	0	353	353	0	0	0
AFIA Fund	0	2,767	2,767	0	353	353
IMPC	0	0	0	0	319	319
Links	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Donations	3,469	0	3,469	6,182	0	6,182
	<u>3,469</u>	<u>3,120</u>	<u>6,589</u>	<u>6,182</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>6,854</u>
Subscriptions	19,205	0	19,205	19,551	0	19,551
Speakers Expenses	1,348	0	1,348	966	0	966
Refreshments	4,550	0	4,550	4,623	0	4,623
Room Hire	2,445	0	2,445	2,976	0	2,976
Branch Telephone and Postage	465	0	465	158	0	158
Trustee Expenses	546	0	546	412	0	412
Training Costs	120	0	120	1,362	279	1,641
Clifft College	685	8,036	8,721	470	0	470
Scargill	1,577	273	1,850	250	0	250
Insurance	450	0	450	450	0	450
Miscellaneous	4,597	0	4,597	5,046	0	5,046
Cost of MU Enterprises Sales	2,977	0	2,977	3,573	0	3,573
Independent Examination	80	0	80	80	0	80
Wages	10,569	0	10,569	9,538	0	9,538
Honorariums	400	0	400	400	0	400
Office and General Expenses	1,035	0	1,035	711	0	711
	<u>54,518</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>65,947</u>	<u>56,748</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>57,699</u>
7 Raising Funds						
Costs of other fund raising efforts	2,420	0	2,420	3,044	0	3,044
	<u>2,420</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,420</u>	<u>3,044</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,044</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>56,938</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>68,367</u>	<u>59,792</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>60,743</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)**

8 Net income	2024 £	2023 £
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	0	0
Staff costs (see note 9)	10,569	9,938
Accountancy & Independent Examination	80	80
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Staff Costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and Salaries	10,569	9,938
	<u>10,569</u>	<u>9,938</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Management & Administration	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

During the year the charity employed members of staff as detailed above. None (2023: None) of whom earned more than £60,000 p.a. Trustees were reimbursed working expenses during the year. There were no other discloseable transactions in respect of trustees, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

10 Transfer Between Funds

This relates to the transfer of subscriptions for Indoor Members from funds held for those purposes.

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
COST OR VALUATION		
At 1st January 2024	2,447	2,447
Additions	0	0
At 31st December 2024	<u>2,447</u>	<u>2,447</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1st January 2024	2,446	2,446
Charge for the year	0	0
At 31st December 2024	<u>2,446</u>	<u>2,446</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st December 2024	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
At 31st December, 2023	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Fixtures, fittings and equipment comprises items used in the administration of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Income Tax recoverable	0	0
Prepayments and accrued income	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

13 Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Creditors	0	0
Deferred Income - Subscriptions	10,437	10,269
Accruals	160	80
	<u>10,597</u>	<u>10,349</u>

14 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	1	0	1
Current Assets	92,112	90,903	183,015
Current Liabilities	-10,597	0	-10,597
Liabilities after more than one year	0	0	0
Fund Balance	<u>81,516</u>	<u>90,903</u>	<u>172,419</u>

15 Movement on funds

	At 1st January 2024 £	Incoming Resources (inc. gains) £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st December 2024 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General fund	80,873	57,378	56,938	203	81,516
Total unrestricted funds	<u>80,873</u>	<u>57,378</u>	<u>56,938</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>81,516</u>
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Children's Fund	2,134	265	353	0	2,046
AFIA	3,124	720	2,767	0	1,077
Links	380	0	0	0	380
IMPC	0	50	0	-50	0
M.E. Dodd	541	0	0	-153	388
Jeff Engel	85,521	9,800	8,309	0	87,012
Total restricted funds	<u>91,700</u>	<u>10,835</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>-203</u>	<u>90,903</u>
Total funds	<u>172,573</u>	<u>68,213</u>	<u>68,367</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>172,419</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

16 Fund Details

Details of the various funds held by the charity are as follows:

Name of fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	
General fund	Any monies not included in any other fund.
<u>Restricted funds</u>	
Children's Fund	This fund was set up to collect monies to be used for Children.
AFIA	This fund was set up to collect monies to send people on day trips or holidays.
Links	This fund was set up to collect monies to support Diocesan Links.
IMPC	This fund was set up to collect monies for Indoor Members
M.E. Dodd	This fund was set up to hold the donation provided by M.E. Dodd to be used to support Indoor Members within a certain mileage of Liverpool
Jeff Engel	This fund was set up to hold the legacy provided by Jeff Engel to be used to support members to attend residentials and training days.

17 Taxation

As a charity, Mothers' Union (Liverpool Diocese) is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

18 Contingent liabilities

The charity had no contingent liabilities at 31st December 2024 (2023: None).

19 Capital commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31st December 2024 (2023: None) either contracted for or authorised by the trustees but not contracted for.