

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	RSPB Staff Association		
Year ended:	31 March 2020		
List no:			
Head or Main Office address:	RSPB		
	The Lodge		
	Sandy		
	Bedfordshire		
Postcode	SG19 2DL		
Website address (if available)			
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	('X' in appropriate box)
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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	376	16			392
Female	459	12			471
Other					
Total	835	28			A 863

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

863

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

863

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
Chair	Sophie Dackombe	Tony Wicks	03 October 2019
Deputy Chair	Amanda Miller	Lyndon Parker	03 October 2019
Finance and Administration Team	Jo Marsh	Sophie Dackombe	03 October 2019

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:

Officers in post

(see note 12)

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

Name of Officer	Position held
Tony Wicks	Chair
Lyndon Parker	Deputy Chair
Emma Whiteway	Communications Team Leader
Sophie Dackombe	Finance and Administration Team Leader
Lyndon Parker	Membership Support Team Leader
Heather Mitchell	Activities and Benefits Team Leader
Amanda Long	Policy and Advocacy Team Leader
Anna Canvin	Regional Team Leader
Penny Prior	Membership Coordinator
Sue Green	Treasurer
Penny Prior	Minutes Secretary

General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		10,415
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Pilates		2,351
Club Grants		517
Total other income from members		2,868
Total of all income from members		13,283
Investment income (as at page 12)		621
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
Total of other income (as at page 4)		
Total income		13,905
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		8,629
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		1,173
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		
Total expenditure		9,802
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		4,103
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		88,919
Amount of general fund at end of year		93,022

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	
Any Other Sources	
Total other sources	
Total of all other income	

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		brought forward	1,764
Membership Support	1,764	Advisory Services	
		Other Cash Payments	
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues		Education and Training services	
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications		Edenred	3,485
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Dispute Benefits		Club Grants	494
		Pilates	2,886
carried forward	1,764	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	8,629

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 2		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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 21 and 23)

Fund 4		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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 21 and 23)

Fund 6		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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 7		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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 21 and 23)

Fund 8		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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 9		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	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		

Political fund account

(see notes 24 to 33)

£

£

Political fund account 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own political fund	
	Income		
	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure under section (82) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 on purposes set out in section (72) (1) where consolidation of expenditures from the political funds exceeds £2,000 during the period			
	Expenditure A (as at page i)		
	Expenditure B (as at page ii)		
	Expenditure C (as at page iii)		
	Expenditure D (as at page iv)		
	Expenditure E (as at page v)		
	Expenditure F (as at page vi)		
	Non-political expenditure (as at page vii)		
		Total expenditure	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount of political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of political fund at the end of year (as <u>Balance Sheet</u>)	
		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 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	
		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 34 and 35)

		£
Administrative Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		
Salaries and Wages included in above	[REDACTED]	
Auditors' fees		900
Legal and Professional fees		
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		201
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Bank charges	[REDACTED]	72
Other Outgoings		
[REDACTED]		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
[REDACTED]		
Other outgoings (specify)		
[REDACTED]		
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Total		1,173
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	1,173
Total		1,173

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			621
Other investment income (specify)			
			621
		Total investment income	621
		Credited to:	
		General Fund (Page 3)	621
		Political Fund	
		Total Investment Funds	621

Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

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

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

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		
Triodos Bank Fixed Term Deposit Account	57,101	
Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	57,101	
Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	13,283		13,283
From Investments	621		621
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income	13,905		13,905
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	9,802		9,802
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	88,919		88,919
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	93,022		93,022
Assets			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			57,101
Other Assets			35,922
		Total Assets	93,022
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	0
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			93,022

Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

(see notes 74 to 80)

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

No

If Yes How many ballots were held:

For each ballot held please complete the information below:

Ballot 1

Number of individual 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"

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

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

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

Ballot 2

Number of individual 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"

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

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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

Ballot 3

Number of individual 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"

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

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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

Ballots & Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Ballot 4

Number of individual 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"

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

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

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

Ballot 5

Number of individual 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"

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

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

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

Ballot 6

Number of individual 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"

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

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

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

Ballots and Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

***Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute**

- A: terms and conditions of employment, or the physical conditions in which any workers require 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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action

4. Nature of industrial action.

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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action

4. Nature of industrial action.

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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action

4. Nature of industrial action.

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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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature 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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

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: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

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.

1. Page 3 General Fund

The figure entered for "Amount of general fund at beginning of year" differs from the figure entered for "amount of general fund at end of year" on the previous year's return by £8. This is due to the discovery by current officers of the association of a dormant bank account containing this sum, which had not been included in the previous year's return.

2. Change of accounting policy

Previous returns have included amounts for the honorariums and expenses of some officers of the association which are paid for by the RSPB, rather than being paid out of the association's own funds. These amounts were historically included under Income (Other income - Income from Federations and other bodies) and Expenditure (Benefits to members / Administrative expenses), with the amounts included under both income and expenditure netting to zero. Having sought clarification from the Certification Office, it has been decided that this "in-kind" contribution to the association should no longer be included in the accounts.

Therefore, unlike previous returns, no figures have been entered in this return for:

Page 3 "Income from Federations and other bodies"

Page 5 "Benefits to members - Salary Costs"

Page 10 "Administrative expenses - Salaries and Wages"

Page 11 - Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

Please note that the honorariums for two officers of the association in post during this period were due to be paid out of the association's own funds and would therefore have been included in this return, but are not included in this return as the payments were made after 31st March 2020.

