

# Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

## Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	National Union Of Journalists		
Year ended:	30 September 2020		
List no:	197T		
Head or Main Office address:	Headland House		
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	London		
Postcode	WC1X9NB		
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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	13,171	535	1,517	416	15,639
Female	9,212	268	787	230	10,497
Other					
<b>Total</b>	22,383	803	2,304	646	A 26,136

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

22,844

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

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## 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
No Changes			

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:



<b>NATIONAL OFFICERS</b>		
President		Siân Jones
Vice President		Pierre Vicary
Hon Gen Treasurer		John Barsby
<b><u>NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)</u></b>		
S.O. GS Michelle Stanistreet		
Disabled Members		Natasha Hirst
<b><u>INDUSTRIAL SEATS (ALL ONE SEAT)</u></b>		
Books		Anna Hervé JS
		Catherine Brereton JS
Broadcasting		Tory Blair (JS)
		Adam Bowen (JS)
Freelance		Tim Dawson
Magazines		Liz Else (JS)
		Alan Gibson (JS)
Newspapers & Agencies		Steven Bird
New Media		Christina Zaba
Photographers		Mark Pinder
PR and Communication		Siân Jones
<b><u>GEOGRAPHICAL SEATS</u></b>		
Continental Europe		Cailin MacKenzie (JS)
		Tony Sheldon (JS)
East Anglia		John Barsby
London		Laura Downes
		Pennie Quinton
		Pierre Vicary
		Michael Pooler JS
		Stephen Smith JS

Midlands of England		Diana Peasey
Northern Ireland		Anton McCabe (JS)
		Ciarán Ó Maoláin (JS)
North East England		Adam Christie
North West England		Chris Frost
Republic of Ireland		Gerry Curran
		Michael Fisher
Scotland		James Doherty (JS)
		Layla-Roxanne Hill (JS)
		John Matthews
South East England		Jim Boumelha
		Richard Palmer
		Leoni Robertson
South West England		Tim Lezard
Wales		David Nicholson



## Analysis of income from federation and other bodies and other income

(see notes 19 and 20)

Description	£
<b>Federation and other bodies</b>	
<b>Total federation and other bodies</b>	
<b>Any Other Sources</b>	
training grants Other Income	200,502 29,850
<b>Total other sources</b>	<b>230,352</b>
<b>Total of all other income</b>	<b>230,352</b>



## Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation –		<b>brought forward</b>	954,929
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Legal services	717,139		
Officials and member expenses	122,521		
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues		Provident benefits	750
		Education and Training services	
		TU Training	34,982
Communications			
The Journalist Magazine	115,269		
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
<b>carried forward</b>	954,929	<b>Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)</b>	990,661

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 2		Fund Account	
Name:	Branches Management Fund	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
	From members		101,367
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	<b>Total other income as specified</b>		
	<b>Total Income</b>		101,367
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Benefits to members		116,930
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		116,930
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		-15,563
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		309,721
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		294,158
	<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>		22,844

Fund 3		Fund Account	
Name:	Fighting Fund	£	£
<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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<b>Amount of fund at beginning of year</b>		1,040,431
	<b>Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)</b>		1,040,431
	<b>Number of members contributing at end of year</b>		22,844

(See notes 21 and 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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<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 and 23)

Fund 6		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<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>		

Fund 7		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<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 and 23)

Fund 8		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<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>		

Fund 9		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
<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>		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
<b>Expenditure</b>	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	<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)

£

£

<b>Political fund account 1</b>		<b>To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own political fund</b>	
	<b>Income</b>		
	Members contributions and levies		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
Other income (specify)			
	Total other income as specified		
		Total income	
<b>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</b>			
	<b>Expenditure A</b> (as at page i)		
	<b>Expenditure B</b> (as at page ii)		
	<b>Expenditure C</b> (as at page iii)		
	<b>Expenditure D</b> (as at page iv)		
	<b>Expenditure E</b> (as at page v)		
	<b>Expenditure F</b> (as at page vi)		
	<b>Non-political expenditure</b> (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	
<b>Political fund account 2</b>		<b>To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union</b>	
<b>Income</b>	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	
<b>Expenditure</b>	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	



## **Political fund account expenditure (b)**

Expenditure under section 72 (1) (a) 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 of money on the provision of any services or property for use by or on behalf of any political party	
Name of political party to which payment was made	Total amount paid during the period
	£
<b>Total</b>	













