

MOTHERS' UNION Winchester Diocese

Charity No. 250063

Consolidated accounts and report for the period
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

MOTHERS' UNION – WINCHESTER DIOCESE
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS AND REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese
Trustees Report for 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**

Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese is a registered charity, no. 250063. It is managed by a board of Trustees who are elected by the members of the charity for a period of 3 years. Elections were held during 2021 for the new board of Trustees to hold office from 2022 to 2024. No-one was willing to stand for the position of Diocesan President, so the diocese is now run by a committee of Trustees. In addition, since only 4 people stood for election for the triennium 2022-24, the Trustee board has co-opted Jane Horne and Stella Roberts to the Trustee board.

The Trustees oversee the activities of the members of 19 branches, and a number of diocesan and deanery members. They also oversee various outreach projects within the diocese and they manage the affairs of the charity in accordance with the charity's constitution.

The Trustees during this period were:-

Jo Criscenti (elected)
Jane Horne (co-opted)
Linda Hoskins (elected)

Stella Roberts (co-opted)
Susan Tickell (elected)

Revd Terry Roberts was appointed as the Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain in Summer 2023.

THE MISSION STATEMENT of the charity is:-

The Mothers' Union Vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. The Aim and purpose is to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of family in its many forms.

Mission

- To promote and support married life.
- 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.

We achieve this by;

- Developing prayer and spiritual growth in families.
- Studying and reflecting on family life and its place in society.
- Resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families and in the communities in which they live.

FUNDING

- Subscriptions: Funding is principally by members' subscriptions.
- Donations: Throughout the year individual members make donations and may decline to accept expenses for their work.
- Fundraising: by the branches for Mothers' Union Worldwide Fund, and for Diocesan Projects such as AFIA (our Away From It All Family Holiday) & our Prison Support Project, and for local branch projects.
- Grants: for our Child Contact Centres, we receive grants from CAF/CASS and from other organisations (eg Shell plc)

DIOCESAN MEMBERS

Diocesan members receive by post or by email a periodic newsletter and other Mothers' Union publications. This is for members who are unable or do not wish to attend branch meetings regularly or who live in a parish without a branch. Deanery membership is also an option for members from branches that have closed and these members are cared for in the deaneries.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

When planning our activities during the year, the Trustees have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. The Trustees review the financial position of the charity regularly including forecasts of cashflow and have assured themselves that the charity is a going concern.

The charity is currently in discussions with Mothers' Union charities in 7 dioceses in the south west of England with the aim of merging the 8 independent charities into a single charity (Mothers' Union South West). It is hoped the Mothers' Union South West will become a registered charity during 2024, and that the assets and activities belonging to Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese will be transferred to the new charity in 2025 or 2026. The aim is that this consolidation into a single charity will be cost neutral, ie the costs of running the new larger charity will be offset by efficiency savings.

The Trustee board meets at least 4 times per year, either via Zoom or in person.

