

Charity registration number 272318 (England and Wales)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Hilary Sabine	
	Bianca Smith	
	Paul Smith	
	Rev Andrew Thomas Burns	
	Deirdre Fairman	(Appointed 30 August 2024)
	Russell Edward Fairman	(Appointed 30 August 2024)

**Charity number (England and Wales)** 272318

**Independent examiner** Andrew Nicholson FFA FIPA ATT(Fellow) FFTA  
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# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document which is a declaration of trust dated 01/10/1976 as finally amended by deed dated 17/03/2012, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Statement of Public Benefit**

The Charity provides public benefit by organising education, advice, guidance and discussions for married couples and couples preparing for marriage. This is in order that they may have a proper understanding of the rights, duties and responsibilities of a Christian married life in accordance with the Roman Catholic tradition as laid down by Canon Law. The Charity also provides the aforementioned for priests and members of religious orders who wish to increase their knowledge and development of their relational skills with their parishioners or in their community.

#### **Trustees Review**

This financial year has been up and down with activity and with 2 ME weekends cancelled. We have seen many team couples stepping down so team has been an issue. This has become a focus for us.

We held three Marriage Encounter Residential weekends. We had 25 couples attending these weekends. Several couples were called to team and a Deeper was held with 4 couples attending.

We held two Non-Residential weekend and three Online experiences for Engaged Encounter. 52 couples attended.

The Online experience continues to be the preferred option. The decision was made to bring the cost of the Online experiences in line with the Non-Residential cost to encourage couples to attend in-person. This has not had the desired effect.

A Team Weekend was held in January 2025 with 14 couples and three priests attending. It was inspiring to have two of the 'younger' team couples attending encouraging us to focus on the future.

The "Love Live and Become" Formation weekend was held again in March 2025 and was attended by 10 couples from the Marriage Encounter community.

The Trustees continue to monitor all policies that affect the charity, and these are updated as necessary.

The charity continues to benefit from the generosity of ongoing regular donors by way of monthly standing orders and this represents the core funding. Apart from one National Board being Residential at the Leadership's home, the other six were held via Zoom. This reflects our continued commitment to keep our overhead costs to a minimum.

#### **Financial review and risk assessment**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Trustees have reviewed all the protocols covering a range of risks, including General Data Protection Regulation, fund raising methods, and Child Protection Policy (covering those few situations when children are present at events organised by the Charity) and consider them adequate. We have now appointed a safeguarding advocate.

The Trustees believe the Charity continues to be financially sound to meet the foreseeable commitments in offering the experiences.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025*

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The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Hilary Sabine

Paul Sabine

(Resigned 30 August 2024)

Bianca Smith

Paul Smith

Rev Andrew Thomas Burns

Deirdre Fairman

(Appointed 30 August 2024)

Russell Edward Fairman

(Appointed 30 August 2024)

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### **Other Officers**

#### **NATIONAL RESOURCE GROUP**

Database Couple

Mark & Sue Stubbings (Resigned Dec 2024)

Vilmos and Oliwia Czeroczky (Appointed Jan 2025)

Communication Couple

Jenny and Rinto Cyriac

Joint Community Co-ordinating Couple

Paul and Marie Kennedy

Finance Team

Hilary Sabine, Janet Smith and Bianca Smith

ME Team Co-ordinating Couple

Phil & Rita Jackson

EE Team Co-ordinating Couple

Gregory and Fabienne Fauvarque

Venue couple

Hycinth and Callista Hettiarachchi

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Hilary Sabine

**Trustee**

24 April 2026

# **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES**

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Worldwide Marriage Encounter England and Wales (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

#### **Andrew Nicholson FFA FIPA ATT(Fellow) FFTA**

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24 April 2026

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	37,521	51,570
Other trading activities	3	6,115	8,250
Investments	4	1,128	1,222
<b>Total income</b>		44,764	61,042
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	5	37,103	79,978
<b>Total expenditure</b>		37,103	79,978
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		7,661	(18,936)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		84,130	103,066
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2025</b>		91,791	84,130

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

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	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	11	6,115		8,245	
Cash at bank and in hand		89,405		78,458	
		<u>95,520</u>		<u>86,703</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(3,729)		(2,573)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			91,791		84,130
			<u></u>		<u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	13		91,791		84,130
			<u>91,791</u>		<u>84,130</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 April 2026

Hilary Sabine  
Trustee



# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations			9,819		(23,771)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Investment income received		1,128		1,222	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			1,128		1,222
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			10,947		(22,549)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			78,458		101,007
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			89,405		78,458

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter England and Wales is a registered unincorporated charity.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document which is a declaration of trust dated 01/10/1976 as finally amended by deed dated 17/03/2012, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Income**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### **1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets in the year of purchase.

#### **1.7 Taxation**

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **1.8 Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.9 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

### **2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>
Donations and gifts	37,521	51,570

### **3 Income from other trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>
Non-charitable trading activities	6,115	8,250

### **4 Income from investments**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>
Other income	1,128	1,222

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

5	Expenditure on charitable activities	Encounter	European	National	Team	Total	Encounter	European	Team	Total
		Weekends	Council	Board	training		Weekends	Council	training	
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>										
Charitable expenditure	23,812	1,375	631	6,050	31,868	20,214	44,689	8,909	73,812	
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 6)</b>										
Governance	5,235	-	-	-	5,235	6,166	-	-	6,166	
	29,047	1,375	631	6,050	37,103	26,380	44,689	8,909	79,978	
<b>Analysis by fund</b>										
Unrestricted funds	29,047	1,375	631	6,050	37,103	26,380	44,689	8,909	79,978	

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 6 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	5,235	6,166
	=====	=====
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Encounter Weekends	5,235	6,166
	=====	=====

The Trustees believe that the governance costs predominantly underpin the running of the weekends and therefore should be allocated wholly to that category of charitable expenditure.

### 7 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	889	1,202
	=====	=====

### 8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	£
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 July 2024	6,021
	=====
At 30 June 2025	6,021
	=====
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 July 2024	6,021
	=====
At 30 June 2025	6,021
	=====
<b>Carrying amount</b>	

# WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	6,115	8,245

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	3,729	2,573

### 13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 30 June 2025 £
General funds	84,130	44,764	(37,103)	91,791
Previous year:	At 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 30 June 2024 £
General funds	103,066	61,042	(79,978)	84,130