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FORM AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:

News Union

Year ended:

31 July 2015

List no:

7657

Head or Main Office:

Room 8-09
1 London Bridge Street
London
SE1 9GF

Website address (if available)

Has the address changed during
the year to which the return
relates?

Yes



No



(Click the appropriate box)

General Secretary:

Jeremy Vine

Telephone Number:

0207 7826845

Contact name for queries
regarding

Peter Barton

Telephone Number:

01689 827505

E-mail:

peter.barton@wilkinskennedy.com

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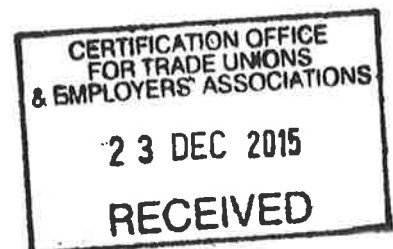
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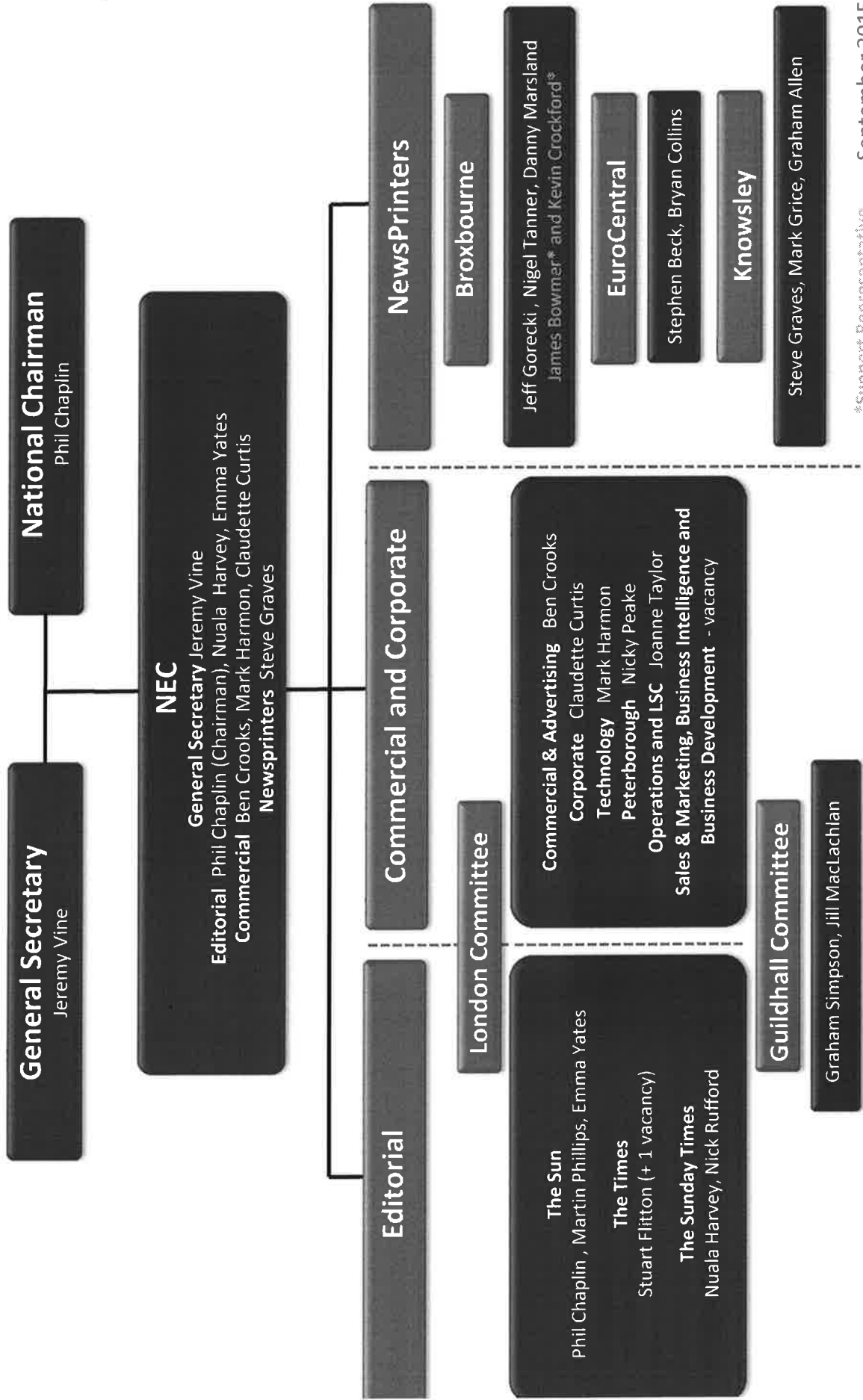
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RETURN OF MEMBERS

(see notes 10 and 11)

	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR				
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	TOTALS
MALE	1,165				
FEMALE	551				
TOTAL	1,716				A 1,716

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:

	0
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Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund

	0
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OFFICERS IN POST

(see note 12)

Please attach as an annexe to this form a complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this form relates, with the title of each persons office.

RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months covered by this return.

Title of Office	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date
National Executive Committee	Joanne Taylor		
National Executive Committee		Mark Harmon	
National Executive Committee		Claudette Curtis	
General Secretary	Keith Alexander		1 October 2014
General Secretary		Jeremy Vine	1 October 2014

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:

GENERAL FUND

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
INCOME		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		
Investment income (as at page 12)		48
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	241,000	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		241,048
		TOTAL INCOME
		241,048
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		25,147
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		196,160
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		10
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE
		221,317
		19,731
Surplus (deficit) for year		19,731
		(28,447)
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		(28,447)
		(8,716)
Amount of general fund at end of year		(8,716)

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies		
TOTAL FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES		
Other income Grant received from News International	241,000	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		241,000
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER INCOME		241,000

**ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE
SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND**

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation – Employment Related Issues Legal fees	21,228	brought forward	21,228
		Education and Training services Training	3,919
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications			
		Salary Costs	
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Dispute Benefits			
Other Cash Payments			
carried forward	21,228	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	25,147

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2		Fund Account	
Name:		£	Name:
Income			Income
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			Expenditure
Benefits to members			
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
		Total Expenditure	
		Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
		Amount of fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
		Number of members contributing at end of year	

FUND 3		Fund Account	
Name:		£	Name:
Income			Income
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			Expenditure
Benefits to members			
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
		Total Expenditure	
		Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
		Amount of fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
		Number of members contributing at end of year	

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 4		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

FUND 5		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own fund		
		£	£	
Income	Members contributions and levies			
	Investment income (as at page 12)			
	Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified		
		Total income		
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)			
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)			
	Non-political expenditure			
			Total expenditure	
			Surplus (deficit) for year	
			Amount of political fund at beginning of year	
			Amount of political fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
			Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund	
			Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund		

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 2		To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union		
		£	£	
Income	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund			
	Funds received back from central political fund			
	Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified		
		Total income		
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)			
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)			
	Non-political expenditure			
			Total expenditure	
			Surplus (deficit) for year	
			Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund at beginning of year	
			Amount remitted to central political fund	
			Amount held on behalf of central political fund at end of year	
			Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund	
			Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund		

ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND OTHER OUTGOINGS EXCLUDING AMOUNTS CHARGED TO POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNTS

(see notes 32 and 33)

		£
Administrative Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		179,117
Salaries and Wages included in above	£179,117	
Auditors' fees		7,500
Legal and Professional fees		4,011
Occupancy costs		-
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		371
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		-
Expenses of conferences		2,675
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Computer costs		13
Consultancy fees		35
Bursaries		500
Restructuring		-
Subscriptions		875
Bank charges		96
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		956
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
General office equipment (non-capital)		11
Gifts		-
Total		196,160
Charged to:		
	General Fund (Page 3)	196,160
	Fund (Account)	
	Fund (Account)	
Total		196,160

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME

(see notes 45 and 46)

	Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings			
Dividends (gross) from:			
Equities (e.g. shares)			
Interest (gross) from:			
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			48
Other investment income (specify)			
			48
		Total investment income	48
		Credited to:	
		General Fund (Page 3)	48
		Fund (Account)	
		Fund (Account)	
		Fund (Account)	
		Fund (Account)	
		Fund (Account)	
		Political Fund	
		Total Investment Income	48

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 July 2014

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £)		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		1,686
	Cash at bank and in hand		245,985
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Total of other assets		247,671
	TOTAL ASSETS		247,671
	General Fund (Account)		(8,716)
	Fund (Account)		
	Fund (Account)		
	Superannuation Fund (Account)		
	Political Fund (Account)		
	Revaluation Reserve		
	LIABILITIES		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions		
	Loans: Other		
	Bank overdraft		
	Tax payable		
	Sundry creditors		245,329
	Accrued expenses		11,058
	Provisions		
	Other liabilities		
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		247,671
	TOTAL ASSETS		247,671

FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold	Leasehold				
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year			26,482			26,482
Additions			-			-
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer s						
At end of year			26,482			26,482
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year			25,526			25,526
Charges for year			956			956
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer s						
At end of year			26,482			26,482
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of previous year			956			956

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Equities (e.g. Shares)		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet)		
Market Value of Quoted Investment		
UNQUOTED		
Equities		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Bank and Building Societies		
Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)		
Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME (CONTROLLING INTERESTS)

(see notes 58 and 59)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES name the relevant companies:			
COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)		
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.			
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAREHOLDERS		

SUMMARY SHEET

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
From Members			
From Investments	48		48
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	241,000		241,000
Total Income	241,048		241,048
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of assets)	221,307		221,307
Total Expenditure	221,307		221,307
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	(28,447)		(28,447)
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	(8,716)		(8,716)
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			247,671
Total Assets			247,671
LIABILITIES			
Total Liabilities			256,387
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			(8,716)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

(see notes 72 and 73)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

SEE ACCOUNTS ATTACHED



ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(see notes 74 and 75)

