

## **Use of Hartshill Mothers' Union funds - 2025**

The charities commission does not allow a charity to give to another charity. We are, however, able to buy goods for other charities. Therefore, we can buy toiletries for GEH, flowers for Mothering Sunday etc. from our MU account.

However, we cannot use the money in our Mothers' Union account to give gifts to other speakers. We agreed at our last meeting that we are using our "sunshine tin" for payments to other charities. This is fine because we contribute to this tin outside of the Mothers' Union and we all agree what it is being used for. For traceability, I have created a sunshine tin document which documents payments made and the total remaining.

At our AGM in March, we will be deciding what to do with the excess in our Mothers' Union account, I refer to the following from Coventry Diocese Financial Report. "Draft Budget for 2024 has been prepared and is to be recommended to Trustees by the Finance Committee for approval, which shows Income for 2025 of £29,657.00 and expenditure of £29,846.00 with a loss of some £189, almost breakeven. However, it must be pointed out to all Branch Leaders that subscriptions alone cannot fund our activities in 2025 and all members need to support the general fund with donations, not necessarily AFIA or Overseas in order for Coventry Diocese to breakeven in 2025."

It also occurred to me that, in view of the fact that we do not pay anything to Hartshill Church for the use of our meeting room and we are not allowed to pay anything as a donation, perhaps we could buy something that the Church needs.

Also, please submit any expenses you incur doing work for Mothers' Union. We don't have to pay for paper, envelopes etc. out of our own pockets.

We currently pay £1 each per meeting into our Mothers' Union account. At our AGM, I suggest we review this.

Also, don't forget that we are able to request "Presidents Challenge" funds, any amount from £50 to £250. (As a reminder of what it is about, see the form on the Resources page <http://covmu.org/resources.html>)