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FORM AR21

To be used for reporting years starting on or after 6 April 2015

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:	R.S.P.B Staff Association
Year ended:	31 March 2017
List no:	586T
Head or Main Office:	RSPB The Lodge Sandy Beds SG19 2DL
Website address (if available)	
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes
General Secretary:	Sophie Dackombe
Telephone Number:	
Contact name for queries regarding	Niall Keane
Telephone Number:	01767 693280
E-mail:	Niall.Keane@rspb.org.uk

PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE NOTES IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS RETURN. Any difficulties or problems in the completion of this return should be directed to the Certification Officer as below or by telephone to: 020 7210 3734

The address to which returns and other documents should be sent are:

For Unions based in England and Wales: Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations 22nd Floor, Euston Tower, 286 Euston Road, London NW1 3JJ

For Unions based in Scotland: Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations Melrose House, 69a George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2JG



(Revised February 2017)



Return of Officers

Officers in post at 31st March 2017

Chairman/General Secretary Sophie Dackombe

Deputy Chairman Gail Francis

Communication Team Leader Stephanie Morren

Communication Advisor Nicholas Turner

Finance & Administration Team Leader Jo Marsh

Membership Support Team Leader Ian Perks

Membership Coordinator Susan Sutton

Activities & Benefits Team Leader Heather Mitchell

Policy & Advocacy Team Leader Amanda Long

Regional Team Leader Jennifer Turner

Policy & Advocacy Assistant Vacant

Minutes Secretary Lisa Hutchins

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)	то	TALS
MALE	505	18				523
FEMALE	612	15				627
TOTAL	1,117	33			А	1,150

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address	0
is held:	
Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund	1,150

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
Deputy Chairman	Vacant	Gail Francis	15/12/2016
Finance & Admin Team Leader	Vacant	Jo Marsh	14/02/2017
Membership Support Team Leader	David Kitchiner	Ian Perks	14/07/2016
Policy & Advocacy Team Leader	Peter Taylor	Amanda Long	09/05/2016
General Secretary	Claire Devlin	Sophie Dackombe	30/11/2016
Minutes Secretary	Vacant	Lisa Hutchins	15/12/2016
Communications Advisor	Vacant	Nicholas Turner	30/08/2016

State whether the union is:

a.	A branch of another trade union?	Yes	No No
	If yes, state the name of that other union:		
b.	A federation of trade unions?	Yes	No No
	If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:		
	and names:		

GENERAL FUND

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions From Members: Other income from members (specify) Pilates	1,071	14,617
Total other income from members		1,071
Total of all income from members		15,688
Investment income (as at page 12)		904
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)	8,244	
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
Total of other income (as at page 4)		8,244
	TOTAL INCOME	24,836
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		17,541
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		6,220
Federation and other bodies (specify)		ŕ
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		23,761
Taxation		
TOTA	L EXPENDITURE	23,761
Surplus (deficit) for year		1,075
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		95,936
Amount of general fund at end of year		97,011

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies RSPB	8,244	
TOTAL FEDERATION AND	OTHER BODIES	8,244
Other income		
TOTAL	OTHER INCOME	8,244
TOTAL OF ALL	OTHER INCOME	8,244

ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation –		brought forward	5,003
Employment Related Issues Travel & Subs	1,646	Education and Training services	
 Legal Fees	2,610		
	2,010		
Representation –			
Non Employment Related Issues			
AGM	47		
Survey	200	Negotiated Discount Services	
Survey Review	500	Edenred	4,392
Communications			
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		Salary Costs	
Advisom: Comison		Salaries	6,325
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		Club Grants	1,104
Dispute Benefits		Pilates	717
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Other Cash Payments			
carried forward	5,003	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	17,541
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(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
Expenditure	Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	·	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Def	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributin	g at end of year	

FUND 3			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
Expondituro	Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10) To	tal Expenditure	
		icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	

Number of members contributing at end of year	
	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 inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure	Day State was make an		
	Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
		tal Expenditure	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribution	a at and of year	
	Number of members contributing	y at ellu oi year	

FUND 5	5		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
Experience	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	· ·	otal Expenditure	
		icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sneet)	

:	Number of members contributing at end of year	
	(See notes 24 and 25)	

FUND 6		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
		:	
		cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribution	n at and of year	
	Number of members contributing	y at ellu ol year	

FUND 7			Fund Accoun
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	•	otal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Def	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as		

Number of members contributing at end of year	
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(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FU	TCAL FUND ACCOUNT 1 To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own fund		wn fund
		t	£
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	
	Surp	olus (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 mer political fund	mbers at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore	contribute to the	

