

Charity Commissioners Annual Report for 2023
Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union Charity No 250086

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian organisation founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner and today has over 4 million members in 84 countries worldwide.

Membership is open to anyone who is baptised in the name of the Trinity and supports its Aims and Objectives:

- 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
- To promote and support married life

Our identity: We, in Manchester, are part of a global, women led, volunteer movement. Through prayer and action, our vision is a world where everyone prospers. We support and enable in order to build confident people and resilient communities. Our movement seeks to bring about justice, challenge prejudice and advocate change. We aim to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. We do this by helping to nurture strong relationships at all levels, promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally. Embedded in the Church and community, we have an unprecedented reach that gives a voice to the stigmatized and vulnerable around the world. Safeguarding is always at the heart of what we do and our policy is updated regularly.

Manchester Mothers' Union has the same boundaries and is divided into the same parishes, deaneries and archdeaconries as the Anglican Diocese. There are 943 paid members who either belong to local branches, are deanery, diocesan, or indoor members.

Our Diocesan President is Mrs Christine Sharp.

We have three Archdeaconry Presidents and three main Unit Coordinators, who support Christine and facilitate the line of communication down to the Deaneries and Branches. One role of deanery leader and some branch leader roles remain vacant, with nominated correspondents or committees keeping the communication lines open.

The Board of Trustees is responsible to the Charity Commission and monitors the Diocesan expenditure in terms of its value and worth to the public and the promotion of Mothers' Union projects both at home and worldwide.

Our office is on the 3rd floor of Church House, Manchester, which is overseen by the Trustee for Finance and Administration.

This floor also houses our shop/bookshop for the sale of cards, literature and Mothers' Union gifts. This is staffed by Mothers' Union volunteers and overseen by our MUE representative, Mrs Frances Brough.

We have an unpaid volunteer treasurer to handle the financial transactions.

Review of 2023

Our Diocesan President, Christine Sharp holds office, along with the Archdeaconry Presidents, Unit Coordinators and the Trustee Board which met 4 times during the year either on Zoom or face to face. Spring Council in May and the AGM and Autumn Council meeting in October both took place at Church House and our annual Advent service in central Manchester in December.

Newsletters are sent out bi-monthly to members and our indoor members receive communications monthly. We continue to use a variety of social media and Thursday Prayers is on our You Tube channel.

We aim to maintain our links in the Wave of Prayer with our five- link Dioceses, which are:

Kisangani in Democratic Republic of Congo

Kagera in Tanzania

Awka in Nigeria

Sunyani in Ghana

Popondota in Papua New Guinea

We hope to nurture friendship within the Wave of Prayer with these Dioceses.

Our **Outreach** support through “Just Up Your Street” continues to increase as shown through our impact recorded on MU Live.

Our areas of support cover:

Domestic Violence/Gender based violence/Anti-slavery

Refuges

Hospitals/ Neo natal and baby units/bereavement

The homeless

Hostels

HMP Forest Bank, HMP Manchester, HMP Buckley Hall

Food banks

Refugees

Homes for the elderly

Community organisations

The lonely and isolated

Local schools and churches

AFIA

Our Away From It All holiday project provides holidays and breaks for the less fortunate in society.

John Sharp

Administration and Finance Co-ordinator



Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2023

Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Manchester Diocesan Mothers' Union

Charity Number: 250086

Charity Address: St Johns House
155 - 162 The Rock
Bury
BI9 0ND

Independent Examiner: **Monton Green Accountancy Ltd**

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	8,337	0	8,337	31,540
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	1,570	0	1,570	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	1,201	0	1,201	722
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	5,823	0	5,823	5,022
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	27,207	0	27,207	0
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	44,138	0	44,138	37,284
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	11,192	0	11,192	30,663
Admin	8,715	0	8,715	9,770
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	2	0	2	0
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	28,659	0	28,659	5,165
Premises	580	0	580	0
Staff Costs	499	0	499	0
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	288	0	288	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	49,935	0	49,935	45,598
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-5,798	0	-5,798	-8,314
Fund Transfers In	1,317	0	1,317	0
Fund Transfers Out	1,317	0	1,317	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-5,798	0	-5,798	-8,314
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	61,536	0	61,536	69,849
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	55,738	0	55,738	61,535

Represented By				
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	0	0	0
AFIA (Designated)	6,756	0	6,756	9,133
Manchester Projects (Designated)	11,440	0	11,440	15,257
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	36,700	0	36,700	37,145
MSH Appeals (Designated)	842	0	842	0

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	0	0	0
AFIA (Designated)	6,756	0	6,756	9,133
Manchester Projects (Designated)	11,440	0	11,440	15,257
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	36,700	0	36,700	37,145
MSH Appeals (Designated)	842	0	842	0

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		640	0	640	0
Other	Petty Cash	50	0	50	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		1,264	0	1,264	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		200	0	200	0
Other		1,998	0	1,998	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name Mr John Sharp

Signature

John S Sharp

Date 19/11/2025

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

There were no transactions related parties during the accounting period.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
Membership (Unrestricted)	0	23,126	21,809	-1,317	0
Manchester General (Unrestricted)	37,145	15,445	17,207	1,317	36,700
Total	37,145	38,571	39,016	0	36,700
Designated					
AFIA (Designated)	9,133	1,570	3,946	0	6,756
Manchester Projects (Designated)	15,257	2,800	6,618	0	11,440
MSH Appeals (Designated)	0	1,197	355	0	842
Total	24,390	5,567	10,919	0	19,038
Unrestricted Total	61,536	44,138	49,935	0	55,738
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	61,536	44,138	49,935	0	55,738



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

MOTHERS' UNION (DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER BRNACH)

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

250086

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of
the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

Independent
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters
have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than
that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that in, any
material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Cullen

Date:

18/11/2025

Name:

CAROLYN CULLEN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF ENGLAND & WALES
(ICAEW)

Address:

5 HAWTHORN AVENUE

ECCLES, MANCHESTER

M30 9NE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The 2023 accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The charity is entitled to use the receipts and payments basis, this note is to highlight the change in preparation basis from the 2022 accounts which were prepared on an accruals basis.

The 2023 accounts do not include cash balances held in bank accounts which are controlled by the branches or transactions during the year in these accounts. This is a change from 2022 as the balances and transactions in these bank accounts were previously included. The decision not to include the branch bank account information for 2023 was made by the trustees of the charity as they have no access, control or visibility over these bank accounts and it was deemed that the funds in these accounts was not part of this charitable entity.