



Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester

Registered Charity Number: 250038

Trustees' Annual Report & Consolidated Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Legal and administrative information

Registered Charity Name: The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Leicester Branch)

Charity Number: 250038

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Trustees:

Margaret Rouse	Life Vice-President from 1/1/22
Yvonne Smith	Life Vice-President (Diocesan President to 31/12/21)
Mary Clarkson	from 1/1/22
Ruth Fryer	
Janice Lunn	
Eileen Payne	from 1/1/22
Cynthia Thomson	Faith Adviser from 1/1/22
Susan Wilson	
Ros Dobbin	to 31/12/21
Annette Hall	to 31/12/21
Pamela Harvey	to 31/12/21
Diane Johnson	to 31/12/21
RoseMarie Manning	to 31/12/21
Linda Poole	to 31/12/21
Diane Wightman	to 31/12/21

The Trustees are constituted as follows:

Diocesan President	elected by Diocesan Council
Up to two Life Vice-Presidents	chosen by them
Seven Trustees	elected by Diocesan Council
Diocesan Chaplain	appointed by Diocesan President and Diocesan Bishop
One Deanery Leader	elected by Deanery Leaders

Administrator: Kate Cooper (from 25/4/22)

Honorary Treasurer Susan Wilson

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd
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Trustees' Annual Report 1 January to 31 December 2021

Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester is a charity federated to similar charities bearing the same name, and with the same Aim and Objects and sharing the same ethos and direction as the central charity. It is governed by its own constitution (last revised February 2011). The elected Board of Trustees makes major decisions and carries out or enables practical projects. The elected Chair of Trustees (Diocesan President) attends Provincial Conference and reports back to the Diocese. One part-time administrator is employed for 9 hours per week. All trading is channelled through Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd.

The aim of Mothers' Union is to advance the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life and this is focused on five objectives: to promote and support marriage; to encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children; 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.

There are 800 Mothers' Union members in Leicester Diocese. Most are members of branches in Anglican churches throughout the Diocese; others pay their subscription and receive mailings direct from our Leicester office and have the option of meeting in groups but without the administration involved in a branch. Members are involved in local projects and ministry as well as supporting the work of the central Mothers' Union. Involvement includes prayer, volunteer time, donating goods or money. All our events and projects welcome involvement from members and non-members alike. We try to encourage new membership wherever possible and keep our local work under review to try to be as effective as possible.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to limit us throughout 2021, but activities began to resume during the second half of the year. We used Zoom for Diocesan meetings when we were not able to meet in person during the first half of the year.

Having had to cancel the annual holiday on the east coast that we had arranged for needy Leicestershire families in 2020, we were very pleased to be able to organise a holiday for 13 families in 2021. We were able to take everyone on our waiting list, some of whom had been referred in 2019. Our Away From It All Holiday Project provides a fully-funded holiday in self-catering caravans at Haven Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe. This holiday park has free

activities and amusements for families, as well as being close to the beach. We also provide transport, a generous grocery pack for each family and hand-knitted teddies for the children. Members of the organising committee accompany the families to provide friendly support throughout the holiday. During the week, the committee hired a local church hall and organised a family fun night with sausage and chip supper as a treat. The holiday provides families with a welcome break away from their daily pressures. Families are referred to us by Mothers' Union members, clergy, health visitors, teachers, social workers or other agencies. Mothers' Union members raise all the money needed to provide the holiday and their funds are certainly put to good use.

Members continued to support local initiatives to help homeless, vulnerable and elderly people in their immediate area throughout the year. During the second half of the year, we issued an up-to-date projects list and restarted our collection of items for those in need, including women's underwear, hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries.

Our Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire project fund enabled us to respond to ever-changing requests for help throughout the year, as COVID-19 and the arrival of refugees from Afghanistan created additional needs in 2021. Items supplied included household items, footwear and baby equipment. As costs increased, the use of charity shops for the purchase of items helps our funds to go further, which was particularly important, given that little fundraising was possible during 2020 and 2021.

