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|  |  |  |  |  | **Mothers' Union Newcastle Diocese** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Membership and Treasurer's Report** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **As at 7th September 2025** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Membership Review** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 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 branches, as of the start of 2025, plus an enlarged Diocesan grouping. |
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|  | 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.  |
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|  | 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. |
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| **Financial Review** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | During 2024 the Charity reported a surplus of £52,772 before the addition of Investment Income of £1,463, but boosted due to the wonderful legacy of £46,065, we received from the Estate of a deceased member. This follows a surplus of £10,295 in 2023. 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.  |
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|  | Please note that in the years to December 2023 & 2024, and up to now this year, there have been no Gift Aid claims made. Lesley had to give up the position back then due to health reasons. Thanks to Barbara Packer, she has found us a volunteer in Helen MacDermott who is a member of St Peter's Monkseaton. 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. |
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|  | All reserves continue to be held on an unrestricted basis with adequate liquidity maintained to meet current expenditure levels. |
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|  | 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 2025 to date, all the key objectives of the charity continue to be achieved, more details are contained within the performance sections of this report. |
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|  | **Summary of our Financial Situation** |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | **At 7th Sept 2024** |  | **At 7th Sept 2025** |  |
|  |  | Current Account |  | 12,846 |  |  | 730 |  |
|  |  | Deposit Account |  | 12,931 |  |  | 75,424 |  |
|  |  | CCLA |  |  | 14,920 |  |  | 15,303 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 40,698 |   |   | 91,457 |  |
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|  |  | Surplus for the YTD |  | 7,554 |   |   | 4,679 |  |
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|  |  | Accumulated Fund |  | 39,913 |   |   | 91,273 |  |
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| **Public Benefit Statement** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 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 exercising their powers and duties. |
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| **Plans for Future Periods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 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.  |
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