

THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF YORK**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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 16 May 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mrs B M Ford, Diocesan President

Achievements and Performance


The theme for the 2025-2027 Triennium is 'Join Us, Join In' to celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union.

- ❖ Underpinning all our work is our objective to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
 - In spring and autumn 2025 we enjoyed two successful Diocesan retreats.
 - Members continued locally 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.
 - York Minster hosted a service for the commissioning of the Diocesan President and new board of Trustees for the 2025-2027 Triennium and also a service for the commissioning of the new York Provincial President.
- ❖ A great deal of our work focusses on our objective to help those whose family life has met with adversity.
 - This was the fourth year usage of our new AFIA caravan. We offered holidays to 10 families in need.
 - 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 2025 and drew good response from the public. A weekday silence in York Minster again received support from members and visitors.
 - Branches have made good use of the national resources available for the Rise-Up campaign focussing on Domestic Abuse throughout the year.
- ❖ 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 aims set last year by:
 - successful migration of data in February 2025 to the new national database enabling a full check of current member details,
 - commencing on clergy liaison packs,
 - Branch achievements of Bronze awards for promotion of Rise Up resources and awareness,
 - continuing to provide for families in need through our AFIA caravan holidays.

Plans for Future Periods

- ❖ Work towards the target set by Central MU Charity to attract 150 new members.
- ❖ Promoting national and global events for the MU 150th anniversary in 2026; planning Diocesan events to celebrate and supporting local branch activity.
- ❖ Engaging with the national initiatives: continuing with Rise Up; new action against Modern Day Slavery; new action 'Growing Up In An Online World' starting with a government survey May 2026.
- ❖ Rethinking of how Diocesan sales of MUe cards and goods are promoted and administered.
- ❖ Completion of clergy liaison packs.

Accounts for 2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		The Mothers' Union - Diocese of York		Charity Number 249998		CC16a		NOTE	
		01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025					
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			6,222	6,222	8,743				
Parenting		-	-	-	-				
Retreats		11,645		11,645	10,123				
MUe Sales		3,911		3,911	7,218	6			
Donations from branches		100		100	964				
150th anniversary fund			125	125	-	3			
Other donations			1,617	1,617	-	3			
MUe Dividend		828		828	1,003				
Gift Aid		1,661		1,661	1,983				
Yorkshire Building Society interest		232		232	794				
Royal Bank of Scotland interest		182		182	268				
Investment Interest									
CBF deposit fund retained interest		1,512		1,512	1,684	5			
CBF short duration bond fund interest		-	-	-	106	closed 2024			
CBF short duration bond sale of shares		-	-	-	4,230				
CBF investment fund		713		713	697	5			
Diocesan Subscriptions		4,130		4,130	5,488				
net gain in funds held in branch accounts		404		404	-				
Mary Sumner House (MSH) funds									
Subscriptions for central			18,400	18,400	18,013				
Overseas: Literature & Development			340	340	415				
Overseas:general			1,363	1,363	1,846				
Relief			760	760	1,251				
Britain & Ireland			75	75	95				
MSH general			150	150	160				
Special Appeals									
Make a Mother's Day			693	693	1,007				
Summer of Hope			1,855	1,855	2,531				
Christmas 2025			1,238	1,238	2316				
Total receipts		25,318	32,838	58,156	70,935				
Payments									
net loss in funds held in branch accounts		-	-	-	270				
York Diocesan Funds									
Diocesan President retirement gift 2024		-	-	-	693				
AFIA: expenses			7,696	7,696	12,620				
AFIA: wages - caravan cleaner			556	556	117				
Indoor member prayer group			1,224	1,224	200				
Retreats		12,535		12,535	12,336				
Expenses									
Trustees		2,586		2,586	1,155				
Diocesan Chaplain & reps		291		291	489				
Member Support		1,258		1,258	1,542				
Admin/Office		1,066		1,066	502				
Examiner Fee		480		480	450				
Mary Sumner House (MSH) funds									
Subscriptions to central			18,423	18,423	17,890				
MUe purchase orders		6,214		6,214	4,026	6			
Overseas: Literature & Development			340	340	415				
Overseas:general			1,363	1,363	1,846				
Relief			760	760	1,251				
Britain & Ireland			75	75	95	8			
MSH general			150	150	160				
Special Appeals									
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Summer of Hope			1,855	1,855	7,531				
Christmas 2025		4,000	1,188	5,188	6,316	9			
Total payments		28,431	34,323	62,754	75,911				
Net of receipts/(payments)		- 3,113	- 1,485	- 4,598	- 4,976				
Transfers between funds		27	-	27					
Cash funds last year end		47,165	13,674	60,839					
Cash funds this year end		44,079	12,162	56,241					

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL	
		to nearest £	to nearest £		
Cash funds					
NatWest		159	1,617	1,776	2
Royal Bank of Scotland		90		90	
Yorkshire Building Society		2,656	125	2,781	
surplus funds held in branches		16,673		16,673	4
CBF deposit fund		24,501	10,420	34,921	5
		44,079	12,162	56,241	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		
		to nearest £	to nearest £		
Other monetary assets					
Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
CBF investment fund				24,646	
Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
MUe sales stock		unrestricted - general		1,189	
caravan		restricted - AFIA	25,016	15,008	7
Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
Bourne Leisure		restricted - AFIA	2,976	Feb 2026	
examiner fee for 2025 accounts		unrestricted - general	500	April 2026	
subs prepaid for 2026		restricted - MSH	100	April 2026	
Central projects - Christmas 2025		restricted - MSH	50		
Prepayments			Amount paid (optional)		
Wydale retreats deposits May & October 2027			1,696		
Signed by (on behalf of all the trustees)		Print Name		Date of approval	
		B M Ford		16/05/2026	
		C S Wilson		16/05/2026	

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.

A new NatWest Charity Business account was opened and operates since September.

3 Restricted Funds activity

A collection was started for the 150th anniversary fundraising.

A legacy received has been ear-marked towards a new Diocesan banner.

Fund	01/01/2025	in	out	31/12/2025	held in			
					YBS	NatWest	RBS	investment
150th		125.00		125.00	125.00			
Banner		1,616.87		1,616.87		1,616.87		
AFIA	7,899.35	6,221.97	8,252.09	5,869.23				5,869.23
Parenting	1,508.00			1,508.00				1,508.00
Indoor	4,266.74		1,224.00	3,042.74				3,042.74
	13,674.09			12,161.84	125.00	1,616.87		10,419.97

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

Two CBF funds were held. The values of these are shown at market value on 31 December 2025.

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

The dividends for the Investment fund were 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 is recorded as an asset. The two Diocesan MUe sales reps have now retired and all their remaining stock is held centrally. Branches are also making their own orders directly with the Enterprise shop. No non-MUe goods for resale purchased this year.

Sales receipts includes petty cash held £64.10; amount accounted in Money held in Branches.

7 Caravan

This asset is subject to depreciation using the straight line principle at 10% per year. The current caravan is now 4 years old.

8 Project Support

In addition to donations processed through the Diocese there were direct payments of £2,479 to Central for the following projects:

Ongoing Projects		Special Appeals	
	£		£
Overseas	26	Make A Mothers' Day	473
Relief		Summer of Hope	1,025
Britain & Ireland		Christmas 2025	405
Central General Fund	550		

In 2025 the council of members approved a spend of £4,000 from excess reserves. This was given to the national MU Christmas 2025 appeal under the Big Give Double-Up scheme so had a worth of £8,000. This was augmented by branch and individual donations.

9 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

Independent Examiners Report to Trustees of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of York Year Ended 31 December 2025

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 2025

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

27th March 2026