

THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF YORK**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name The Mothers' Union - Diocese of York Charity
Registration number 249998
Principal office 1 Bankside, Yarm, North Yorkshire, TS15 9RH

THE TRUSTEES

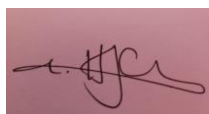
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- ❖ The Mothers' Union is an Anglican organisation which promotes the well-being of families worldwide. The charity is governed by a constitution updated in 2022.
- ❖ The Trustees control and manage the affairs of the charity in the Diocese. Trustees are elected for a three year period initially and may stand for re-election for a further three years. In cases of unfilled positions, the existing board may appoint a suitable person to fill the role.
- ❖ The Trustee Board is supported by a team of 3 Chaplains, one from each Archdeaconry.
- ❖ Safeguarding – the Diocese operates in accordance with the Mothers' Union national guidelines.
- ❖ Data Protection – data is stored and processed in line with national GDPR rules.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved on 18 May 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mrs H Castle, Diocesan President Trustee

Achievements and Performance


The theme for the 2021-2024 Triennium continued, 'Reimagining - Transformation Now'.

- ❖ Underpinning all our work is our objective to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
 - In spring and autumn 2023 we enjoyed two successful Diocesan retreats.
 - Copies of the Metamorphosis Bitesize course were distributed to all branches and the material has proved popular for use at meetings.
 - Members continued to participate in annual acts of witness which draw attention to and raise the profile of Mothers' Union objectives. In terms of worship, these include the Wave of Prayer acknowledging our work in link Dioceses across the world and the World Day of Prayer.
- ❖ A great deal of our work focusses on our objective to help those whose family life has met with adversity.
 - This was the second year usage of our new AFIA caravan. We offered holidays to 20 families in need, of which 2 bookings came via liaison with outside agencies.
 - Members responded with very positive fund-raising for Make a Mothers' Day, Summer of Hope and the Christmas special appeals. Donations were also made to all the ongoing national funds. Locally members continue to support community projects such as - women's refuges, hospital initiatives, refugees.
 - Public acts to mark the 16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence were successfully conducted in 2023 and drew good response from the public. A weekday silence in York Minster received support from members and visitors.
 - The new initiative was Rise-Up. This focusses on Domestic Abuse throughout the year. Branches have used the national resources available to raise awareness and publicise support mechanisms in the church networks.
- ❖ Via normal Church life, we have continued to engage with work in support of our objective to encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children.
 - Member involvement continued in Messy Church, Open the Book and toddler group activities.
 - Branch support for baptism families continued, for example with a gift of a knitted bear, and mark the anniversaries of the baptisms over a period of four years with cards.
 - Branch support for local clergy for couples getting married.
- ❖ The Trustee board has worked on the 3 aims set last year by
 - continuing with retreat and AFIA projects, and promoting the Rise Up project,
 - simplifying administration tasks, including establishing a start to online banking,
 - designing a new website.

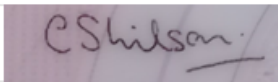
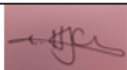
Plans for Future Periods.

- ❖ 2024 sees the final year of this Triennium. An emphasis is needed on recruiting officers at all levels for 2025-2027.
- ❖ Production of an updated Handbook of Guidelines for Branches.
- ❖ Production of an updated Prayer Diary which will be of particular use to members who cannot attend branch meetings.
- ❖ Continuing and expanding liaison with outside agencies to provide families in need for our AFIA caravan holidays.

