CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 249971

MOTHERS' UNION NEWCASTLE DIOCESE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st December, 2025

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Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese
Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31st December 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December, 2025

Reference and administrative details:

Registered Charity Name	Mother's Union Newcastle Diocese
Charity Registration Number	249971
Principal Office	Church House St. John's Terrace Percy Main North Shields Tyne and Wear NE29 6HS

The Trustees

Mrs Margy Tasker-Brown	Diocesan President
Mrs Anne Cairns	Vice President - Lindisfarne Archdeaconry
Vacant	Vice President - Northumberland Archdeaconry
Mrs Jackie Moore	Faith & Policy Co-ordinator - Retired 31st December, 2024
Mr Julian Brown	Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator
Revd Diana MacNaughton	Action and Outreach Unit Co-ordinator - Retired 31st December, 2024
Mrs Linda Benneworth	Marketing & PR Unit Co-ordinator
Mrs Sheila Walker	Safeguarding Officer
	Deanery Leaders
Mrs Helen Cooper	Northern Deaneries
Vacant	Bedlington
Mrs Sheila Walker	Corbridge and Hexham
Vacant	Morpeth
Ms Karoline Wellborne	Newcastle Central and East
Mrs Anne Blight	Newcastle West
Vacant	Tynemouth
Mrs Sylvia Hickey	Diocesan members Co-ordinator

No Trustees for the charity hold title to property belonging to the charity (e.g. custodian trustee or nominee) on the date the report was approved, or who served as a trustee for the charity in holding the title to the property belonging to the charity in the reporting period.

Structure, governance and management

Legal Status

The Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese is a registered charity with the charity number 249971.

Governing Document

The Governing document of The Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese is the Royal Charter of 15th June, 1926, as amended by Supplemental Charter dated 6th September, 1974.

Management

The Charity is run by the Trustees who appoint the Officials on a regular basis.

Methods for recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees are members of the Diocese and all positions are filled. The Trustees are selected tri-annually by the members of the Societies Council in the third year of the triennium

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Charities Act requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each Financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the end of the year and of the surplus of deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described in the notes to the accounts, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The members of the committee must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Controls

The Charity has a treasurer who prepares the financial statements. Expenditure has to be authorised and payments require two signatories, all expenditure has to be supported with an invoice or receipt. Bank accounts are reconciled monthly.

The Charity is managed by the Board of Trustees which has 4 scheduled meetings plus 2 Council meetings each year. Additional meetings are held at the request of the President if urgent discussions need to be taken,

Investment Powers and Restrictions

The Charity is reponsible for its own investments and there are no restrictions on how or where it invests.

Policy on Reserves

The Executive Committee and officials constantly review Reserves Policy. At the moment it is considered entirely appropriate that all reserves are classified as unrestricted reserves.

Objectives and Activities
Objectives

a) To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
b) To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church
c) To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
d) To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
e) To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Activities

The Charity continues to fulfil its objectives including supplorting those whose lives have met with adversity in Newcastle Diocese and across the world.

President's Report for the Period 28th October, 2024 to 27th October, 2025.

Highlights:-
Our Organisation - Facts and Figures

No of Trustees:	9	
Diocesan Chaplain:	Rev. Anne Marr	
Safeguarding Lead:	Name:	Anne Cairns
	Email:	vplindisfarne@munewcastle.org.uk
Branches / Groups:	32	
Paid Members:	507	
IMPC:	12	
Diocesan Members:	47	
Direct Debits:	Yes	
Use of MU Live:	Yes	
Database Updated:	Yes	
Registered with Information Commissioner's Office:	Yes	

Faith and Policy:

We have no Leader for this year. Our Chaplain, who is a retired priest, nearly works full time in this role. She organises all our many services as well as leading many projects. She attends all Leadership meetings.

Membership:

Our membership has gone down. With our current membership data systems in place, it is very difficult to keep account of members, in part because branches are tardy in informing changes, compounded with branch closures, where some members have dropped out, and others moved to alternative branches. We are working to improve this and during next year increase it.

Events:

Diocesan:	We have 2 each year. The Commissioning Service ans Something Wonderful in Benwell at which we met our new WWP. A trial lunch failed to attract enough support.
Branch/Group Overview:	Most Branches meet monthly and have local projects. They support the Cathedral and Diocesan events. Some are joining together and having a great time around the diocese. DP and Trustees do try to attend if possible. Members are elderly but still do a very good job. One branch is the Internet branch 2.

Special Projects:

AFIA:	27 people on holiday, 35 on Away Day.
Domestic Abuse:	We support Newcastle and Northumberland Refugees. Working with the Cathedral and other charities as a group against GBV, planning for a hugh push next year - pilgrimage from Holy Island to the Cathedral.
Prisons:	9 Bags were accepted this year.
Individual / Diocesan:	(e.g. Hospitals / Homes): Over the year 500 hospital bags, 150 gift bags for the homeless, 140 gifts of love for Refuge, 180gifts of love for schools. Knitted items for prem unit. Many bags of childrens' clothes.