Accounting policies

(see notes 84 and 85)


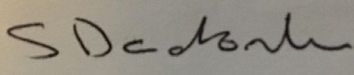
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules.

It is the policy of the association to maintain a healthy balance in its general fund for the purpose of supporting its members through work related disputes.

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

Including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return. Please copy and paste your electronic signature here

Secretary's Signature: 	Chairman's Signature: 
Name: Tony Wicks (Chair)	Name: Sophie Dackombe (Finance and Administration Team Leader)
Date: 16.11.2020	Date: 16.11.2020

Checklist

(see notes 88 to 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 2 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	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"/>	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 90 and 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 related? (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 sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.**

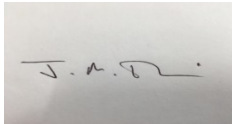
Auditor's report (continued)

We have reviewed the financial statements in accordance with the Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board and the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

An audit includes an examination of evidence relevant to the accounts and disclosures in the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are correct and appropriate to the Association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate to and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of Sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:



Name(s):

J M Baldwin

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

Membership audit certificate

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

(See notes 97 to 103)

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?

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)

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

If "No" Please explain below:

[Large greyed-out area for explanation]

Signature	<i>S Dackombe</i>
Name	Sophie Dackombe
Office held	Finance and Administration Team Leader
Date	16.11.20




Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st March 2020

	31/03/2019	31/03/2020
Fund balance brought forward	£ 96,119.71	£ 88,919.41
Add surplus (less deficit) for the year	(£ 7,200.30)	£ 4,103.01
Fund balance carried forward	<u>£ 88,919.41</u>	<u>£ 93,022.42</u>

<u>Represented by</u>	31/03/2020
Bank Current Account - Unity Trust	£ 35,913.28
Bank Current Account - Triodos	£ 8.50
Bank Fixed Term Deposit Account - Triodos	£ 57,100.64
	<u>£ 93,022.42</u>

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.


Charles Morgan
Treasurer
RSPB Staff Association


John Baldwin
Baldwin & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

Income and Expenditure Account to 31st March 2020

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2018/19</u>
Subscriptions	£ 10,415.26	£ 11,591.40
Activities		
Pilates	£ 2,351.00	£ 2,534.00
Benefits		
Club Grants	£ 517.00	-
	£ 13,283.26	£ 14,125.40
Interest Received (net)	£ 621.27	£ 944.10
RSPB Contribution	-	£ 7,580.78
	<u>£ 13,904.53</u>	<u>£ 22,650.28</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2018/19</u>
Benefits to Members		
Membership Support	£ 1,764.00	£ 7,836.00
Travel & Subsistence	-	£ 630.78
Wages and Salaries	-	£ 5,700.00
Club Grants	£ 493.94	£ 975.75
Edenred Discount Scheme	£ 3,484.80	£ 4,500.00
<u>Activities</u>		
Pilates	£ 2,886.00	£ 2,740.00
	<u>£ 2,886.00</u>	<u>£ 2,740.00</u>
	£ 8,628.74	£ 22,382.53
Administrative Expenses		
Wages and Salaries	-	£ 2,250.00
Audit	£ 900.00	£ 900.00
Travel & Subsistence	£ 84.80	£ 1,993.50
Training	-	£ 1,102.00
Office Expenses	£ 187.98	£ 1,222.55
	<u>£ 1,172.78</u>	<u>£ 7,468.05</u>
	<u>£ 9,801.52</u>	<u>£ 29,850.58</u>
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	<u>£ 4,103.01</u>	<u>(£ 7,200.30)</u>

Note:

2018/19 figures include the honorariums and expenses of some officers of the association which are paid for by the RSPB, rather than being paid out of the association's own funds. These amounts are included under both "Income" (RSPB Contribution) and "Expenditure", with the total income and expenditure amounts being equal. From 2019/20 onwards, this "in-kind" contribution to the association from the RSPB is no longer included in the accounts, which now represent solely the income and expenditure of the association's own funds. Although the honorariums for two officers of the association in post during 2019/20 were due to be paid out of the association's own funds, these are not included in the 2019/20 expenditure figures as the payments were made after 31 March 2020.

Statement to Members

Issued in connection with the Annual Return for the Period ended 31 March 2020 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 £13,905. This amount included payments of £10,415 in respect of membership subscriptions. The total expenditure for the period was £9,802. We do not maintain a political fund.

Payments to the Chair, Officers and Committee

Chair *	£1,200	Policy and Advocacy Team Leader *	£750
Deputy Chair *	£750	Regional Team Leader *	£750
Communications Team Leader *	£750	Minutes Secretary *	£500
Finance and Admin Team Leader *	£750	Membership Coordinator **	£500
Membership Support Team Leader *	£750	Treasurer ***	£500
Activities and Benefits Team Leader *	£750		

* Post funded by RSPB (not included in this statement)

** Post funded 50% by RSPB (not included in this statement) / 50% by Staff Association#

*** Post funded by Staff Association#

#This expenditure occurred after 31 March 2020 and will therefore be included in the next statement

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 2020 and of its surplus for the year then ended, and have been prepared properly.


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DATE: 20/4/20

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