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ncome	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			<u> </u>
	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 remitte	ed to central political fund	
	Amount held on behalf of central po	olitical fund at end of year	
	Number of members at end of year contri	buting to the political fund	
	Number of members at end of the year not contri	a water with the same with	
Number of me	embers at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not the		

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		3,555
Salaries and Wages included in above	£1,000	
Auditors' fees		450
Legal and Professional fees		
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Training		1,130
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
Office Expenses		1,085
	Total	6,220
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	6,220
	Fund (Account)	
	Total	6,220

ANALYSIS OF OFFICIALS SALARIES AND BENEFITS (see notes 34 to 44 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I. contributions		Benefits		Total
			Pension Contribution	Other Benefits	efits	
	स	ਮ	S E	Description	Value £	сı
	1,200					1,200
Membership Support Team	750					750
Policy and Advocacy Team	750					750
Activities and Benefits Team Leader	750					750
	200					200
Regional Reps Team Leader	750					750
Communications and Recruitment Team Leader	750					750
Membership Coordinator	200					200
	200					200
Communication Coordinator	250					250
Deputy Chair	375					375
Minutes Secretary	250					250

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			904
Other investment income (specify)			
Other investment income (specify)			
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	Total in	vestment income	904
Credited	to:		
		ral Fund (Page 3)	904
		fund (Account)	
		fund (Account)	=
		fund (Account)	
		und (Account)	
	F	und (Account)	
		Political Fund	
	Total In	vestment Income	904

(see notes 47 to 50)

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Previous Year	Fixed Assets (at page 14)	£	£
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £)		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets	ř.	
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		
	Cash at bank and in hand		97,011
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Total of other assets		97,011
	тот	TAL ASSETS	97,011
	Fund (Account)		
	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		
	Accrued expenses		
	Provisions		
	Other liabilities		
	ТОТА	L LIABILITIES	
	то	TAL ASSETS	97,011

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Freehold Leasehold	Buildings £££	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year						
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfer						
s						
At end of year						
Accumulated Depreciation At start of year						
Charges for year						
Disposals					283	
Revaluation/Transfer						
s						
At end of year						
Net book value at						
end of year						
Net book value at						
end of previous year						

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED		All Funds	Political Fund
		Except Political	
		Funds	£
		£	
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
1			
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
1			
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
i	TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet)		
	Market Value of Quoted Investment		
UNQUOTED	Equities		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Triodos	54,607	
	Unity	42,404	
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)	.=, 101	
l	TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	97,011	
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ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME (CONTROLLING INTERESTS)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company? If YES name the relevant companies:		YES	NO
COMPANY NAME		ISTRATION NUMB land & Wales, state	
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?		YES	NO
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.			
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAI	REHOLDERS	

(see notes 58 and 59)

SUMMARY SHEET

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
From Members	15,688		15,688
From Investments	904		904
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	8,244		8,244
Total Income	24,836		24,836
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of	l		
Total Expenditure	23,761		23,761
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	95,936		95,936
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	97,011		97,011
ASSETS	Fived Appete	Ĭ	
	Fixed Assets		
	Investment Assets		97,011
	Other Assets		
		Total Assets	97,011
LIABILITIES		Total Liabilities	
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Tota	l Liabilities)		97,011

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.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (see notes 74 and 75)

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historian to the policy of the association to maintain a healthy bal members through work related disputes.		Č	the pu	urpose of supporti	ng its
SIGNATURES TO THE (see notes 7 including the accounts and balance)	'6 and 77)		0.000.00		
Secretary's Signature: Ohn Name: 5 (W2SH) Date: 20 -06-17	Chairman's Signature: Sophic Dackonbe Date: 19-6-17				
CHECK (see notes (please tick as	78 to 80)				
IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED?		YES		NO	\Box
(see Page 2 and Note 12)		\/F0		NO	
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN COMPLETED?		YES		NO	
(see Page 2 and Note 12)					
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED?		YES	W	NO	
(see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)					
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED?		YES	V	NO	
(see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)		VE0	-	NO	
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED? (see Notes 8 and 78)		YES		NO	
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS:		ENCLOSED	To To	TO FOLLOW	\vdash
(see Note 80)		ENCLUSED		TO FOLLOW	l۳
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED		YES	W	NO	IT
(see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)		. 20	"		
IS A MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE PROVIDED (See Pages 23 and 24 and Notes 88 to 94)		YES	V	NO	

AUDITOR'S REPORT

(see notes 81 to 86)

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

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/MO

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/MON

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 (section one)

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Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	J.W.T.	
Name(s):		
	I. M. RAIDUIN	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Fech cth	
Address(es):	Baldwin & Co	
	Zi London Ro	
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Date:	13/6/17	
Contact name and telephone number:	JA BALDUN 0767 ZIELIG	
N.B. When notes to the accounts are referre	ed to in the auditor's report a copy o	f those notes must accompany
this return.		