Prayers were circulated to encourage members to pray and raise awareness during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence in November/December 2021. A trustee represents Mothers' Union on the Diocesan Panel for Social Responsibility, and another member is involved in Diocesan response to modern-day slavery. At the end of August 2021, after an idea was shared by Mothers' Union in Bristol, our local members were asked if they would knit links to be made into a chain as a visual aid for Modern Slavery Day on 18th October. Each link would represent a victim of modern-day slavery in Leicestershire. Our members and friends produced over 10,000 links to represent the huge number of victims in Leicestershire, and the chain continues to travel around the Diocese to raise awareness and inspire prayer.

We held a Diocesan Lady Day service on Zoom and continue to maintain a prayer chain to support anyone in need. We keep contact with members who are housebound by sending greetings cards and letters. Our Diocesan President

continued to telephone branch and deanery leaders regularly in order to find out how they and their members were coping while not being able to meet together. In turn, branch leaders faithfully maintained contact with their members. We were able to continue to produce our Diocesan newspaper three times per year; this is a very important method of communication as a good number of members do not have internet access, and many of those who do still appreciate a hard copy document.

We continue to work hard to establish contact with our five Mothers' Union prayer partners in Kenya, Nigeria (2), Solomon Islands and Zambia. The Mothers' Union badges sent to the Diocese of Eastern Zambia by Market Harborough Branch in response to their request were finally received in October 2021, almost a year since their despatch. We continue to pray for them all, encouraging all members to particularly remember them at the end of June and beginning of July each year when our group appears in the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer schedule.

We continued to support the work of the central organisation by selling Mothers' Union cards and gifts among our members and friends. Our Diocesan MU Enterprises Representative orders in bulk, but individuals can also put in orders. We received 10% commission on all our purchases.

We promoted events organised online by central Mothers' Union throughout the year. Online Midday Prayers Monday to Saturday each week, led by central staff or members, continued to be a great success, with members participating from all over the world. Central Mothers' Union have produced additional resources for members on their website.

Elections for Trustee positions were held during 2021. There were no nominations for the role of Diocesan President so the Trustees will work together to cover the duties from 1st January 2022. The new Trustee Board was commissioned at a Diocesan service at St Margaret's Church, Leicester in December. We intend to revise our constitution during the period of office of the new Trustee Board and central Mothers' Union has undertaken to produce a template version for dioceses. Our part-time Administrator resigned at the end of 2021.

Our assets at 31 December 2021 were £9,043 less than at the start of the year, as a result of two years where members were unable to arrange fundraising events for local projects. However, we remain grateful to all our members for

the financial support they have been able to provide during another challenging year. The Trustees have examined the current level of unrestricted reserves, £23,326, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future. Falling membership remains a concern, even though some expenditure falls with it.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administration Working Group and reported to the Trustees. The Trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives. We follow the Leicester Diocese Safeguarding Policy with the additional request that members make themselves aware of who the Safeguarding Coordinator is in the parish where they are working.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The report was approved by the Trustees on 17th May 2022.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Susan Wilson".

On behalf of the Trustees

Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

		General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income		10,420	20,755	3,811	34,986	31,682
Expenditure		9,461	20,755	13,813	44,029	30,345
Surplus/(Deficit)		959	-	(10,002)	(9,043)	1,337
Balances brought forward 1 January		22,367	-	31,184	53,551	57,214
Donation to MSH Covid-19 Impact Appeal from reserves		-			-	5,000
Balances carried forward 31 December		23,326	-	21,182	44,508	53,551

	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions		3,930	15,682		19,612	17,414
Insurance		168			168	178
Diocesan General Fund		2,009			2,009	1,794
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		2,271			2,271	1,707
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		-			-	105
Legacy		-			-	1,000
MU Enterprises sales commission	1	556			556	552
Recycling		926			926	390
Investment income		20		5	25	143
Diocesan events		119			119	-
Collection for retiring Diocesan President		421			421	-
Other income		-			-	35
Overseas Development Fund			939		939	1,639
Relief Fund			807		807	485
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			1,208		1,208	659
MSH Summer of Hope			588		588	-
MSH MU on the Move			30		30	
MSH General Fund			1,501		1,501	3,586
Away From It All Holiday Project	2			3,001	3,001	912
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				740	740	827
Memory Giving				65	65	256
Total income		10,420	20,755	3,811	34,986	31,682