## 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	2,174,920
Salaries and Wages included in above	2,002,357
Auditors' fees	25,924
Legal and Professional fees	44,754
Occupancy costs	462,186
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	79,353
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	40,525
Expenses of conferences	29,200
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
IT costs	161,519
DB Pension finance and service costs	214,000
Bank charges	35,491
<b>Other Outgoings</b>	
training grant expenditure	198,933
Charitable contributions	57,770
Other sundry expenditure	156,700
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
Defined Benefit Actuarial Loss	915,000
tretert	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,596,275</b>
Charged to:	
General Fund (Page 3)	4,596,275
Branches Management Fund	
Fighting Fund	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,596,275</b>



# Analysis of investment income

(see notes 47 and 48)

	Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings			215,591
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)			
			215,591
		Total investment income	215,591
		Credited to:	
		General Fund (Page 3)	215,591
		Branches Management Fund	
		Fighting Fund	
		Political Fund	
		Total Investment Funds	215,591





# 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	2,373,948	64,600	238,006		5,724,603	8,401,157
Additions			204,398			204,398
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	2,373,948	64,600	442,404		5,724,603	8,605,555
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
At start of year		18,938	39,926			58,864
Charges for year		12,900	78,158			91,058
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year		31,838	118,084			149,922
<b>Net book value at end of year</b>	2,373,948	32,762	324,320		5,724,603	8,455,633
<b>Net book value at end of previous year</b>	2,373,948	45,662	198,080		5,724,603	8,342,293

# Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

<b>Quoted</b>	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		
<b>Unquoted</b>		
Equities		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Bank and Building Societies		
Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet) Market Value of Unquoted Investments		

# Analysis of investment income (controlling interests)

(see notes 60 and 61)

**Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?**

Yes <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	No <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
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If YES name the relevant companies:

Company name	Company registration number (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)

**Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?**

Yes <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	No <input style="width: 30px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
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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>			
From Members	4,706,385		4,706,385
From Investments	215,591		215,591
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	230,352		230,352
<b>Total Income</b>	5,152,328		5,152,328
<b>Expenditure</b> (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	5,514,968		5,514,968
<b>Funds at beginning of year</b> (including reserves)	-1,212,847		-1,212,847
<b>Funds at end of year</b> (including reserves)	-1,575,487		-1,575,487
<b>Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets			8,455,633
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			3,702,284
<b>Total Assets</b>			12,157,917
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			13,733,404
<b>Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)</b>			-1,575,487

(see notes 74 to 80)

<p><b>Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?</b> <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p>	
<p>If Yes How many ballots were held: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>For each ballot held please complete the information below:</p>	
<p><b>Ballot 1</b></p> <p>Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p><b>Number of votes cast in the ballot</b> <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>1</sup></p> <p>Number of individuals answering "No" to the question <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>2</sup></p> <p>Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>3</sup></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"</b></p> <p>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 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>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 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p>	
<p><b>Ballot 2</b></p> <p>Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p><b>Number of votes cast in the ballot</b> <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>1</sup></p> <p>Number of individuals answering "No" to the question <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>2</sup></p> <p>Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>3</sup></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"</b></p> <p>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 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>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 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p>	
<p><b>Ballot 3</b></p> <p>Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p><b>Number of votes cast in the ballot</b> <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>1</sup></p> <p>Number of individuals answering "No" to the question <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>2</sup></p> <p>Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>3</sup></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"</b></p> <p>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 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)? <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p> <p>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 <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/></p>	

## Information on Industrial Action Ballots

Name of Organisation:					Reporting Period				
Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?				<u>Yes</u>	For each ballot held please complete the information below				
If yes, how many ballots were held?				<u>12</u>					
Ballot	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	Number of Individuals answering "No" to the question	Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	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 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply to this ballot?	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?	
1	53	31	26	4	1	Yes	No		
2	53	31	27	2	2	Yes	No		
3	1	1	0	1	0	Yes	No		
4	1	1	0	1	0	Yes	No		
5	2	2	2	0	0	Yes	No		
6	2	2	2	0	0	Yes	No		
7	17	17	17	0	0	Yes	No		
8	17	17	17	0	0	Yes	No		
9	60	44	37	7	0	Yes	No		
10	60	44	41	3	0	Yes	No		
11	25	11	9	2	0	No	No		
12	25	11	11	0	0	No	No		

**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**



(see note 81)

**\*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**

**Yes**

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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2.	<b>STAFF COSTS</b>	2020	2019
		£	£
	Staff remuneration	1,558,179	1,491,893
	National Insurance	169,085	171,537
	Pension costs	275,093	350,694
	Sundry costs	146,876	134,527
		<u>2,149,233</u>	<u>2,148,651</u>
		=====	=====
3.	<b>STAFF NUMBERS</b>	2020	2019
		No.	No.
	The average number of persons employed by the NUJ during the year	34	35
		<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>
		=====	=====

#### 4. TAXATION

Taxation for the year is chargeable on investment income, capital gains and other non-trading taxable income less provident benefits and on any trading profits. There is no charge for the year as provident benefits exceed the investment income and capital gains and there are no profitable trading activities.

