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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2021

Mothers' Union in the Portsmouth Diocese, is registered with the Charity Commission (no 1067369). The Bishop of Portsmouth is our patron.

Mothers' Union Aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. To carry out its aim its objectives are:

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- 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.

The Trustee Board as of 1st January 2021

Elizabeth Groves	Diocesan President & Chair of Trustees
Alison Mills	Diocesan Secretary (Ex-officio)
Valerie Griffiths	Diocesan Treasurer (Ex-officio)
Vacant Trevor	Diocesan Chaplain (Ex-officio)
Sylvia Beardsmore	Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Isle of Wight
Felicity Keeping	Archdeaconry Vice-Chair Mainland
vacant	Deanery Co-ordinator Bishops Waltham
Valerie Edmonds	Deanery Co-ordinator Fareham and Gosport
Sheila King	Deanery Co-ordinator Havant and Portsmouth
Sue Williams	Deanery Co-ordinator Isle of Wight
Vacant	Unit Co-ordinator Training
Susan Hamilton	Unit Co-ordinator Diocesan Members
Ann Bebbington	Co-opted – (April 2016)

Other Trustees:

Hilary Batchelor
Caroline Scull
Yvette Dawson
Sabrina Gwynn
Chris Long

The members of Mothers' Union Council elect the Trustees every three years, 2021 is the last year of a triennium

The charity owns 1 laptop, 1 colour printer, large advertising banner, and display boards and a roll-down banner for the Wedding Fayres.

In 2021 Mothers' Union in Portsmouth had twenty-four branches. Overall there were 527 members, sixty had either left or died through 2021 and there were fifty five additional members.

The board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility to identify, assess and manage risks. This is undertaken on an ongoing basis regarding all activities undertaken by the Portsmouth Mother's Union. Dynamic risk assessments are undertaken for all activities and formal documented risk assessments are carried out where any larger event for example those events involving a variety of activities and the general public.

Each Member organising an activity is responsible for the initial dynamic assessment and judge whether the activity requires a documented risk assessment. Formal risk assessment documents are available on request from the Board of Trustees and the completed forms are sent to the Trustees for approval.

During 2021

The 2021 theme is 'Rebuilding Hope and confidence.' This and is what Mothers' Union has been undertaking during the last one hundred and forty years that is how we shall present our report.

Rebuilding Hope and Confidence



We all need to rebuild hope and confidence following the Covid pandemic which has effected so many people in many ways. We need to help our members regain the confidence to start enjoying their local branches again in person and to meet with other branches. We need to follow in Mary Sumner's footsteps in rebuilding this hope and confidence.

Pray

Prayer is at the heart of Mothers' Union life and all we undertake is upheld by it.

- Each month on the third Wednesday at mid-day members gather in the Cathedral for Holy Communion celebrated by a member of the Cathedral staff or a member of the retired clergy in the absence of a MU diocesan chaplain assisted by members from the deaneries in rotation who read the lessons and lead the intercessions.
- The 527 members in the diocese each receive a copy of Families Worldwide which encourages and enables daily prayer for families throughout the world. It provides information about MU projects and our link dioceses and their leaders to aid prayer and understanding. Members are encouraged to pray at mid-day each day.
- Wave of Prayer – the three archdeaconries each from June 15th to 17th when the branches in the archdeaconry were allocated different times to meet for the Wave of Prayer services during which we prayed for the work of MU and specially for our link dioceses abroad, these are New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea, Gboko in Benue State Nigeria, Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nyahururu in Kenya.
- Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is made up of a representative from each deanery. They undertake to pray regularly for those who are sick or who have asked for prayer.
- Every year on Lady Day, March 25th, Havant and Portsmouth deanery holds a Lady Day Service. A service on Mary Sumner Day, August 9th, was held in the Havant and Portsmouth Deanery.
- Council and Trustee meetings begin with prayer usually led by the Diocesan President in the absence of the Mothers' Union Chaplain and also at mid-day.
- During the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence some of our branches met to pray for people suffering from the effects of gender violence. We also held a Zoom service for Gender Violence instead of meeting in a centralised church.
- Members of Portsmouth Mothers' Union volunteer help at the Roberts Child Contact Centre. *'The Child Contact Centre is a place where children living with one parent can meet the parent they do not live with in a safe comfortable environment. Research tells us that children have better outcomes when they have contact with their non-resident parent. The Child Contact Centre is run by a team of*

trained staff and volunteers whose primary role is to help parents make sure their child's contact experience is positive.'