Expenditure	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
MSH subscriptions			15,682		15,682	12,949
Staff salary		4,446			4,446	3,097
Insurance		-			-	430
Stationery & equipment		18			18	18
Postage		211			211	221
Photocopying		-			-	11
Bank charges		96			96	94
Meeting room hire & Zoom		221			221	85
Website		-			-	13
MUspaper		3,211			3,211	2,025
Officials' expenses		256			256	121
Training		258			258	153
Diocesan events		289			289	50
MSH publications		34			34	11
Collection for retiring Diocesan President		421			421	
Other expenditure		-			-	35
Overseas Development Fund			939		939	1,639
Relief Fund			807		807	485
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			1,208		1,208	659
MSH Summer of Hope Appeal			588		588	-
MU on the Move			30		30	
MSH General Fund			1,501		1,501	3,586
Difference in MU Literature assets	1			188	188	90
Away From It All Holiday Project	2			9,630	9,630	-
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				740	740	827
Lutterworth & Bitteswell (Memory Giving)				321	321	
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				999	999	857
Difference in funds held by branches	3			1,935	1,935	2,889
Total expenditure		9,461	20,755	13,813	44,029	30,345

Away From It All Holiday Project:						
						2020
				£		£
Income:						
Balance at 1st January				15,950		15,008
Donations				3,001		912
Interest on CBF account				5		30
Total				18,956		15,950
Expenditure				9,630		-
Balance at 31 December				9,326		15,950
Expenditure breakdown:						
Accommodation				7,780		-
Coaches				1,850		-
Total				9,630		-

Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:						
						2020
				£		£
Income:						
Balance 1 January				7,442		8,299
Donations				740		827
Total				8,182		9,126
Expenditure				1,739		1,684
Balance 31 December				6,443		7,442

Current Assets:						
	Note	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
CAF Bank Cash Account		9,407			9,407	16,182
CAF Bank Gold Account		3,444			3,444	3,444
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			19,736	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account				476	476	564
MU Literature cash in hand				64	64	49
MU Literature debtors				18	18	32
MU Literature stock	1			897	897	998
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account				5,405	5,405	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account				6,442	6,442	7,441
Funds held by branches	3			3,959	3,959	5,894
Creditors	4	(68)	(4,535)	(740)	(5,343)	(6,195)
Total Current Assets		32,519	(4,535)	16,521	44,505	53,550

Notes to the accounts

1. MU Literature						
Stock is bought at retail price from Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd. £107 of dated or damaged stock was written off during 2021.						
2. Away From It All Holiday Project						
Fund balance at 31 December 2021 is £9,326.						
3. Funds held by branches						
At 31 December 2021 Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester had 10 deanery committees and 37 branches. The total assets held at 31 December 2021 by the 2 deaneries and 20 branches which submitted returns was £3,959.						
4. Creditors at 31/12/21		General	Central	Local	Total	
		£	£	£	£	
HMRC		19			19	
Meeting room hire		39			39	
Collection for retiring Diocesan President		10			10	
Overseas Development Fund			939		939	
Relief Fund			807		807	
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			1,208		1,208	
MSH General Fund			1,501		1,501	
Summer of Hope			50		50	
MU on the Move			30		30	
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				740	740	
		68	4,535	740	5,343	
This is the financial position of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester as at 31 December 2021.						
The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.						
Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer						
The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17th May 2022.						
						
On behalf of the Trustees						

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees and members of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, set out on pages 8 to 11 of this document

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 of the Charities Act),
and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

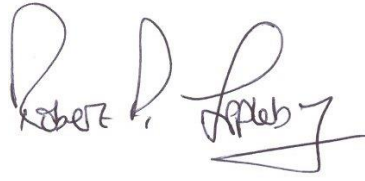
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert P. Appleby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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13th October 2022