Accounts for 2023

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	The Mothers' Union - Diocese of York		Charity Number 249998	CC16a
	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023	
Section A Receipts and payments				
Receipts	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
York Diocesan Funds				
AFIA		10,112	10,112	5,657
Parenting		315	315	205
Retreats	12,520		12,520	9,435
MUe Sales	6,177		6,177	9,047
Sale of other goods	2,955		2,955	-
Donations from branches	714		714	940
MUe Dividend	1,061		1,061	1,043
Gift Aid	453		453	1,613
Yorkshire Building Society interest	259		259	
Royal Bank of Scotland interest	120		120	145
Investment Interest				
CBF deposit fund retained interest	985		985	
CBF short duration bond fund	88		88	1,192
CBF investment fund	686		686	
Diocesan Subscriptions	11,601		11,601	
Mary Sumner House (MSH) funds				32,200
Subscriptions for central		17,409	17,409	
Overseas: Literature & Development		1,541	1,541	713
Overseas:general		1,078	1,078	678
Relief		1,092	1,092	562
Britain & Ireland		150	150	140
MSH general		250	250	58
Special Appeals				2,065
Make a Mother's Day		250	250	
Summer of Hope		1,313	1,313	
Christmas 2023		150	150	
Total receipts	37,618	33,660	71,278	65,693
Payments				
net loss in funds held in branch accounts	3,350		3,350	
York Diocesan Funds				
Wages: secretary salary & treasurer fee to July 2022	-	-	-	7,267
AFIA: expenses		916	916	5,759
AFIA: wages - caravan cleaner		563	563	489
Indoor member prayer group		600	600	-
Retreats	12,211		12,211	7,709
Purchase of non-MUe goods for resale	2,488		2,488	-
Expenses				
Trustees	1,565		1,565	770
Diocesan Chaplain & reps	555		555	
Member Support	795		795	2,603
Admin/Office	963		963	
Examiner Fee	1,776		1,776	1,740
Mary Sumner House (MSH) funds				
Subscriptions to central		17,427	17,427	18,220
MUe purchase orders	13,883		13,883	10,273
Overseas: Literature & Development		1,541	1,541	713
Overseas:general		1,078	1,078	678
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Christmas 2023	10,000	150	10,150	
Total payments	47,586	25,330	72,916	59,046
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,968	8,330	- 1,638	6,647
Transfers between funds	- 19	19		
Cash funds last year end	59,246	9,519	68,765	
Cash funds this year end	49,259	17,868	67,127	

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL
	to nearest £	to nearest £	
Cash funds			
Royal Bank of Scotland	6,970	4,646	11,616
Yorkshire Building Society		8,755	8,755
surplus funds held in branches	16,539		16,539
CBF deposit fund	25,750	4,467	30,217
	49,259	17,868	67,127
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	
	to nearest £	to nearest £	
Other monetary assets			
Investment assets	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
CBF short duration bond fund			4,083
CBF investment fund			25,098
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
MUe sales stock	unrestricted - general		2,120
caravan	restricted - AFIA	25,016	20,012
Liabilities	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
October council meeting hall hire	unrestricted - member support	120	
Bourne Leisure	restricted - AFIA	541	
Signed by (on behalf of all the trustees)	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Carole S Wilson	18/05/2024	
	HMCastle	18/05/2024	

Notes to the Accounts

1 General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 1 Bankside, Yarm, North Yorkshire, TS15 9RH.

2 Basis of Accounting

The accounting is on a Receipts and Payments (R&P) basis. Previous reports have been produced by a commercial firm on an Accrual/Prepayments basis. The Trustees and membership decided in 2022 that the increasing cost of this was not an effective use of the Charity's money & appointed a new examiner. Given the level of income, we have taken advantage of the regulation that allows us to produce R&P accounts. We believe the R&P accounts are easier for members in general to follow and they significantly reduce our professional fees. This has involved restating last year's figures to the best of our understanding.

3 Restricted Funds activity

Fund	01/01/2023	in	out	31/12/2023	held in	YBS	RBS	investment
AFIA	3,260.00	10,112.05	1,479.00	11,893.05		8,755.00	3,138.05	
Parenting	1,193.00	315.00		1,508.00			1,508.00	
Indoor	5,066.74		600.00	4,466.74				4,466.74
				17,867.79		8,755.00	4,646.05	4,466.74

4 Unrestricted Funds activity

These include monies held in branches which are examined locally and reported to the Diocese annually. Expenses incurred by Trustees on behalf of The Mothers' Union are reimbursed but no Trustee receives remuneration for services.

5 Investments

Three CBF funds are held. The values of these are shown at market value on 31 December 2023.

The Deposit Fund dividends are retained and reinvested in that fund.

The dividends for the Short Term duration bond fund and Investment fund are paid into the Royal Bank of Scotland account and reported as Payments.

6 Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd

Stocks are accounted for at the point of purchase and sale. The value of stock remaining in hand with each of our two sales representatives is reported as an asset.

7 Caravan

This asset is subject to depreciation using the straight line principle at 10% per year. The current caravan is now 2 years old.

8 Reserves Policy

A policy has been established whereby surplus funds not otherwise committed should be the equivalent of one year's expenditure. It is considered that 12 months resources will give us sufficient funds to continue current activities in the event of a significant reduction in funding. This policy is reviewed annually by the Trustee Board to ensure forward commitments.

In 2023 the council of members approved a spend of £20,000 from excess reserves. £10,000 was given to the national MU Christmas 2023 appeal under the Big Give Double-Up scheme so had a worth of £20,000. The

other £10,000 will be donated during 2024 to the national MU Make a Mothers' Day and Summer of Hope appeals.

Independent Examiners Report to Trustees of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of York Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of York for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of Members of the Council and Examiner

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

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 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 the 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.

B Hopper
10th May 2024