

## Trade Union's details

Name of Trade Union:	BLUE CHIP STAFF ASSOCIATION
Year ended:	DECEMBER 2018
List number:	818T
Head or Main Office address:	OFFICE 36, 88-90 HATTON GARDEN, LONDON, EC1N 8PN
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Tick as appropriate)
Website address (if available)	
General Secretary:	EDWARD PURCELL
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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: 0330 109 3602.

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



## 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	685				685
Female	835				835
Total	1520				<b>A</b> 1520

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

1520
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Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:

### Change of officers

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

Position held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date of change
CEC Recruitment Officer	Colleen O'Neill	Jamie Russell	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

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b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

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and names:

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## Officers in post

(see note 12)

Please insert a complete list of all officers in post at the end of the year to which this return relates.

Name of Officer

Position held

Mr Lee Denman - President

Mr Leslie Johnson – Finance Officer

Mr Jamie Russell – Recruitment Officer &  
Business Manager

Ms Janet Lewis – Health & Safety

Mr Alan Duff – Recruitment Officer

Miss Faye Hunter – Business Manager

Mr E Purcell – General Secretary



Description	£	£
Federation and other bodies		
<b>Total federation and other bodies</b>		
Other income		
<b>Total other income</b>		
<b>Total of all other income</b>		

**Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at general fund**  
(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
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Representation – Employment Related Issues		<b>brought forward</b>	
		Education and Training services	
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications			
		Salary Costs	
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Dispute Benefits			
Other Cash Payments			
<b>carried forward</b>		<b>Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)</b>	

**Accounts other than the revenue account/general fund**

(see notes 21 to 23)

<b>Fund 2</b>		<b>Fund Account</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	From members		

Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>	
	<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Benefits to members		
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>	
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>	
	<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>	

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

(See notes 21 to 23)

<b>Fund 4</b>		<b>Fund Account</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			

		<b>Total other income as specified</b>	
		<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	
		<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	
		<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>	
		<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>	
		<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>	

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



(See notes 21 to 23)

<b>Fund 6</b>		<b>Fund Account</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
		<b>Total other income as specified</b>	
		<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
		<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	
		<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>	
		<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>	
		<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>	

<b>Fund 7</b>		<b>Fund Account</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
		<b>Total other income as specified</b>	
		<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
		<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	
		<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>	
		<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>	
		<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>	

**Political fund account**

(see notes 24 to 33)







## Political fund account expenditure (c)

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (c) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act.

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000  
during the period to which return relates.

Expenditure in connection with the registration of electors, the candidature of any person, the selection of any candidate or the holding of any ballot by the union in connection with any election to a political office

Title and Date of election	Name of political party/organisation	Name of candidate, organisation or political party (see note 33(iii))	£
<b>Total</b>			









## Expenditure from the political fund not falling within section 72(1) of the trade union & labour relations (consolidation) act 1992

For expenditure not falling within section 72(1) the required information is-

(a) the nature of each cause or campaign for which money was expended, and the total amount expended in relation to each one	£
Total Total expenditure	
(b) the name of each organisation to which money was paid (otherwise than for a particular cause or campaign), and the total amount paid to each one	£
Total Total expenditure	
(c) the total amount of all other money expended	£
Total Total expenditure	

## Analysis of administrative expenses and other outgoings excluding amounts charged to political fund accounts

(see notes 34 and 35)

		£
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		
Salaries and Wages included in above	£	82,410
Auditors' fees		530
Legal and Professional fees		7,477
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		314
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		39,677
Accompanying rep, social sec, insurance, computer, motor motor, travel, subscriptions, accountancy, bank charges, advertising, telephone, sundry, rent,		
<b>Other Outgoings</b>		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		4,154
Mortgages		0
Other loans		5,331
Depreciation		7,507
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
<b>Total</b>		147,400
Charged to:		
General Fund (Page 3)		
Fund (Account )		
Fund (Account )		
Fund (Account )		
Fund (Account )		
<b>Total</b>		147,400





## Analysis of investment income

(see notes 47 and 48)

	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			
Other investment income (specify)			
		<b>Total investment income</b>	
		<b>Credited to:</b>	
		General Fund (Page 3)	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Fund (Account )	
		Political Fund	
		<b>Total Investment Income</b>	

**Balance sheet as at**

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year		£	£
	<b>Fixed Assets</b> (at page 14)		33,627
	<b>Investments</b> (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £      )		
	Unquoted		
	<b>Total Investments</b>		
	<b>Other Assets</b>		
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		20,029
	Cash at bank and in hand		18,751
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	<b>Total of other assets</b>		38,780
	<b>Total assets</b>		72,407
	Fund (Account    )		
	Fund (Account    )		
	Fund (Account    )		
	Superannuation Fund (Account    )		
	Political Fund (Account    )		
	Revaluation Reserve		
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions		
	Loans: Other		29,632
	Bank overdraft		
	Tax payable		
	Sundry creditors		42,349
	Accrued expenses		
	Provisions		
	Other liabilities		
	<b>Total liabilities</b>		71,981
	<b>Total assets</b>		426

## Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold £	Leasehold £				
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>						
At start of year			1,399	11,762		13,161
Additions			3,356	34,836		38,192
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			4,755	46,598		51,353
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
At start of year			1,399	8,820		10,219
Charges for year			1,678	5,829		7,507
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			3,077	14,649		17,726
<b>Net book value at end of year</b>						
			1,678	31,949		33,627
<b>Net book value at end of previous year</b>			0	2,942		2,942

## Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

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

## Analysis of investment income (controlling interests)

(see notes 60 and 61)



<b>Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?</b>		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES name the relevant companies:			
Company name	Company registration number (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)		
<b>Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?</b>		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 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Income</b>	147,745		

From Members			
	147,745		
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Income</b>	147,745		
<b>Expenditure</b> (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	147,400		
<b>Funds at beginning of year</b> (including reserves)	81		
<b>Funds at end of year</b> (including reserves)	426		
<b>Assets</b>			
	Fixed Assets		33,627
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		38,780
	<b>Total Assets</b>		72,407
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>		71,981
<b>Net assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)</b>			426

## Information on Industrial action ballots

(see notes 74 to 80)

Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?

**YES**

If Yes How many ballots were held: 2

a) For each ballot held please complete the information below:

### Ballot 1

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot 21

**Number of votes cast in the ballot** 16

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 16 <sup>1</sup>

Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question 0 <sup>2</sup>

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 0 <sup>3</sup>

**\* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y**

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? **Y**

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y**

### Ballot 2

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot 44

**Number of votes cast in the ballot** 19

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question 19 <sup>1</sup>

Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question 0 <sup>2</sup>

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned 0 <sup>3</sup>

**\* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **N**

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? **Y**

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y**

**For additional ballots please continue on next page**

**Ballot 3**

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

**Number of votes cast in the ballot**

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question  1

Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question  2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned  3

**\* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y / N**

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? **Y / N**

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y / N**

**Ballot 4**

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

**Number of votes cast in the ballot**

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question  1

Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question  2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned  3

**\* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y / N**

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? **Y / N**

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y / N**

**Ballot 5**

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

**Number of votes cast in the ballot**

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question  1

Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question  2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned  3

**\* 1-3 should total "Number of votes cast in the ballot"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y / N**

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? **Y / N**

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot **Y / N**

**Use a continuation sheet if necessary**

## Information on Industrial action

(see note 81)

### \*Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute :

A: terms and conditions of employment, or the physical conditions in which any workers are required to work;

B: engagement or non-engagement, or termination or suspension of employment or the duties of employment, of one or more workers;

C: allocation of work or the duties of employment between workers or groups of workers;

D: matters of discipline;

E: a worker's membership or non-membership of a trade union;

F: facilities for officials of trade unions;

G: machinery for negotiation or consultation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters, including the recognition by employers or employers' associations of the right of a trade union to represent workers in such negotiation or consultation or in the carrying out of such procedures

### Did Union members take industrial action during the return period in response to any inducement on the part of the Union? YES / NO

If YES, for each industrial action taken please complete the information below:

#### Industrial Action 1

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

#### Industrial Action 2

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

#### Industrial Action 3

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

use a continuation page if necessary

**Industrial Action 4**

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

**Industrial Action 5**

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

**Industrial Action 6**

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

**Industrial Action 7**

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

**Industrial Action 8**

1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories\* below:

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action. Strike Action / Action Short of a Strike (delete one as appropriate)

**Notes to the accounts**

(see notes 82 and 83)

**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 84 and 85)

## Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 and 87)

**including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return. Please send the return with the original signatures. Copies will not be accepted.**

Secretary's Signature:  Name: EDWARD PURCELL Date: 13 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2019	Chairman's Signature: (or other official whose position should be stated)  CEC MEMBER Name: FAYE HUNTER Date: 13 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2019
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## Checklist

(see notes 88 and 89)

(please tick as appropriate)

Has the return of change of officers been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the list of officers in post been completed? (see Page 2a and Note 12)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the return been signed? (see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 24 and 25 and Notes 2 and 92)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
A member's statement is: (see Note 104)	Enclosed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To follow	
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 to 103)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	



## Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 90 to 96)

The checklist below is for guidance. A report is still required either set out overleaf or by way of an attached auditor's report that covers the 1992 Act requirements.

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 92 and 93)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

2. 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 note 92)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.


3. Your auditors or auditor must include in their report the following wording:

**In our opinion the financial statements:**

- give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate to.
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the section 28 to 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT (section one)

See Attached

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:		
Name(s):	DAVID CRAMER	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	FCA	
Address(es):	27 MORTIMER ST LONDON W4T 3DL	
Date:	11 MARCH 2019	
Contact name and telephone number:	02076363702	

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

# BLUECHIP STAFF ASSOCIATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BLUECHIP STAFF ASSOCIATION

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bluechip Staff Association (the 'union') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Profit And Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the union's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# BLUECHIP STAFF ASSOCIATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BLUECHIP STAFF ASSOCIATION

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the union and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Management statement of responsibility.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of officers' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Management Statements of Responsibilities, the committee of management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the committee of management is responsible for assessing the union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intend to liquidate the union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the association's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the association and the association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

for and on behalf of Blinkhorns

13 February 2019

Statutory Auditor

27 Mortimer Street  
London  
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# 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?

YES/NO

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)

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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/NO

If "NO" Please explain below:

Signature	
Name	DAVID CRAMER
Office held	FCA
Date	11 MARCH 2019