- Worldwide Fund. This fund includes the overseas, relief and literacy funds. The money may be raised through events organized by branches or may be given by members individually or come from branch funds. The fund is administered by the central Mothers' Union who distribute information to members about the work overseas.
- Funds are similarly raised for the Britain and Ireland Development Fund.
- Branches also raise money for their own project work such as Parenting, Baptism and Marriage Projects, Community Cafes, Parent and Toddler Groups.
- Literature, cards and gifts are sold by MUE (Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd) directly to branches. A grant is given by MUE to the Diocese based on volume of purchases.
- We usually hold a prayer service in the Cathedral every month. These services are also filmed and uploaded to our Facebook page.
- A Festival Service was held in June 2023 at St Lawrence's Church in Winchester.
- Sheran Harper, the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, visited Winchester Diocese for 2 days in August 2023 and joined us for a number of activities including Cathedral Prayers and the service for Mary Sumner Day at St Mary's church in Old Alresford.
- Diocesan meetings were held at Popley on 14th March, Hedge End on 10th July and Weeke on 9th November.
- The Trustees agreed in December 2022 that we would no longer run a residential Family Holiday. During 2023 we provided days out and treats for families and groups and supported a total of 18 adults and 39 children.
- We continue to run a Child Contact Centre in Popley, Basingstoke and this centre was reaccredited by NACCC in Autumn 2022.
- We ran our usual stall at RAF Families Day on 18th August.
- Mothers' Union supports the work of Spurgeons in Winchester Prison by volunteering in the Visitor Centre. Mothers' Union were also pleased to provide chocolate selection boxes for the prisoners to give to their children at the Families Day organized by Spurgeons in December 2023.
- In November we occupied the charity chalet at the Winchester Christmas Market for a day with a display based around the Rise Up campaign. Because of this, we did not hold our usual vigil by the West Door of the Cathedral during the 16 days campaign against Gender-based violence. However, there were prayer vigils in parts of the diocese organised by individual branches.
- We provided information packs to those who were ordained in Winchester Diocese in July 2023.
- Mother and Toddler Groups, Baby Clubs, support for women's refuges, community cafes and much other work in parishes continues to be carried out. Baptism families and married couples are followed up, elderly people and those with dementia and their carers are supported.
- Links are maintained with branches overseas.
- Services were held for the Wave of Prayer, Marriage Week and Lady Day. The Prayer Chain for the Sick and care of Indoor Prayer Members continues.
- Unfortunately we were unable to run any Quiet Days during 2023, but we held a Quiet Day at Wolvesey in May 2024 led by Revd Terry Roberts.
- Members have supported the Forget-me-not café in Hartley Wintney and the Sunflower Café in Odiham which support those with dementia and their carers.

- Mothers' Union Enterprises pays the diocese commission on orders received from members of Winchester Diocese.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- The office address during this financial year was the Winchester Cathedral Office, 9 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS. The functions of diocesan secretary and treasurer were covered by a self-employed contractor.
- Expenses are paid to trustees and committee members for travel to meetings and costs involved with carrying out work for the charity. Commissioned speakers who travel on behalf of the Mothers' Union are also paid travelling expenses.
- A periodic magazine (Archway) is produced for all the members 3 times a year and a monthly e-news for those who have provided their email address.
- Risks. The major risks, to which the Mothers' Union is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, are reviewed regularly and actions taken to mitigate such risks.
- Bank accounts: There are two current accounts held at Lloyds and NatWest respectively, and a deposit account held by The Church of England Central Board of Finance. There is also a Lloyds current account used for the Child Contact Centres.
- Reserves: At the end of the year, monies of £80,553.89 have been accrued and are held in a Church of England Central Board of Finance deposit account. The long term aim is to retain the balance on this account, in compliance with the objects and aims of the Mothers' Union, at a figure representing at least twelve months' operational costs.
- Interest. Diocesan long term deposits are kept in the Central Board of Finance Church of England Deposit Fund. Short term funds are held in accounts with National Westminster Bank plc and Lloyds bank plc.
- LINKS TO THE MOTHERS' UNION Charity no 240531. Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1 3RB. Central subscriptions are collected on behalf of the Mothers' Union.



21/9/24

Sue Murphy (Diocesan Secretary on behalf of the Trustee board)

Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of the Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese**

Charity Number 250063

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts, set out on pages 5 to 9 of the Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 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.

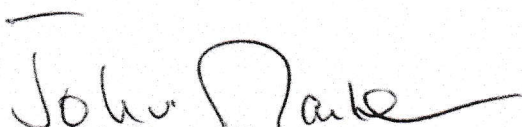
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts 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 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.

