Mary Ward Loreto UK

Charity Number 1192478

Trustees Annual Report

1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Registered Address

6 Albert Street

Durham City

Co Durham

DH1 4RL

Website www.marywardloreto.org

Objects

The Objects for which the charity Mary Ward Loreto UK is established for the benefits of the public, are to promote the eradication of human trafficking throughout the world, by tackling its causes and effects in such ways as are exclusively charitable in England and Wales.

It was set up to develop a specific British charity to support the work against Human Trafficking currently being carried out by the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation, an NGO registered in Albania.

To raise awareness in the UK of the issue of Human Trafficking, especially in Albania, consequent on the cross border work between Britain and Albania already being undertaken by the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Albania.

Benefits

To reduce the number of victims being trafficked into the UK from Albania.

To increase awareness within the UK of the comprehensive prevention, protection, counselling and recovery work being done by the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Albania. Highlighting its positive and contributory function, significantly shifting UK perceptions of Albania solely as a major source of international trafficking crime.

To support research into relevant aspects of human trafficking and modern slavery in Albania.

Activities

1. Trustees Meetings.

Trustees met on five occasions in 2025. Four of these were on-line meetings and one was a two-day meeting held in London, for strategic planning purposes.

2. Fund-raising Activities

Grant applications were made to various Religious Communities, this resulted in a grant of £10,000 for the employment of a psychologist in Albania, to work with victims of trafficking. This person to be employed by Mary Ward Loreto Albania.

Other donations were received from individuals and from religious communities, supportive of the work of Mary Ward Loreto Albania.

Approaches were made to key philanthropists in the UK, without much success.

3. Funding Activities

Funds raised enabled us to support the core work of Mary Ward Loreto Albania with money for rents and salaries for its core staff.

A grant was obtained which enabled Mary Ward Loreto Albania to employ a psychologist

Grants were also made to poor families in Albania, thanks to designated funds from a donor.

4. Awareness-raising of the issues involved in Human Trafficking.

Talks have been given in schools and parishes, and at a conference at Ampleforth. A stall was held at the National Justice and Peace Conference in July 2025, and at the Tablet Conference in New Hall School also in July 2025. These events allowed more engagement with potential donors.

Through the work of the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation in Albania, we have become aware of emerging trends in Albania such as international migration into Albania, with the risks of vulnerability of migrants to trafficking.

5. Volunteer activities

Thanks to funding received in 2024, and the work of volunteers with expertise, a new website was completed, which brings together the work of both Mary Ward Loreto UK and the Albanian Foundation. It enables those interested to see directly the work being done in Albania and a "Donate" button allows contributions to be made to our UK Bank. Facilites also exist on the website to remind viewers of the possibilities of Legacies.

Resignation of Trustees

Consequent on her appointment as UK Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Mrs Sally Axworthy, tendered her resignation as a trustee.

Because of pressure of work, Mr Peter Hugh Smith also was unable to continue as a trustee.

Current Trustees (Date of appointment)

Dr Mary McHugh	24.1.22
Mr William Morrell	24.1.22
Sr Imelda Poole	24.1.22
Dr Hilary Cashman	6.9.22
Anne Bannister	4.5.23
Mrs Sue Perkins	31.8.23
Sr Frances Orchard	5.10.23

Further Trustees are being sought.

Patrons

Mr Kevin Hyland OBE

Sir Christian Sweeting

Dame Helena Kennedy

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity has no employed staff. Work is undertaken by trustees and by volunteers.

The Chair of the trustees, Dr Mary McHugh, and one of the trustees, Mr William Morrell, share the responsibilities for the organization of trustees meetings, preparation of agenda, and production of strategy documents for the charity.

The chair is responsible for the registration of the charity with relevant authorities and for production of the annual reports.

A group of trustees and volunteers have set up the new website www.marywardloretouk.org

Risk Management

Safeguarding

Early in 2025, we learned that a person who was working for the charity, advising on fund-raising, had been convicted of serious sexual assault. He was not employed by the charity, but self-employed. These assaults not involve any of the charities supporters or trustees. We notified the Foundation in Albania, as he had visited there and had met with their staff. No incidents had been detected during his time in Albania.

We sought the advice of a charities lawyer and notified the donors of the grant that he had helped secure. We modified our policy on employment of outside contractors and submitted a serious incident report to the Charities Commission.

Partner organizations are required to have appropriate safeguarding policies.

Financial risk is managed by having two trustees as signatories for payments from the bank.

Financial Review

The bank account for the charity is held in

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank

25 Kings Hill Ave

Kings Hill

West Malling

Kent

ME19 4JQ

Signatories for the bank account are the chair of trustees (Dr Mary McHugh) and another of the trustees (Barbara Lady Hungin)

The charity is assisted in its management of finances and the production of financial reports, by Ms Heidi Jones BA.FCCA. who provides this help on a pro-bono basis.

At the end of 2024, the balance in the account was £15,410.

At the end of 2025, total receipts amounted to £125,473 and expenditure was £130,391 leaving a balance of £10,492 in unrestricted funds.

Partnerships

Mary Ward Loreto UK works closely with a sister foundation in Albania, **Fondacioni Mary Ward Loreto** (an NGO registered in Albania and often referred to as "Mary Ward Loreto Albania"), to aid its work in preventing trafficking of human beings and in the rescue and rehabilitation of victims of trafficking. The governance of the two organisations, Mary Ward Loreto UK and Mary Ward Loreto Albania, is separate and each has its own board of trustees. Any funding raised in the UK for work in Albania will be the subject of grant awards based on project proposals and acceptable monitoring and accountability.

Plans for the Future

A Grants subcommittee will be established to approve and monitor grants awards for work against trafficking in both UK and abroad.

Dr Mary McHugh Chair of Trustees, Mary Ward Loreto UK

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Receipts and payments acco

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
	-	-	-
Donations	108,608	16,500	-
Interest	25		-
Sales of lavender oil	340	-	-
Carried forward from 2024	15,410	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	124,383	16,500	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	124,383	16,500	-
A3 Payments			
		-	-
Bank charges	310	-	-
MWL Albania Salaries and Wages	112,810	-	-
MWL Albania Grant from IHCC	-	10,000	-
MWL Albania Poverty Project	-	6,500	-
MWL Albania lavender oil sales	340	-	-
MC - repayment of unspent grant	431	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	113,891	16,500	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	113,891	16,500	-

Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		-	-
Cash funds this year end	10,492	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-
	Bank	10,492
	Total cash funds	10,492
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print N
Mary McHugh	MARY MC

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Period end date

31/12/2025

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
-	-
125,108	130,182
25	13
340	-
15,410	-
-	-
140,883	130,195

-	
-	-
-	-
140,883	130,195

-	-
310	260
112,810	119,610
10,000	2,000
6,500	1,500
340	-
431	-
-	-
130,391	123,370

-	
-	
-	-
130,391	123,370

-	-
	15,410
10,492	15,410

period

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
-	
-	-
-	-
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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
-	-
-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-	-
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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lame	Date of approval
CHUGH	30.10.2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name MARY WARD LORETO UK		
On accounts for the year ended	31.12.2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1192478
Set out on pages	1-4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **DD / MM / YYYY**.

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").

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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	30.10.2026
Name:	Rev. James Placid O'Keefe		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Trustee Hexham and Newcastle Diocese Trustee Archbishop Romero Trust		
Address:	Sacred Heart Presbytery New Rd		
	Boldon Colliery, Tyne and Wear		
	NE35 9DR		

Section B	Disclosure
	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.	