#### 5. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key management personnel are the general secretary, assistant general secretary, head of finance and membership, and head of personnel and administration together with the national officers: president, vice president and honorary general treasurer.

The national officers are all unpaid lay members and the remuneration of the Union's employees are fixed in accordance with the NUJ chapel and GMB staff agreements.

The total remuneration of the key management personnel was £316,959 (2019: £315,186 including employer's national insurance of £38,376 (2019: £38,221)).

<b>6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>	Fixtures & fittings £	Freehold land & building £	Leasehold Improvements £	Total £
Cost or valuation:				
1 October 2019	238,006	2,373,948	64,600	2,676,554
Additions at cost	204,398	-	-	204,398
30 September 2020	<u>442,404</u>	<u>2,373,948</u>	<u>64,600</u>	<u>2,880,952</u>
Depreciation:				
1 October 2019	(39,926)	-	(18,938)	(58,864)
Charge for the year	(78,158)	-	(12,900)	(91,058)
30 September 2020	<u>(118,084)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(31,838)</u>	<u>(149,922)</u>
Net book Value:				
30 September 2020	324,320	2,373,948	32,762	2,731,030
30 September 2019	<u>198,080</u>	<u>2,373,948</u>	<u>45,662</u>	<u>2,617,690</u>

A legal charge against the Union's land and building (Headland House) exists against the Unity Trust Bank overdraft facility.

If the land and building were stated on an historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Cost	1,872,536	1,872,536
Accumulated depreciation	(171,699)	(157,074)
Carrying amount	<u>1,700,837</u>	<u>1,715,462</u>

## 7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Investment Property £
Fair Value:	
1 October 2019	5,724,603
30 September 2020	<u>5,724,603</u>

7. **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)**

If the building was stated on a historical cost basis rather than a fair value basis, the amounts would have been included as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Cost	3,639,302	3,639,302
Accumulated depreciation	(409,701)	(373,308)
Carrying amount	<u>3,229,601</u>	<u>3,265,994</u>

8. **BALANCES WITH BRANCHES**

The balances with branches represent branch bank accounts held at Unity Trust Bank plc.

9. **DEBTORS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Sundry Debtors	125,174	101,926
Prepayments	162,534	198,206
Deferred tax asset	2,540,000	2,118,000
	<u>2,827,708</u>	<u>2,418,132</u>

The deferred tax asset relates to the retirement benefit obligation and will reverse once the actuarial loss is extinguished. The movement in the year was a credit of £ 422,000 (2019: a credit of £ 465,420).

10. **CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2020 £	2019 £
Sundry creditors	67,516	9,690
Accruals and deferred income	655,282	707,295
Other taxes and social security	46,709	48,055
	<u>769,507</u>	<u>765,040</u>

## 11. DEFERRED TAXATION PROVISION

	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred tax provision	147,897	147,897
Liability at 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020	<u>147,897</u>	<u>147,897</u>

Deferred tax provision arises on the fair value gains on investment property and tangible property assets.

## 12. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The NUJ operates two defined benefit pension schemes, one for members in the UK and one for members in the Republic of Ireland. The schemes' assets are held separately from those of the NUJ in independently administered funds.

A liability is recognised in the balance sheet in respect of the defined benefit schemes which represents the present value of the defined benefit obligations at the balance sheet date less the fair value of the schemes' assets. A full valuation of the liability of the UK scheme is calculated by an independent actuary every three years and updated on an annual basis using the projected unit method. In addition, a full valuation of the liability of the cross border scheme for members in Republic of Ireland scheme is calculated by an independent actuary every year using the projected unit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account in the year in which they arise.