SIGNATURES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN

(see notes 76 and 77)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

Secretary's Signature: <u></u> Name: <u>JEREMY VINE</u> Date: <u>24/11/15</u>	Chairman's Signature: <u></u> (or other official whose position should be stated) Name: <u>PHILIP CHAPMAN</u> Date: <u>24/11/15</u>
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CHECK LIST

(see notes 78 to 80)

(please tick as appropriate)

IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN COMPLETED? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED? (see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED? (see Notes 8 and 78)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS: (see Note 80)	ENCLOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TO FOLLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

(see notes 81 to 86)

made in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

1. In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate?
(See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 83 and 84)

YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

2. Have the auditors or auditor carried out such investigations in the preparation of their audit report as will enable them to form an opinion as to:
- (a) whether the trade union has kept proper accounting records in accordance with section 28 of the 1992 Act;
 - (b) whether it has maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; and
 - (c) whether the accounts to which the report relates agree with the accounting records?
- (See section 36(3) of the 1992 Act, set out in note 83)

YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

3. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:
- (a) kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
 - (b) established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances.
- (See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in rule 83)


YES/NO

If "No" please explain below.

4. Please set out a copy of the report made by the auditors or auditor to the union on the accounts to which this AR21 relates. The report is to set out the basis upon which the audit has been conducted and/or such other statement as the auditor considers appropriate. Such a statement may be provided as a separate document.
(See note 85)

AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

SEE ACCOUNTS ATTACHED

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:		
Name(s):	Wilkins Kennedy LLP	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors	
Address(es):	Bridge House London Bridge London SE1 9QR	
Date:	November 2015	
Contact name and telephone number:	Peter Barton 01689 827505	

N.B. When notes to the accounts are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

NEWS UNION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

WILKINS KENNEDY LLP

Chartered Accountants

Bridge House

London Bridge

London SE1 9QR

NEWS UNION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION

We have audited the financial statements of News Union for the year ended 31 July 2015, which comprise the income and expenditure account, balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to News Union's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to News Union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than News Union and News Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee of Management and Auditor

As explained in Note 7, News Union's National Executive Committee is responsible for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to News Union's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the National Executive Committee and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of the News Union's affairs as at 31 July 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

- We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires us to report to you, if in our opinion:
 - adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
 - the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
 - we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Bridge House
London Bridge
LONDON
SE1 9QR

W. K. Kennedy LLP
WILKINS KENNEDY LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Date: *24 November 2015*

NEWS UNION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2015

	Notes	£	2015	£	£	2014	£
FIXED ASSETS	2			-			956
CURRENT ASSETS							
Other debtors	3	1,686			2,311		
Cash at bank		245,985			178,097		
					<u>180,408</u>		
		<u>247,671</u>					
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	256,387			<u>209,811</u>		
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)				(8,716)			(29,403)
NET (LIABILITIES)				<u>£ (8,716)</u>			<u>£ (28,447)</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS	5			<u>£ (8,716)</u>			<u>£ (28,447)</u>

P Chaplin
National Chairman NEC



J Vine
General Secretary



Approved on:

24/11/15

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

NEWS UNION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

	2015		2014	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants		241,000		232,900
Interest received		48		47
		<u>241,048</u>		<u>232,917</u>
OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE				
Salaries	179,117		157,900	
Travelling	1,709		9,036	
Meeting expenses	966		2,502	
Training costs	3,919		6,413	
Bursaries	500		3,165	
Printing and stationery	362		1,357	
Postage and telephone expenses	9		3	
Auditors remuneration	7,500		7,000	
Legal and professional charges	25,239		31,200	
Consultancy fees	35		360	
Subscriptions	875		705	
Depreciation	956		957	
Bank charges	96		112	
Miscellaneous expenses	24		400	
		<u>221,307</u>		<u>221,110</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		19,741		11,837
Taxation (Note 6)		10		9
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TAXATION		£ 19,731		£ 11,828

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

NEWS UNION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

3. DEBTORS	2015	2014
	£	£
Prepayments	£ 1,686	£ 2,311

4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year.	2015	2014
	£	£
Other creditors	5,329	6,251
Accruals	11,058	7,560
Deferred income	240,000	196,000
	£ 256,387	£ 209,811

5. MEMBERS FUNDS	2015	2014
	£	£
At 1 August 2014	(28,447)	(40,275)
Surplus for the year	19,731	11,828
At 31 July 2015	£(8,716)	£ (28,447)

6. TAXATION

The Union is assessable to UK corporation tax at 20% (2014: 20%) on all investment income and capital gains arising on the sale of investments.

	2015	2014
	£	£
Charge for year	10	9
	£ 10	£ 9

NEWS UNION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

7. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Executive Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records with respect to the Union's transactions and its assets and liabilities, such accounting records to be kept that are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Union and to explain its transactions and comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

They are also responsible for establishing and maintaining a satisfactory system of control over its accounting records, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances and hence they are responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

8. RELATED PARTIES

The Union is under the control of its members.

9. PENSION CONTRIBUTION

The Union's contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme were £nil in the year (2014: £nil).