- We have two projects supporting Queen Alexandra Hospital. MGN Support Project (Maternity, Gynaecological and Neo-Natal Support) we provided gowns for still-born babies, tiny baby-grows for the neo-natal unit and knitted matinee jackets and blankets. In the second project members provided toiletry items in a bag for those people who are taken to hospital in an emergency.

- The Fareham and Gosport deanery provide twiddle-muffs for people suffering from dementia. These go to a local nursing home and a local Memory Clinic.



- Members in the Isle of Wight knit hats to support the Seafarers' Mission, they also knit for the neonatal unit at St Mary's Hospital and collect toiletries for those admitted unexpectedly to St Mary's Hospital.

- We provide recipe cards for all the Food Banks in the Portsmouth Diocese. These are suitable recipes to be made with the food given by the banks.

- Our teams of volunteers have attended Wedding Fayres in the past to promote marriage in church. We provided resource packs for the couples and many individual conversations revealed how many do not know that they may be married in church. Members provided two wedding cakes for held and each venue. One is cut and a piece offered to people as they look at the stall, the other is a prize in a competition. Unfortunately this was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

- Throughout the year members raised funds for us to provide a week's holiday or days away for families who are unable to fund a holiday themselves. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we were unable to send any families away in 2021. We are hoping to resume the holidays and away days in 2022.



- Two of our members look after the MUE (Mothers' Union enterprises) stall. They sell cards, badges, gifts etc., that are ordered from Mary Sumner House.

The proceeds go to help the running of Central Mothers Union and a percentage is received back annually.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: **Elizabeth Groves**
Portsmouth Diocesan President



Portsmouth Diocese

Annual Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2021

**MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ending 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Totals Funds
			2021	2020
INCOMING RESOURCES				
A1 From Donors	17666.31	10.00	17676.31	18072.31
A2 Other Voluntary Resources	50.00	963.45	1013.45	0.00
A3 Income from Operating Activities	4910.02	0.00	4910.02	4817.35
A4 Income From Fund Raising	0.00	2956.25	2956.25	4124.92
A5 Income From Investments	5.85	3.66	9.51	90.44
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	22632.18	3933.36	26565.54	27105.02
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
B1 Projects	0.00	1734.45	1734.45	10826.09
B2 Activities relating to Mu	18026.19	0.00	18026.19	12633.88
B3 MU Management & Admin	1626.65	0.00	1626.65	3733.97
B4 Costs of Generating Funds	20.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	19672.84	1734.45	21407.29	27213.94
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	2959.34	2198.91	5158.25	-108.92
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD				
AT 1ST JANUARY 2021	13672.79	14403.22	28076.01	28184.93
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021	16632.13	16602.13	33234.26	28076.01

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS		
Deposit A/c	11243.88	11238.03
Current A/c	7614.91	2706.32
Santander	569.46	2599.94 (mue a/c)
AFIA A/c	6948.17	4761.72
Afia Deposit A/c	7021.66	7018.00
Prepay Ins	375.38	
	<u>33773.46</u>	<u>28324.01</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors Newsletter		
Insurance	409.50	
Over payment subs	29.50	
P Wale	1.20	
Advanced subs 2021	99.00	248.00
	<u>539.20</u>	<u>248.00</u>
ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	<u>33234.26</u>	<u>28076.01</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

signed on its behalf by:

Felicity Keeping (President)

V Griffiths (Treasurer)