The principal assumptions for both schemes at the balance sheet date were:

	At 30 September 2020 %	At 30 September 2019 %
Expected rate of retail price inflation	2.9	3.0
Expected rate of consumer price inflation	2.2	2.0
Discount rate applied to the liabilities	1.4	1.7
Pension increases	2.2-2.9	2.2-3.0
Increase in salaries	n/a	n/a
Mortality before and after retirement	S3PMA/S3PFA (MI 2019(1.25%))	S3PMA/S3PFA (MI 2018(1.25%))

## 12. RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Reconciliation to the Balance Sheet for the NUJ Staff Pension Schemes:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Market value of assets	16,459	17,834
Present value of DB obligations	(29,275)	(29,624)
Pension liability recognised in the balance sheet	<u>(12,816)</u>	<u>(11,790)</u>

Reconciliation of Staff Pension Scheme assets and Defined Benefit Obligations:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Fair value of assets at start of period	17,834	17,770
Interest income	294	483
Return on assets excluding interest income	(552)	606
Contributions paid by the union	103	102
Benefits paid	(1,205)	(1,086)
Administration costs	(15)	(41)
Fair value of assets at end of period	<u>16,459</u>	<u>17,834</u>
Fair value of liabilities at start of period	(29,624)	(26,543)
Interest cost	(493)	(728)
Actuarial (losses)/gains	(363)	(3,339)
Past service cost	-	(100)
Benefits paid	1,205	1,086
Fair value of liabilities at end of period	<u>(29,275)</u>	<u>(29,624)</u>

### Contributions payable by the Union

As at 1 July 2011, members in the Republic of Ireland were transferred into a new fully funded cross border scheme and as a result the main UK scheme is no longer a cross border scheme. The effect of the separation is that the UK scheme, which had a long term funding target deficit at the last triennial valuation on 1 January 2019 of £7.4 m, has proposed to reduce the deficit over a period of 19 years 9 months.

The cross border scheme was fully funded at the last annual valuation on 1 January 2020.

The analysis shown in these financial statements presents an aggregation of the two schemes.

The Union closed both schemes to future accrual with effect from 31 December 2013. To eliminate the shortfall the Union agreed to pay deficit contributions of £103,000 p.a. with effect from 1 January 2020. The Union has given security to the Trustees of the Scheme for its obligation to pay contributions to the scheme in accordance with the schedule of contributions and recovery plan. To this extent the Union has given a negative pledge of £1.3m. The cross border scheme is fully funded when measured against its Statutory Funding Objective and therefore the Union does not expect to pay any contributions to that scheme at the present time.

The actuarial assumptions include the use of a discount rate equal to the iBoxx Sterling Corporate Bond Index for AA rated stocks with a term greater than 15 years in accordance with FRS 102 requirements. The rate at the year end was 1.4%.



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**12. RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Interest on scheme liabilities (finance cost)	(199)	(245)
Actuarial (losses)/ gains on DB obligations	(363)	(3,339)
Actual return on assets less interest	(552)	606
Other costs of scheme	(15)	(141)
<b>Total charge</b>	<b>(1,129)</b>	<b>(3,119)</b>

The Return on the assets was:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Interest Income	294	483
Return on assets less interest income	(552)	606
<b>Total return on assets</b>	<b>(258)</b>	<b>1,089</b>

The fair value of the assets of the schemes were:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Equities	7,910	8,273
Bonds	767	1,032
Gilts	230	876
Property	1,424	1,048
Cash and derivatives	730	1,070
Other	793	735
Investment /Hedge Funds	-	-
Secured Pension Annuities	4,605	4,800
	<b>16,459</b>	<b>17,834</b>

The current valuation includes a provision of £100,000 to reflect the expected increase in benefits and therefore liability as a result of Guaranteed Minimum Pension ('GMP') equalisation between men and women which is required as a result of the removal of the Additional State Pension.

**13. EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS**

The Union is committed to making Ex-gratia payments to four former employees. The basis for these payments arises from the introduction of the NUJ Pension Scheme. At the time of retirement a number of employees could only complete a short period of membership within the pension scheme. It was agreed to enhance their pensions on retirement by means of an Ex-gratia payment. The Union is committed to these payments for the lifetime of each individual and at 50% to their surviving spouse. No current or future retiring employee will be paid Ex-gratia payments in order to enhance their retirement pension.

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14. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year the NUJ paid charitable donations of £24,448 (2019: £6,250) to the George Viner Memorial Fund. The Trustees of the George Viner Memorial Fund include Ms M Stanistreet, the NUJ's General Secretary.