Positives:

We are financially stable.

Challenges:

Need to secure succession for the next triennial.
Increase membership including members to lead.
Update our procedures.

New this Year:

Beginning a total restructure. This will take time. We need to restructure so as to allow energy and time for promoting and growing new membership, instead of using up resources keeping up old units. Safeguarding roll out.

General Comments / Additional Information:-

The decision to hold Pay In day in the Cathedral has proved to be a success, and will continue, but I would encourage your fellow members to make use of and continue to use the Direct Debit route for paying their Tributes.

Fellowship is wonderful when we get together.

Margy Tasker-Brown
President *27th October 2025*

Membership Review

As of the time of writing, we have lost 8 branches since the end of 2022. Further, it has been resolved that with the loss of Stannington, we should merge the Morpeth Deanery with the Northern Deanery, with Morpeth, Ashington (Holy Sepulchre) and Seaton Hurst being the branches effected. We now have 32 active active branches, as of the start of 2025, plus an enlarged Diocesan grouping.

Record keeping of late has been hampered by the transfer of our data into a new CRM, (Customer Relations Management) system which came on stream in late February 2025.

Currently we hold 660 names, based on the membership numbers recorded on our CRM System, of which 27 are men, and 34 are ordained. 30 are identified as Indoor members.

Of those paying tributes, 323 pay using Direct Debits, of 18 individuals are defined as couples who are classed Joint members who pay a slightly reduced Fee. Our standard membership fee (Tribute) for the 2025 year is £34, from which a Capitation to Mothers Union nationally taken from that is £25 per head

Please note that, my work is substantially hampered by branches not keeping me updated with information of new members, resignations, member movements and deaths, and tardiness in replying to enquiries. I will point out again that I am not a mind reader, and this causes substantial work over the Christmas period and into the new year, when I would rather be doing something else.

Financial Review

During 2025 the Charity reported a deficiency of £1,299 before the addition of Investment Income of £1,008, this follows a surplus of £52,772 in 2024. Whilst our funds are more than adequate to support the current level of planned activities, it is imperative that we continue to address some areas as soon as possible. We are actively looking for suitable persons to take over being Treasurer and to administer Gift Aid , whilst within recruitment, with our ageing membership, it is up to every one of us to seek and find new members. A suggestion made would be to aim to reduce the average age of each branch to reduce by a year, each year, going forward.

Please note that in the years to December 2023 to 2025, there have been no Gift Aid claims made. Lesley had to give up the position over a year ago due to health reasons. Our attempts so far to get successor HMRC clearance reference have proved fruitless. We are still continually looking for a suitable volunteer. The resulting repayment still remains available to us for an extended period of time, we will not lose it, this is merely a delay in getting the funds into our bank account.

All reserves continue to be held on an unrestricted basis with adequate liquidity maintained to meet current expenditure levels.

The Charity relies on contributions from members and their support to ensure that charitable work can continue and that various good causes can be met from resources at the disposal of the charity. During 2024, all the key objectives of the charity continue to be achieved, more details are contained within the performance sections of this report.

Summary of our Financial Situation

	At 31st Dec 2024	At 31st Dec 2025
Reserve Fund at the Start of Year	32,359	86,593
Surplus / (Deficiency) for Year	52,772	-1,299
Investment Interest Received	1,463	1,008
Reserve Fund at the End of Year	86,593	86,302

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of the Charity confirm they have complied with their duties with regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities' Commission in excercising their powers and duties.

Plans for Future Periods

The Charity, with adequate levels of unrestricted reserves, plans to continue to help the various good causes that it supports and will continue in its efforts to increase membership levels and maintain an increased emphasis on UK based charitable activity.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 10th Marcg 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:-

Mrs Margy Tasker-Brown
President

Date *10th March, 2026*

Mrs Anne Cairns
Vice President

Date *10th March, 2026*

Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese
Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the
Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese
Year Ended 31st December 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Financial Statements of the Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese ('the Charity') for the year ended 31st December, 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation for the preparation of the Financial Statements in accordance with the the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's Financial Statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 can confirm that no material 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 Act; or
2) The Financial Statements do not accord with those records, or

3) The Financial Stetements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concern 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed Stuart Crosier *10th September, 2026*