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
A1 From Donors				
Subscriptions	15358.00		15358.00	13926.00
Postal Membership	113.00		113.00	211.50
Income Tax Recovered	1434.16		1434.16	2844.81
Open Plate Services			0.00	0.00
Donations	656.15		656.15	984.50
Action & Outreach	35.00		35.00	60.00
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Indoor Members Prayer Circle	70.00		70.00	35.50
Wedding Fair		10.00	10.00	10.00
	17666.31	10.00	17676.31	18072.31
A2 Other Voluntary Resources				
Grants				
Legacies	50.00	475.00	525.00	0.00
Sponsorships		488.45	488.45	0.00
	50.00	963.45	1013.45	0.00
A3 Income from Operating Activities				
MU Enterprise Sales	4409.12		4409.12	4255.00
Profit Related Grant	500.90		500.90	562.35
	4910.02		4910.02	4817.35
A4 Income From Fund Raising				
Draw			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous			0.00	0.00
Projects				
Away From It All Holidays		1433.00	1433.00	2300.63
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Britain & Ireland Fund		15.00	15.00	55.00
Disaster Relief		675.00	675.00	236.75
MSH Fund		600.00	600.00	1370.00
Overseas Fund		233.25	233.25	162.54
Overseas Travel Fund			0.00	0.00
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
AGM Memorabilia			0.00	0.00
	0.00	2956.25	2956.25	4124.92
A5 Income From Investments				
Interest	5.85	3.66	9.51	90.44
	5.85	3.66	9.51	90.44
TOTAL OF INCOMING RESOURCES	22632.18	3933.36	26565.54	27105.02

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31. December 2021

Resources Expended	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
B1 Projects				
Away from it all Holidays		210.00	210.00	2000.00
Britain & Ireland		15.00	15.00	55.00
Big Summer Appeal			0.00	0.00
Disaster		675.00	675.00	236.75
MSH		600.00	600.00	8370.00
Overseas		233.25	233.25	162.54
Overseas Travel			0.00	0.00
Wedding Fairs		1.20	1.20	1.80
Wheels Appeal			0.00	0.00
	0.00	1734.45	1734.45	10826.09
B2 Activities relating to Mu				
Subscriptions	10600.00		10600.00	8468.00
Purchase Stock	4316.37		4316.37	3459.68
Expenses				
Presidents	445.55		445.55	110.10
Vice-Presidents			0.00	88.80
Secretary	1200.00		1200.00	0.00
Treasurer	535.20		535.20	18.83
Training			0.00	0.00
Chaplain			0.00	0.00
Faith & Policy			0.00	0.00
Admin & Finance			0.00	0.00
Action & Outreach	285.63		285.63	98.60
Speakers	62.00		62.00	0.00
Dio. Mem. Sec.	146.13		146.13	157.61
Mue Sales	208.86		208.86	87.10
IMPC rep	145.37		145.37	110.96
Trustees	81.08		81.08	34.20
Facilitator Training			0.00	0.00
	18026.19		18026.19	12633.88
B3 MU Management & Admin				
Printing, Postage & Stationery	92.89		92.89	0.00
Computer & Internet Exp	71.99		71.99	308.67
General Meeting			0.00	0.00
Festival Service			0.00	0.00
Insurance	34.12		34.12	430.00
Staff Costs			0.00	1720.00
Conferences	353.00		353.00	153.00
Newsletter	1074.65		1074.65	1122.30
Publicity			0.00	0.00
	1626.65	0.00	1626.65	3733.97
B4 Costs of Generating Funds				
Fetes Bazaars & other fundraising even	20.00		20.00	20.00
	20.00		20.00	20.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	19672.84	1734.45	21407.29	27213.94

MOTHERS' UNION PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31. December 2021

C1 FUND DETAILS

which are deemed to be restricted, which must be spent on the specified purposes within a reasonable time.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Away From It All	13969.83	11779.72
Britain & Ireland		
Disaster Relief		
MSH General Fund		
Overseas		
Overseas Travel	1238.45	1238.45
Wedding Fairs	1393.35	1384.55
Total	<u>16601.63</u>	<u>14,402.72</u>

C2 STOCK

Value of cards etc. held for resale at the year end

	2021	2020
	£	£
	1775.96	2049.39

no. held

Books & Pens @£3.34	38	126.92
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**Independent examiner's report to
the Trustees of the Mothers' Union, Portsmouth Diocese**

I report on the accounts of the Mothers' Union, Portsmouth Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the accompanying pages. [The annual report for 2021 was not available during the period of the independent examination.]

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- 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 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

G. Lodge

Gillian Lodge
Portsmouth Business School, Richmond Building, Portland St., Portsmouth. PO1 3DE
Date: 31/03/2022