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE

(see notes 88 to 94)

made in accordance with section 24ZD of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

At the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?



If "YES" please complete SECTION ONE below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

If "NO" please complete SECTION TWO below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE SECTION ONE

For a trade union with more than 10,000 members, required by section 24ZB of the 1992 Act to appoint an independent assurer

1. In the opinion of the assurer appointed by the trade union was the union's system for compiling and maintaining its register of the names and addresses of its members satisfactory to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in its register were accurate and up-to-date throughout the reporting period?

YES/NO

2. In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the information and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

YES/NO

If the answer to either questions 1 or 2 above is "NO" the assurer must:

- (a) set out below the assurer's reasons for stating that
- (b) provide a description of the information or explanation requested or required which has not been obtained
- (c) state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE (continued)

i	
Signature of	
assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name	
and telephone number	

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE

SECTION TWO

For a trade union with no more than 10,000 members at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates.

To the best of your knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied
with its duty to compile and maintain a register of the names and addresses of its members and
secured, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-
date?

YES/MO

If "NO" Please explain below:

Signature	3 Dedus
Name	Sophie Dackombe
Office held	Chair
Date	19-6-17



Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st March 2017

	31/03/2016	31/03/2017
Fund balance brought forward	£ 94,505.73	£ 95,935.98
Add surplus for the year	£ 1,430.25	£ 1,075.43
Fund balance carried forward	£ 95,935.98	£ 97,011.41
Represented by		31/03/2017
Bank Current Account - Unity Trust		£ 42,404.46
Bank Current Account - Triodos		£ 54,606.95
		£ 97,011.41

This financial statement has been prepared by the Treasurer of the Staff Association. It has been reviewed by John Baldwin of Baldwin & Co. Chartered Certified Accountants.

Niall Keane

Treasurer

RSPB Staff Association

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John Baldwin

Baldwin & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

Income and Expenditure Account to 31st March 2017

INCOME	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Subscriptions	£ 14,617.00	£ 12,046.00
Events		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Pilates	£ 1,071.00	£ 1,573.00
	£ 15,688.00	£ 13,619.00
Interest Received (net)	£ 904.30	£ 1,265.35
RSPB Contribution	£ 8,243.71	£ 11,767.83
	£24,836.01	£ 26,652.18
EXPENDITURE	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Benefits to Members		
Membership Support	£ 3,357.45	£ 3,696.98
Travel & Subsistence	£ 1,646.34	£ 2,890.12
Wages and Salaries	£ 6,325.00	£5,075.00
Club Grants	£ 1,103.68	£ 927.38
Edenred Discount Scheme	£ 4,392.00	£5,241.60
Events		
Pilates	£ 717.00	£ 1,980.00
	£717.00	£ 1,980.00
	£ 17,541.47	£ 19,811.08
Administrative expenses		
Wages and Salaries	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Audit	£ 450.00	£ 420.00
Travel & Subsistence	£2,554.79	£ 132.71
Publications	£ 0.00	£ 281.00
Training	£1,129.89	£ 2,090.00
Professional Fees		,
Office Expenses	£ 1,084.43	£ 487.14
Other		160
	£ 6,219.11	£ 5,410.85
	£ 23,760.58	£ 25,221.93
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£ 1,075.43	£ 1,430.25

CERTIFICATION OF FOR TRADE UNIO & EMPLOYERS' ASSOC 2 9 JUN 2017

Statement to Members

Issued in connection with the Annual Return for the Period ended 31 March 2017 as required by Section 32A of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Income and Expenditure

The total income for the period was £24,836. This amount included payments of £14,617 in respect of membership subscriptions and a contribution from the RSPB towards our running costs of £8,244. The total expenditure for the period was £23,761. We do not maintain a political fund.

Payments to the Chair, Officers and Committee

Chair	1,200	Policy and Advocacy Team Leader	750
Communications and Recruitment Team Leader		Activities and Benefits Team Leader	750
Communication Coordinator		Deputy Chair	375
Membership Support Team Leader		Minutes Secretary	250
Secretary		Treasurer	500
Regional Reps Team Leader	750	Membership Coordinator	500

Irregularity statement

A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with a view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

The member may raise any such concern with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the officials of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of the rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice.

Accountants Report

We have reviewed the financial statements in accordance with the auditing standards issued by the auditing practices board

An audit includes examination of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

In our opinion the financial statements give a fair and true view of the state of affairs of the association as at 31 March 2017 and of its surplus for the year then ended, and have been prepared properly.

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CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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DATE: 13/6/17