

# Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

## Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	News Union		
Year ended:	31 July 2021		
List no:			
Head or Main Office address:	Room 8-06		
	1 London Bridge Street		
	London		
Postcode	DE1 9GF		
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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**Please follow the guidance notes in the completion of this return**

Any difficulties or problems in the completion of this return should be directed to the Certification Officer as below or by telephone to: 0330 109 3602

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# 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	991	1		3	995
Female	536			1	537
Other					
<b>Total</b>	1,527	1		4	A 1,532

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

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

## Change of Officers

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

Position Held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold Office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date of change
<del>National Executive Committee</del>	Stephen Beck	Nigel Tanner	30 April 2021
<del>National Executive Committee</del>	Claudette Curtis		09 November 2020
<del>National Executive Committee</del>	Nuala Harvey		23 September 2020

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

 Yes

 No

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

 Yes

 No

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:



# General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
<b>From Members:</b> Contributions and Subscriptions		
<b>From Members:</b> Other income from members (specify)		
<b>Total other income from members</b>		
<b>Total of all income from members</b>		
<b>Investment income (as at page 12)</b>		48
<b>Other Income</b>		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	290,000	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		290,000
<b>Total income</b>		290,048
<b>Interfund Transfers IN</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		18,869
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		201,210
<b>Federation and other bodies</b> (specify)		
<b>Total expenditure Federation and other bodies</b>		
<b>Taxation</b>		9
<b>Total expenditure</b>		220,088
<b>Interfund Transfers OUT</b>		
Surplus (deficit) for year		69,960
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		225,481
Amount of general fund at end of year		295,441

## 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>	
Grant from News UK	290,000
<b>Total other sources</b>	<b>290,000</b>
<b>Total of all other income</b>	<b>290,000</b>

## Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		<b>brought forward</b>	16,000
Legal fees	16,000	Advisory Services	
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues		Other Cash Payments	
		Education and Training services	
		Training	2,869
Communications		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
<b>carried forward</b>	16,000	<b>Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)</b>	18,869









(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 (e)**

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.

The expenditure of money on the holding of any conference or meeting by or on behalf of a political party or of any other meeting the main purpose of which is the transaction of business in connection with a political party

Name of political party	£
<b>Total</b>	

**Political fund account expenditure (f)**

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

On the production, publication or distribution of any literature, document, film, sound recording or advertisement the main purpose of which is to persuade people to vote for a political party or candidate or to persuade them not to vote for a political party or candidate

Name of organisation or political party	£
<b>Total</b>	

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

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

(a) the nature of each cause or campaign for which money was expended, and the total amount expended in relation to each one	£

Total expenditure

(b) the name of each organisation to which money was paid (otherwise than for a particular cause of campaign), and the total amount paid to each one	£

Total expenditure

(c) the total amount of all other money expended	£

Total expenditure

**Total of all expenditures**

# 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	182,004
Salaries and Wages included in above	182,004
Auditors' fees	9,360
Legal and Professional fees	5,849
Occupancy costs	
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	96
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	
Expenses of conferences	1,520
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Meeting expenses	640
Subscriptions	1,741
<b>Other Outgoings</b>	
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
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<b>Total</b>	201,210
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	201,210
<b>Total</b>	201,210

## Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

(see notes 36 to 46 below)

Office held	Gross Salary  £	Employers N.I. contributions  £	Benefits		Total  £	
			Pension Contributions  £	Other Benefits		
				Description		Value £
General Secretary	88,009	10,809	6,918		105,736	

# 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			48
Other investment income (specify)			
			48
Total investment income			48
Credited to:			
General Fund (Page 3)			48
Political Fund			
Total Investment Funds			48



# 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			9,948			9,948
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			9,948			9,948
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>						
At start of year			9,948			9,948
Charges for year						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			9,948			9,948
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of previous year						



# Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
<b>Quoted</b>	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" 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			
From Investments	48		48
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	290,000		290,000
<b>Total Income</b>	290,048		290,048
<b>Expenditure</b> (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	220,088		220,088
<b>Funds at beginning of year</b> (including reserves)	225,481		225,481
<b>Funds at end of year</b> (including reserves)	295,441		295,441
<b>Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			648,174
<b>Total Assets</b>			648,174
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			352,733
<b>Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)</b>			295,441

# Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Income</b>			
From Members			
From Investments			
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Income</b>			
<b>Expenditure</b> (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			
<b>Funds at beginning of year</b> (including reserves)			
<b>Funds at end of year</b> (including reserves)			
<b>Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets			
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			
<b>Total Assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			
<b>Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)</b>			

(see notes 74 to 80)

<b>Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?</b>	<input type="text" value="No"/>
If Yes How many ballots were held: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	
For each ballot held please complete the information below:	
<b>Ballot 1</b>	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
<b>Number of votes cast in the ballot</b>	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>1</sup>
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>2</sup>
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>3</sup>
	<b>1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"</b>
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: 60px;" type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
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: 60px;" type="text"/>
<b>Ballot 2</b>	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
<b>Number of votes cast in the ballot</b>	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>1</sup>
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>2</sup>
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>3</sup>
	<b>1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"</b>
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: 60px;" type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
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: 60px;" type="text"/>
<b>Ballot 3</b>	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
<b>Number of votes cast in the ballot</b>	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>1</sup>
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>2</sup>
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> <sup>3</sup>
	<b>1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"</b>
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: 60px;" type="text"/>
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/>
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: 60px;" type="text"/>

**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**

**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.

**use a continuation page if necessary**

**Industrial Action 4**

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

A  B  C  D  E  F  G

2. Dates of the industrial action taken:  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**

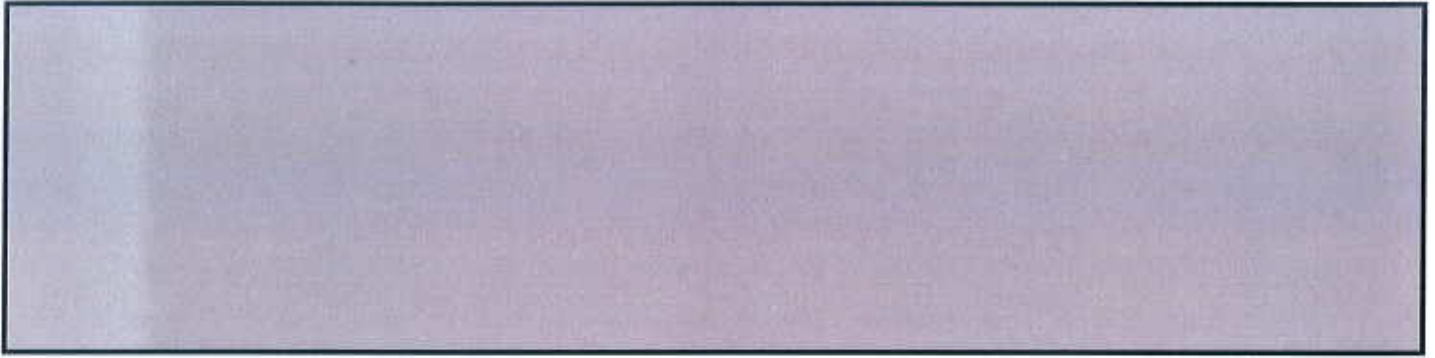
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All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

SEE ACCOUNTS ATTACHED

# Accounting policies


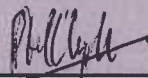
(see notes 84 and 85)



## Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

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

Secretary's Signature:		Chairman's Signature:	
			<small>(or other official whose position should be stated)</small>
Name:	Jeremy Vine	Name:	Phil Chaplin
Date:	8/10/21	Date:	8/10/21

## 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		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# 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)**

SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

*Azets Audit Services*

Name(s):

Azets Audit Services

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Statutory Auditors

Address(es):

Greytown House

221-227 High Street

Orpington

Kent

Postcode

BR6 0NZ

Date

Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:

Cathy Cooper 01689827505

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 reportign period proceding 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 inforamation 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:

Signature	
Name	Jeremy Vine
Office held	General Secretary
Date	8/10/21

**NEWS UNION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

**Azets**  
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## NEWS UNION

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of News Union for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise the Balance Sheet, the income and expenditure account and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of News Union's affairs as at 31 July 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;

#### **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 News 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 members use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about News Union'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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of members**

