



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 01.01.24
Period end date**

Period start date To 31.12.24

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	There have been a variety of activities within the Diocese. Grants have been made to those families who are facing adversity through the holiday scheme AFIA(Away From It All). Local schools have been supported financially with grants for outings to those pupils unable to afford the cost and sanitary packs have been distributed for girls in the final year of primary school. The members of Mothers' Union visit the prisoners in Low Newton prison with regular worship and support at Christmas time. The charity raises awareness of domestic violence with its ongoing campaign RISE UP. This is supplemented with practical support for the many Womens' Refuges within the Diocese. Members continue to support the vulnerable in their communities with practical help....local foodbanks, care home visiting, emergencies toiletries in A&E departments in local hospitals. The foundation of all this support is based

		on member's strong prayer life and commitment.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees take careful consideration of the relevant guidance to ensure the public benefit from their work.

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 the benefits of 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 as they are able prepare and deliver whatever is needed. They recognise where there is a need and where possible fulfil that need. Their prayer life and bible teaching provides the foundation for all that they volunteer to do.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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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. This support covers many areas of people. Families subject to domestic violence, refugees fleeing persecution, emergency hospital admissions, families in financial and health emergencies children in need of care, the elderly needing social support, members supported the warm spaces initiative for those on limited incomes during the winter. The Mothers' Union reaches beyond its local communities and supports national campaigns against domestic violence, poverty and injustice. It aims to speak for the voiceless. This is a Christian charity basing all that it does on the faith of its members.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

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 as it occurs.
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		

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 prepared and given training sessions as the need arises to ensure that they are kept up to date with any new expectations for their charity.
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		

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
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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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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	6. 10. 25	



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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
01/01/2024

To

Period end date
31/12/2024

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	31,166	-	-	31,166	29,617
Charitable sources	-	9,627	-	9,627	21,346
Trading	14,342	-	-	14,342	12,606
Social	3,185	-	-	3,185	2,744
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,693	9,627	-	58,320	66,313
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,693	9,627	-	58,320	66,313
A3 Payments					
Charitable expenditure	29,251	-	-	29,251	27,168
Charitable projects	-	9,741	-	9,741	31,040
Trading	13,959	-	-	13,959	12,697
Social	3,185	-	-	3,185	2,744
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	46,395	9,741	-	56,136	73,649
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	46,395	9,741	-	56,136	73,649
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,298	- 114	-	2,184	- 7,336
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,298	- 114	-	2,184	- 7,336

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	32,515	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,515	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J. Hardman	JANICE HARDMAN	6.10.25



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
MOTHERS' UNION DURHAM DIOCESE

On accounts for the year
ended

31.12.2024

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 DD/MM/YYYY.

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:

17-9-2025

Name:

EILEEN WILLIAMSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Independent
examiner's statement

Signature:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body