

**Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese  
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)  
Year Ended 31st December 2024**

**President's Report**

**Highlights**

**Our Organisation:**

Our membership is around 650 and falling so this must be addressed . Several Branches have closed this year, Norham, Belford, Stannington, Killingworth, Delaval, Cambois and recently Alnmouth. Those members of these branches who wished to remain with Mothers Union have been invited to join the Diocesan group and many have taken this opportunity to remain within the movement.

We have 13 Trustees.

Our subscriptions for 2025: £34 for a single member. £58 for joint membership  
£24.50 goes to MSH, leaving £9.50 to run the Diocese.  
membership now pay by Direct Debit

of which  
Close to 50% of our

**Action and Outreach:**

Expenditure highlights in the past year		£	
Hospital Bags		540	
AFIA	15	Holidays	110 Beneficiaries
Prison rucksacks		9	
Fishermen		22	
Refuge Beneficiaries		780	
Foodbank		100	
Carehome visits		150	
Peoples' Kitchen		170	
Gifts of Love		185	GAP girls, schools
Asylum seekers		29	
Knitted Items		300	

**Faith and Policy:**

Retreat, Eucharist, 14 Services in the Cathedral, Rise up, 4 Bronze awards, March, White Ribbon, Prayer Chain.

**Marketing and Communications:**

Website up to date, Regular updates of activities on Facebook. Keeping diary of activities on MU live. All these are ongoing.

**Special Projects:**

Something Wonderful - in Benwell  
Footsteps in Faith - Morpeth

**Partners this Year:**

Refugee and Asylum Seekers Social Prescribing, Changing Lives, Walking With, GAP, R21, NDAS, NEPAC, People's Kitchen, IFS children's Services.

**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.

**Paying in day:**

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.

A huge thank you to our Team especially to those who have gone way beyond their brief to help keep us running. With this kind of support and expertise I personally have no fears for our future.

*Margy Tasker-Brown*

President

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