Signed:


John Markham FCA

Clevedge House, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Hampshire, RG29 1ER

Date: 4th September 2024

Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese
Statement of Financial Activities

Consolidated Accounts for the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	Notes	1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023				1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022			
		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Membership									
Central Subscriptions	4	9,240	9,240			9,640	9,640		
Diocesan Subscriptions				4,613				5,213	
Contribution to Province					100				
Archway					1,406				1,197
Council & Information Day Travel & Hall Hire					95				123
Free Speakers scheme					140				65
		9,240	9,240	4,613	1,741	9,640	9,640	5,213	1,384
Activities									
Family Holiday	5	4,555	1,647			7,900	22,425		
North Hampshire Child Contact Centre	6	3,553	3,829			2,585	4,310		
MU enterprises Trading Activity				773	689			967	810
IMPC					9				45
Prison Support Project		112	192			37	236		
RAF Families Day		125	209			45	138		
Quiet Day/Festival Day				182	0			248	56
Visit WWP				72	405				
Clergy packs for Ordinands				0	39			0	42
RiseUp Campaign					82				
Branch & Deanery Events and Activities				103	3,149			752	2,200
Branch and Deanery Projects				2,249	2,620			1,618	2,413
New branches / badges				0	0			0	30
		8,345	5,878	3,379	6,994	10,568	27,109	3,584	5,596
Voluntary									
Worldwide (incl Overseas, Literacy & Relief funds)		5,870	6,042			5,033	6,251		
MUe Grant				358				313	
Gift Aid		202		2,004		375		1,746	
Interest on Gift Aid				33				2	
Donations to Diocese				906				620	
Projects / Subs hardship fund				312	36			0	0
Miscellaneous Income				16	0			53	0
		6,072	6,042	3,629	36	5,407	6,251	2,734	0
Interest Received / bank charges									
Central Board of Finance Accounts		1,247		1,254		27		1,034	
Trust Income				1,418				1,410	
Current Accounts (incl branches)				0	2			0	0
		1,247	0	2,672	2	27	0	2,445	0
Charitable									
BIDF		100	100					0	0
		100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Resource Costs									
Training of Volunteers				0	176			80	460
Secretary & Treasurer	7				6,048				5,688
Equipment Costs									
Depreciation - computer equip/display boards					18				22
Support Costs									
Insurance					450				506
General Office costs					578				528
Computer Software					77				15
Trustees' expenses	8				100				163
Other travel costs					88				97
Miscellaneous expenses					21				6
		0	0	0	7,557	0	0	80	7,485
ANNUAL TOTALS - Income and Expenditure		25,004	21,260	14,294	16,331	25,642	43,001	14,056	14,466
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			3,744		(2,038)		(17,359)		(410)

Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Banners	2	-	18
		-	18
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	9	1,616	4,338
Bank			
Central Board of Finance Diocesan Reserves		80,554	78,052
NatWest Cash Diocesan Current Account		536	1,828
Lloyds Current Account		14,309	8,532
NHCCC Lloyds bank account		5,300	4,286
Branch Accounts		11,260	14,885
Cash in hand and in transit		315	115
		113,890	112,036
Less Current Liabilities			
Subscriptions in Advance		1,258	1,053
Creditors and Accruals	10,11	233	308
		1,491	1,361
Net Assets		112,399	110,693

	3	2023 £	2022 £
Represented by the Funds of the Charity			
		Restricted	Unrestricted
Funds brought forward		46,180	64,513
Income		25,004	14,294
		71,183	78,807
Expenditure		21,260	16,331
		49,923	62,476
Transfers Unrestricted to Restricted Funds		429	(429)
		50,352	62,047
Total Funds		112,399	110,693

Approved by the Trustees on 4th September 2024

Signed by Treasurer:



Mrs S. M. Murphy 4/9/24

Signed by Finance and Admin Trustee:



Mrs J. K. Horne 4/9/24

Notes to the Accounts for the Period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**1 Accounting Policies***Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Depreciation Policy

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less residual disposal value) of each asset over its expected useful life.

