

# MOTHERS' UNION Winchester Diocese

Charity No. 250063

Accounts and Annual Report for the period  
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

MOTHERS' UNION – WINCHESTER DIOCESE  
ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese**  
**Trustees Report for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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. Sue Murphy was co-opted onto the Trustee board on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024. 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)

Sue Murphy (co-opted 5<sup>th</sup> June 24)  
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 the Ministry of Justice and from other organisations.

## 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 (to be known as Mothers' Union South West). It is hoped the Mothers' Union South West will become a registered charity during 2025, and that the assets and activities belonging to Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese will be transferred to the new charity in late 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 2024 at St Lawrence's Church in Winchester.
- Diocesan meetings were held at Popley on 12<sup>th</sup> March, Winchester on 11<sup>th</sup> July, and Hedge End on 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Trustees agreed in December 2022 that we would no longer run a residential Family Holiday. During 2024 we provided days out and treats for families and groups and supported a total of 25 adults and 44 children.
- We continue to run a Child Contact Centre in Popley, Basingstoke and this centre was reaccredited by NACCC in Autumn 2022.
- 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 held our usual vigil by the West Door of the Cathedral during the 16 days campaign against Gender-based violence. There were also events in other parts of the diocese organised by individual branches.
- We provided information packs to those who were ordained in Winchester Diocese in July 2024.
- 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.
- 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 £84,829.59 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.



Sue Murphy (Diocesan Secretary during 2024)  
On behalf of the Trustee board

Date 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## **Report to the trustees of THE MOTHERS' UNION WINCHESTER DIOCESE**

I report to the charity trustees, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year 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(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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, 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.

Patricia Fox FCCA  
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Date.....15/10/25.....

Signed..........

**Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

Accounts for the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024

	Notes	1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024				1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023			
		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
		2,024	2,024	2,024	2,024	2023	2023	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
<b>Membership</b>									
Central Subscriptions	4	10,005	10,005			9,240	9,240		
Diocesan Subscriptions				4,718				4,613	
Contribution to Province					115				100
Archway					1,387				1,406
Council & Information Day Travel & Hall Hire					180				95
Free Speakers scheme					26				140
		10,005	10,005	4,718	1,708	9,240	9,240	4,613	1,741
<b>Activities</b>									
AFIA project	5	2,839	1,354			4,535	1,647		
North Hampshire Child Contact Centre	6	2,681	3,838			3,573	3,829		
MU enterprises Trading Activity				651	465			773	689
IMPC									9
Prison Support Project		50	239			112	192		
RAF Families Day						125	209		
Quiet Day/Festival Day				424	25			182	0
Visit WWP								72	405
Clergy packs for Ordinands					59			0	39
RiseUp Campaign					48				82
Branch & Deanery Events and Activities				2,925	1,589			103	3,149
Branch and Deanery Projects				2,133	2,078			2,249	2,620
New branches / badges				-	-			0	0
		5,570	5,431	6,132	4,264	8,345	5,878	3,379	6,994
<b>Voluntary</b>									
Worldwide (incl Overseas, Literacy & Relief funds)		4,529	6,046			5,870	6,042		
MUe Grant				304				358	
Gift Aid				2,251		202		2,004	
Interest on Gift Aid				63				33	
Donations to Diocese				767				906	
Projects / Subs hardship fund		2,473						312	36
Miscellaneous Income					-			16	0
		7,002	6,046	3,386	-	6,072	6,042	3,629	36
<b>Interest Received / bank charges</b>									
Central Board of Finance Accounts		2,230		2,109		1,247		1,254	
Trust Income				1,440				1,418	
Current Accounts (incl branches)				-	-			0	2
		2,230	-	3,549	-	1,247	0	2,672	2
<b>Charitable</b>									
BIDF						100	100		
		-	-	-	-	100	100	0	0
<b>Human Resource Costs</b>									
Training of Volunteers					124			0	176
Secretary & Treasurer	7								6,048
<b>Equipment Costs</b>									
Depreciation					21				18
<b>Support Costs</b>									
Insurance					450				450
General Office costs					696				578
Computer Software					338				77
Trustees' expenses	8				39				100
Other travel costs									88
Miscellaneous expenses					46				21
		-	-	-	1,713	0	0	0	7,557
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS - Income and Expenditure</b>		24,808	21,482	17,785	7,685	25,004	21,260	14,294	16,331
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			3,326		10,100		3,744		-2,038



**Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Projector	2	166	-
		166	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments	9	1,617	1,616
Bank			
Central Board of Finance Diocesan Reserves		84,830	80,554
NatWest Cash Diocesan Current Account		3,307	536
Lloyds Current Account		19,926	14,309
NHCCC Lloyds bank account		4,253	5,300
Branch Accounts		12,510	11,260
Cash in hand and in transit		661	315
		127,104	113,890
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions in Advance		910	1,258
Creditors and Accruals	10,11	534	233
		1,444	1,491
<b>Net Assets</b>		125,825	112,399

	3	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Represented by the Funds of the Charity</b>			
		<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>		51,875	60,524
<b>Income</b>		24,808	17,785
		76,683	78,310
<b>Expenditure</b>		21,482	7,685
		55,201	70,624
<b>Transfers Unrestricted to Restricted Funds</b>		274	(274)
		55,475	70,350
<b>Total Funds</b>		125,825	112,399



**Notes to the Accounts for the Period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024****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*

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Computer Equipment	33%	Straight line
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**2 Fixed Assets**

The following fixed assets have been purchased since September 2016:

	Bought	Initial Cost	Net book value at 1/1/2024	Depn	31/12/2024
Projector	Aug-24	186.99	NIL	20.78	166.21

**3 Analysis of Net Assets by fund**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>a Worldwide Funds</b>		
Overseas	447.50	293.50
Relief	40.00	191.00
Literacy	285.10	295.00
	<u>772.60</u>	<u>779.50</u>
<b>b Other Funds Restricted</b>		
BIDF	-	-
Family Holiday (general purposes)	44,783.30	41,092.83
Family Holiday (purchase of equipment)	535.00	535.00
NHCCC	6,385.93	7,543.10
Prison Support (formerly Angel Tree)	212.87	401.51
General Project Fund	2,785.20	
	<u>54,702.30</u>	<u>49,572.44</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>55,474.90</b>	<b>50,351.94</b>
<b>c General Fund (unrestricted)</b>		
- includes branch money before branches decide which fund to support	70,350.40	62,047.14
	<u>125,825.30</u>	<u>112,399.08</u>

**4 Central Subscriptions**

The subscription to Mary Sumner House was held at £23.00 per member for 2024. Our membership stood at 435 at 01/01/2024.

**Notes to the Accounts for the Period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024****5 Away From It All Holiday**

We decided at the end of 2023 that we could no longer run a week-long residential holiday as in the past. Instead we provided treats (days out or meal vouchers) for families who could benefit from this. We are investigating new ways to use our AFIA funds as currently the income exceeds expenditure.

**6 North Hampshire Child Contact Centre**

We receive annual grants of £2,500 from MoJ for running the Child Contact Centres. In addition, we received other donations totalling £181.30. We now charge a referral fee of £20 for each family - and received £100 in referral fees over the year.

**7 Staff costs**

Mothers' Union Winchester Diocese no longer has any employees. Sue Murphy now covers the administration as a volunteer and is not paid. She was also coopted onto the Trustee board on 5/6/24. Expenses are included elsewhere (eg postage costs). We also have one self-employed member of staff for liaising with families (paid £1,584 over the year).

**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 2024 to 31st Dec 2024	Trustees	Capacities	Total
	£	£	£
Jane Horne		26.94	26.94
Linda Hoskins	37.70		37.70
Sue Murphy		759.25	759.25
Stella Roberts		25.00	25.00
	37.70	811.19	848.89

**9 Debtors and Prepayments**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepaid insurance for Contact Centre	70.00	70.00
Prepaid subscriptions to NACCC	63.74	62.25
Prepayment of contribution to Canterbury Province	100.00	100.00
Gift Aid received late	2,008.35	2,008.35
Prepayment MoJ grant for Contact Centre	(625.00)	(625.00)
	<u>1,617.09</u>	<u>1,615.60</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the Period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

<b>10</b>	<b>Creditors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Rental of hall for Contact Centre	120.00	60.00
	Fees for Elaine for December	132.00	
	Expenses for Secretary/Treasurer	104.22	116.67
	Expenses for Dio Membership Sec	122.05	
		<u>478.27</u>	<u>176.67</u>
<b>11</b>	<b>Accrual of expenses</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accrual of insurance paid	56.19	56.19
		<u>56.19</u>	<u>56.19</u>