



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.01.23
Period end date

Period start date To 31.12.23

Charity name: Durham Diocese Mothers' Union

Charity registration number:249868

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Purpose of Mothers' Union – to be specifically concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and family life. Its objectives are 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Many activities have been in operation over the past year. Requests for support from the AFIA (Away from it all) holiday scheme have continued. Families in crisis have appreciated these breaks. Needs in local schools with financial support for days outings have been made where children have been unable to find the funds. The support of women in prison with monthly meetings at Low Newton Prison, Durham continues. This has a Christian outlook with the support of the Prison chaplain. An ongoing campaign against Domestic Violence continues with outreach to Womens' Refuges throughout the Diocese. Members continue to support the vulnerable in their communities with practical help...local foodbanks, care home visiting, emergency toiletries in A&E departments in local hospitals. All this outreach is grounded on prayer.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	Trustees make careful consideration of necessary guidance, especially as regards financial support.

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Trustees consider all grants diligently as a body.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Trustees look carefully at any investment possibilities.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Mothers' Union is a member led charity working in a voluntary capacity. Members subscribe, and work to prepare, sort and deliver whatever is needed. Their contribution is accompanied by holding these situations in prayer.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The member led organisation identifies needs in their local community and work together to bring relief and support. The groups helped are varied. Families subject to domestic violence, fleeing refugees, emergency hospital admissions, families in financial and health emergencies, children in care situations, the elderly needing social support. There are also opportunities for national campaigns highlighting the plight of low income families, providing warm spaces where those on limited income can keep warm in the winter, bringing awareness of the dangers of domestic violence in all its forms. Opportunities for prayer and support are at the heart of these achievements.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Royal Charter
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected by members triennially.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are provided with Training sessions to make them aware of how the charity is administered.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Organisational structure is that recommended by the Parent charity – The Mothers' Union.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mothers' Union Durham Diocese
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	249868
Charity's principal address	114 Canterbury Road Durham DH1 5QZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Carole Hopkinson	President		
2	Ann Harrison	Vice President		
3	Linda Ferries	Vice President		
4	Susan Begg	Vice President		
5	Janice Hardman	Finance Officer		
6	Beryl Wilson	Finance advisor		
7	Janice Clasper	Marketing		
8	Linda Murdie	Secretary		
9	Edna Thompson	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The year ended with the charity in a stable financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees ensure that there is always an adequate reserve in the funds so that any crisis or need can be met at the necessary time.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J. Hardman	
Full name(s)	JANICE HARDMAN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	FINANCE OFFICER	
Date	1.10.2024	



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Charity Name
Mothers' Union Durham Diocese

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Sources	29,617	-	-	29,617	35,653
Charitable sources	-	21,346	-	21,346	23,433
Trading	12,606	-	-	12,606	15,247
Social	2,744	-	-	2,744	3,099
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,967	21,346	-	66,313	77,432
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,967	21,346	-	66,313	77,432
A3 Payments					
Charitable expenditure	27,168	-	-	27,168	28,779
Charitable projects	-	31,040	-	31,040	22,599
Trading	12,697	-	-	12,697	19,073
Social	2,744	-	-	2,744	3,099
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	42,609	31,040	-	73,649	73,550
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,609	31,040	-	73,649	73,550
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,358	- 9,694	-	- 7,336	3,882
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,358	- 9,694	-	- 7,336	3,882

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Account	29,608	-	-
	Charity account	-	674	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds			-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		J. Hardman	JANICE HARDMAN	1.10.24



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

MOTHERS' UNION DURHAM DIOCESE

On accounts for the year
ended

31.12.2023

Charity no
(if any)

249868

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

E. Williamson

Date:

24-09-2024

Name:

ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Disclosure