The NUJ also paid charitable donations of £23,322 (2019: £27,930) to NUJ Extra. The Trustees of NUJ Extra include Ms M Stanistreet, the NUJ's General Secretary.

Owing to the nature of the Union's operations and the composition of the National Executive Council transactions may take place with organisations in which a member of the National Executive has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the Union's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

# Accounting policies


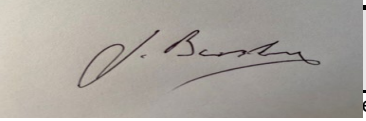
(see notes 84 and 85)



## Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 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:		Chairman's Signature:	
	<small>(or other)</small>		<small>(ed)</small>
Name:	Michelle Stanistreet - General Secretary	Name:	John Barsby - Treasurer
Date:	12 February 2021	Date:	12 February 2021

## 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		No	
Has the list of officers in post been completed? (see Page 2 and Note 12)	Yes		No	
Has the return been signed? (see Pages 23 and 25 and Notes 86 and 95)	Yes		No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes		No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes		No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	Enclosed		To follow	
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes		To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes		No	

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 September 2020**

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Practice and under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties, and to include investment properties at fair value.

##### **FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATIONAL CURRENCIES**

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is also the functional currency of the Union. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1, except where otherwise indicated.

##### **GOING CONCERN**

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. Based on the Union’s forecasts and projections for the period until the end of February 2022, the National Executive Council are confident that the Union will continue to pay its debts as they fall due for a period of a least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. The Covid pandemic has so far had a positive impact on the Union’s finances through increased membership and cost savings due to changes in the ways of working. The Union has net liabilities at the year end due to the increase in the defined benefit liability from £11.8m to £12.8m. The Union has given security to the Trustees of the scheme for its obligation to pay contributions to the scheme in accordance with the schedule of contributions and recovery plan. To this extent the Union has given a negative pledge of £1.3m. The NEC are confident that the Union will be able to pay the contributions agreed with the Trustees on an annual basis. Having taken all of the above into account the National Executive Council are satisfied that the Union is a going concern

##### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributions from members are shown in the accounts on the basis of cash received by head office, no account being taken of members’ arrears at the balance sheet date.

##### **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

Headland House, the valuation of the freehold property owned by the Union was reviewed by Farebrother, property consultants, on 30 September 2019. In the opinion of the NEC the fair value at 30 September 2020 was not significantly different due to the buildings use and rental yields from tenants. The fair value has been apportioned between investment property and tangible fixed assets based on the floor area occupied by the NUJ and the floor area available for leasing to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.

Investment properties are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at fair value where a reliable measure of fair value is available without undue cost or effort. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

##### **REVALUATION OF PROPERTIES**

Properties whose fair value can be measured reliably are held under the revaluation model and are carried at a revalued amount, being their fair value at the date of valuation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The fair value of the land and buildings is usually considered to be their market value

Revaluation gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in General Fund, except to the extent that a revaluation gain reverses a revaluation loss previously recognised in profit or loss or a revaluation loss exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains recognised in General Fund, such gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss.

##### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Tangible fixed assets, excluding property, are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed

assets, other than freehold land, property held at valuation and investment properties, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset to its estimated residual value on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows-

#### **FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Trade and other debtors (including accrued income) which are recoverable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

#### **FINANCIAL LIABILITIES**

Financial liabilities are classified as liabilities according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT**

Accounting estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### *Critical accounting estimates and assumptions*

The Union makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the defined benefit pension liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 12 will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability.

##### *Critical areas of judgement*

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the Union as lessee, or the lessee, where the Union is a lessor.

#### **TAXATION**

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all timing differences that exist at the reporting date. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in different periods from their recognition in the financial statements.

For non-depreciable assets measured using the revaluation model and investment properties measured at fair value (except investment property with a limited useful life held by the Union to consume substantially all of its economic benefits), deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and allowances that apply to the sale of the asset or property.

Deferred tax is charged or credited in profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income or equity, when the tax follows the transaction or event it relates to and is also charged or credited to other comprehensive income, or equity.

Deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.