The members are 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 members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the members are responsible for assessing News 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 members either intend to liquidate News Union, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**NEWS UNION****INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION (CONTINUED)****Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts**

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. Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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



**AZETS Audit Services**  
Statutory Auditor

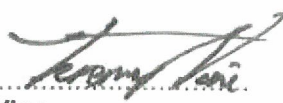
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Date: 28/10/21

**NEWS UNION**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 JULY 2021**

	Notes	£	2021	£	£	2020	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	2			-			-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
Other debtors	3	2,167			2,088		
Cash at bank		646,007			576,652		
					648,174		578,740
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	4	352,733			353,259		
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				295,441		225,481	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				<u>£ 295,441</u>		<u>£ 225,481</u>	
 <b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	5			<u>£ 295,441</u>		<u>£ 225,481</u>	

  
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**P Chaplin**  
 National Chairman NEC

  
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**J Vine**  
 General Secretary

Approved on: 27 Oct 2021

**NEWS UNION**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Grants		290,000		272,000
Interest received		48		756
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		290,048		272,756
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE</b>				
Salaries	182,004		183,999	
Travelling	-		1,357	
Meeting expenses	640		1,184	
Election Costs	-		-	
Training costs	2,869		2,973	
Conference Cost	1,520		16,167	
Printing and stationery	96		105	
Auditors remuneration	9,360		9,090	
Legal and professional charges	21,849		19,384	
Subscriptions	1,741		631	
Depreciation	-		-	
Bank charges	-		-	
Miscellaneous expenses	-		1,386	
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		220,079		236,276
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>69,969</b>		<b>36,480</b>
Taxation (Note 6)		9		144
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<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TAXATION</b>		<b>£69,960</b>		<b>£36,336</b>
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The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

## NEWS UNION

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### a) *General Information*

News Union is a trade union and incorporated in England and Wales. The principal place of business is Room 8-06, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.

##### b) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trade union. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, subject to the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The financial statements incorporate the results of News Union, the activities of which are continuing.

News Union have a reasonable expectation that the trade union has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. It has therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### c) *Grants*

Grants receivable are credited to income for the period for which they are given. Grants received in respect of future periods are treated as deferred income.

##### d) *Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are written off by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures & equipment	-	over 3 years
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At each reporting date, property, plant and equipment are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

##### e) *Debtors*

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment. Loans are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

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- f) **Creditors**  
Short term creditors are measured at their transaction price. Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value net of their transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.
- g) **Cash and cash equivalents**  
Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.
- h) **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**  
In the application of the accounting policies, the National Executive Committee are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no judgements or estimates within these accounts.

**2. FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Fixtures &amp; Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 August 2020	9,948
Disposals	-
	9,948
At 31 July 2021	9,948
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 August 2020	9,948
Elimination on disposal	-
	9,948
At 31 July 2021	9,948
<b>WRITTEN DOWN VALUE</b>	
At 31 July 2021	-
At 31 July 2020	-

**NEWS UNION**  
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<b>3. DEBTORS</b>	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Prepayments	£2,167	£2,088
<b>4. CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due within one year.	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Other creditors	6,060	7,276
Accruals	11,673	10,983
Deferred income	335,000	335,000
	£ 352,733	£ 353,259
<b>5. MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
At 1 August 2020	225,481	189,145
Surplus for the year	69,960	36,336
At 31 July 2021	£ 295,441	£ 225,481
<b>6. TAXATION</b>		
The Union is assessable to UK corporation tax at 19% (2020: 19%) on all investment income and capital gains arising on the sale of investments.		
	<b>2021</b> £	<b>2020</b> £
Charge for year	9	144
	£9	£ 144

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**7. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The National Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trade Union law requires the members of the National Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trade Union and of its income and expenditure for the year. In preparing the financial statements the members of the National Executive Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trade Union will continue in operation.

The National Executive Committee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trade Union and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trade Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the members of the National Executive Committee are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trade Union's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

**8. RELATED PARTIES**

The Union is under the control of its members.

**9. PENSION CONTRIBUTION**

The Union's contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme were £12,454 in the year (2020: £12,387).



**NEWS UNION**

**NEC MEMBERS' REIMBURSED EXPENSES SUMMARY 2021**

There were no reimbursed expenses in the year to 31 July 2021