2 Fixed Assets

The following fixed assets have been purchased since September 2016:

	Bought	Initial Cost	Net book value at 31/12/22	Depn	31/12/2023
Banners (for Vigil Nov 2020)	Nov-20	66.00	18.33	18.33	0.00

3 Analysis of Net Assets by fund

	2023 £	2022 £
a Worldwide Funds Restricted		
Overseas	293.50	96.80
Relief	191.00	0.00
Literacy	295.00	10.00
	<u>779.50</u>	<u>106.80</u>
b Other Funds Restricted		
BIDF	-	-
Family Holiday (general purposes)	41,092.83	36,736.19
Family Holiday (purchase of equipment)	535.00	535.00
Funds designated for Armed Forces	-	500.00
NHCCC	7,543.10	7,399.04
Parenting	-	420.56
Prison Support (formerly Angel Tree)	401.51	481.94
	<u>49,572.44</u>	<u>46,072.73</u>
Total restricted funds	50,351.94	46,179.53
c General Fund (unrestricted)		
- includes branch money before branches decide which fund to support	62,047.14	64,513.39
	<u><u>112,399.08</u></u>	<u><u>110,692.92</u></u>

At a meeting of the Trustees, it was decided that in 2020 all funds other than the General Fund should be regarded as restricted funds as they were given for a particular purpose.

The exception to this is the Armed Forces fund which was designated by the Trustees, and in 2023 was returned to the General fund because we are no longer running a stall at RAF Odiham Families Day.

The Trustees also agreed to move the balance in the Parenting fund to the Contact Centre fund.

4 Central Subscriptions

The subscription to Mary Sumner House was held at £21.00 per member for 2023.

Our membership stood at 440 at 01/01/2023.

Notes to the Accounts for the Period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**5 Away From It All Holiday**

In 2022 we ran a week-long residential holiday at Lodge Hill.

In early 2023, the Trustees agreed that we would no longer run residential holidays with a team of helpers.

Instead we will provide caravan holidays, days out or treats for families

6 North Hampshire Child Contact Centre

We have received grants from the Ministry of Justice for running the Child Contact Centre at Popley.

In January 2023 we received £2,463 for the Popley Centre to cover April 2022 to March 2023.

In December 2023 we received £2,500 for the Popley Centre to cover April 2023 to March 2024.

In addition, we received a donation of £720 from Shell plc and a total of £342 from branches.

7 Staff costs

Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese no longer has any employees.

Total fees for Secretary/Treasurer for 2023 were £6,048 (£5,688 for the previous year).

In addition the Secretary/Treasurer was paid £360 for administrative support for the Contact Centres.

and a total of £971.93 for expenses.

The amount shown under "Staff costs" includes the fees for acting as treasurer.

Expenses are included elsewhere (eg postage costs)

The fee to our family liaison for work supporting the Contact Centre is included within the costs for running the Contact Centres (amounting to £1,584 over the period).

8 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or

payable for the year to any trustee or to any person or persons connected with

any of them.

Expenses were incurred by Trustees during the year as follows:

Trustees	As	In Other	
Period from 1st Jan 2023 to 31st Dec 2023	Trustees	Capacities	Total
	£	£	£
Jane Horne	38.70		38.70
Linda Hoskins	124.45	58.71	183.16
Stella Roberts	64.80	15.00	79.80
Sue Tickell	-	270.04	270.04
	<u>227.95</u>	<u>343.75</u>	<u>571.70</u>

9 Debtors and Prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepaid insurance for NHCCC	70.00	70.00
Prepaid subscriptions to NACCC	62.25	122.50
Prepayment for Zoom licence		77.37
Prepayment of contribution to Canterbury Province	100.00	100.00
Gift Aid received late	2,008.35	2,120.73
Part MoJ grant for Popley Contact Centre received Dec 2023	- 625.00	1,847.25
	<u>1,615.60</u>	<u>4,337.85</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the Period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

10	Creditors	2023	2022
		£	£
	Rental of hall for Contact Centre	60.00	240.00
	Expenses for Secretary/Treasurer	116.67	
		<u>176.67</u>	<u>240.00</u>
11	Accruals	2023	2022
		£	£
	AFIA Sponsorship report	-	12.28
	Accrual of insurance paid in Feb24	56.19	56.19
		<u>56.19</u>	<u>68.47</u>