Stuart Crosier JP
17 Manor Road
North Shields
Tyne and Wear
NE30 4RJ

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st December 2025

	2024		2025	
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income
	£	£	£	£
Tributes - Subscriptions - Paid in Cash		9,273.00		8,384.19
Paid by Direct Debit		10,388.00		10,906.00
National Capitation - Paid to Mary Sumner House	15,246.00		12,421.50	
Provincial Capitation	189.30		189.30	
Gift Aid Reclaimed				
	15,435.30	**19,661.00**	**12,610.80**	**19,290.19**
Donations and their Application				
Overseas & Relief	469.16	1,187.58		934.56
Literacy	320.00	397.00		438.20
Make a Mothers Day		497.00		182.00
Summer of Hope		250.00		
Mary Sumner House appeal				
Mary Sumner House - Funds remitted	120.00		60.00	
Moulton Trust for AFIA		5,000.00		
St Hilda's Trust for AFIA		5,000.00		
ReNEw NE Family Holidays			4,760.00	
Lady Grey Trust				
Freemasons				
General Fundraising & Donations for AFIA		2,801.75		1,325.55
Northumberland AFIA	1,000.00			
Sundry AFIA Projects			70	975.55
Refuge and Sensory Room Projects	4,811.69		1,266.33	
Donations and Legacies		49,026.67		1,192.73
Major AFIA Projects	5,041.00			491.00
Cathedral Kneelers			225.00	225.87
Emergency Hospital Bags	205.54		142.51	
General Fundraising & Donations for Projects		2,536.68		285.20
Sundry Remittances on Projects	369.14			
Deanery Service	71.60			
Sales of Products		60.00		
	12,408.13	**66,756.68**	**6,523.84**	**6,050.66**
Organisational Running Expenses				
Meetings and Gatherings		476.00		
At National Level				
Conferences			410.00	
International Gathering				
Local			- 180.00	
Retreat at Shepherds Dene	3,516.00	3,428.00	1,838.00	2,516.00
	3,516.00	**3,904.00**	**2,068.00**	**2,516.00**
Administration Costs				
Guest Speakers and Accomodation	80.00			
Meeting Room Hire			1,136.80	
Travel and Mileage Re-imbursement	3,006.90		2,797.67	
Insurances	449.50		480.21	
Other internal Donations	70.00		108.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postages and	1,626.53		2,543.47	
Periodical Journals				
Computer and IT Costs	957.63		887.00	
APCS / DBS Fees				
	6,190.56	**-**	**7,953.15**	**-**
	37,549.99	**90,321.68**	**29,155.79**	**27,856.85**
Surplus / (Deficiency) for Year		**52,771.69**		**- 1,298.94**
Investment Interest Received		1,462.77		1,008.07
Reserve fund at the start of year		32,358.91		86,593.37
Reserve fund at the end of Year		**86,593.37**		**86,302.50**

Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese
Balance Sheet
As at 31st December 2025

	2024		2025	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets		-		-
Current Assets				
Barclays Community Account	1,066		316.83	
Barclays Deposit account	70,409		70,867.34	
Paypal Giving Account	- 0		- 0.01	
CCLA Investment Management Account	15,303		15,303	
Net Current Assets		86,778		86,487.50
Less Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		185		185.00
Net Current Assets		**86,593**		**86,302.50**
Charity Funds				
Opening Accumulated Funds		32,359		86,593.37
Surplus / (Deficit)		54,234		- 290.87
Total Charity Funds		**86,593**		**86,302.50**

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on [Enter Date Here] and are signed on behalf of the board by:-

Mrs Margy Tasker-Brown
President

Mrs Anne Cairns
Vice President

Date *10th March, 2026*

Date *10th March, 2026*

Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st December 2025

1 General Information

The Charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Church House, St. John's Terrace, Percy Main, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE29 6HS

2 Statement of Compliance

These Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102. 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'. The 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) (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3 Accounting Policies
(a) Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain Financial Assets and Liabilities and Investment Properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

(b) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

(c) Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying small charitable entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under FRS 102:

(a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.

(d) Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the Financial Statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumprions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Significant Judgements

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the Financial Statements are as follows:-

The charity relies on the national support from the Mothers' Union on a regional basis who assist the local charity in complying with Charity Gift Aid claims and rules etc.and with receiving their apportionment from national level, the Trustees have made a judgement that these refund claims will continue to be received on a national level and be passed down to a regional level.

Accounting policies *(continued)*

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabiliaties within the next financial year are as follows.

Member levels will not drop significantly which would reduce the level of income needed to cover costs at a local level and thus the contribution needed for the Mothers' Union on a national level.

(e) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

(f) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured, The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

i) Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

ii) Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

iii)

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers,

iv) Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted,

(g) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the Statement of Financial Activities to which it relates:

i) Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

ii) Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

iii) Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable services.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Accounting policies *(continued)*

(h) Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised costs.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initialy recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment, at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are indvidually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Independent examination fees.

	2024 £	2025 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for Independent examination of the financial statements	**Nil**	**Nil**

Staff Costs.

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:	**Nil**	**Nil**

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil. (2021 Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year. (2020 Nil)

Accounting policies *(continued)*

Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the received by the trustees.

No trustee expenses have been incurred during the year. Any charity related expenses are repaid via submission of receipted claim forms.

Related Parties

The Charity is under the control of the Trustees who have appointed Officials to manage the Charity on a day to day basis. During the year an amount of £Nil (2023 £Nil) was paid to the officials in respect of the services to the charity. An amount of £Nil (2022 £Nil) was paid in respect of retirement gifts to the Trustees.

There was no balance outstanding at the year end and no amount has been written off.