# 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)

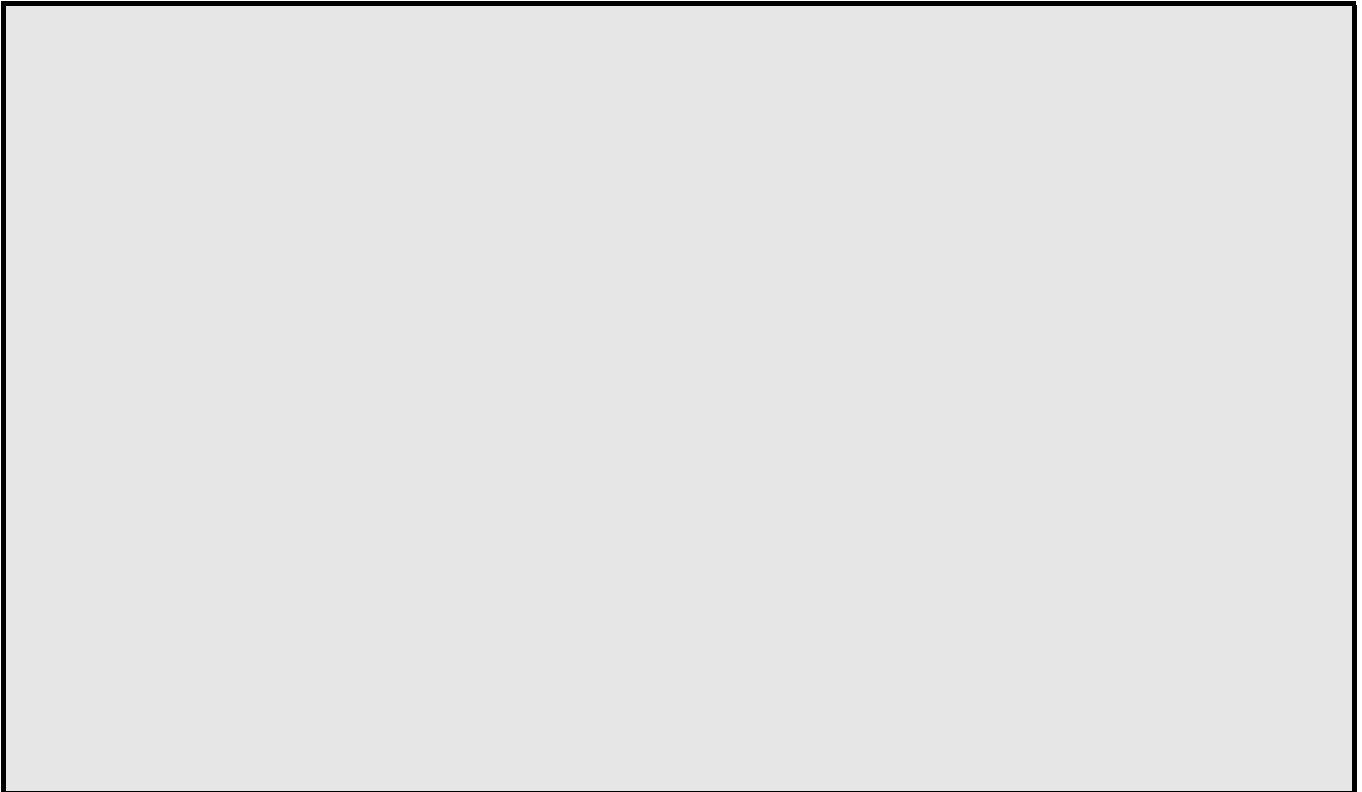
Please explain in your report overleaf or attached

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)**



Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	RSM UK Audit LLP	
Name(s):	RSM UK AUDIT LLP	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS	
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Date	19 February 2021	
Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:	SARAH MASON 01908 687808	

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



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Equity and notes to the financial statements. 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 NUJ's affairs at 30 September 2020 and of its surplus 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 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

### 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 National Executive Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the National Executive Council has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or the parent 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The National Executive Council is responsible for the other information. 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the NUJ in accordance with the requirements of the legislation; or
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained by the NUJ in accordance with the requirements of the legislation; or
- the accounts to which the report relates are not in agreement with the accounting records of the NUJ.
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS**

### **Respective responsibilities of the National Executive Council**

As explained more fully in the National Executive Council's Responsibilities set out on page 3, the National Executive Council 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 Council determines 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 National Executive Council 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 National Executive Council either intends to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or has 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.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the NUJ'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 NUJ'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 NUJ and the NUJ's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

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## 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?

**YES**

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**


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

**YES**

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	Simon Hearn
Address	Civica Election Services, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0NW
Date	04/12/2020
Contact name and telephone number	Simon Hearn, Managing Director 020 8365 8909

# 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	
Office held	
Date	