

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 2024

List no:

Head or Main Office address:

Room 8-06

1 London Bridge Street

London

Postcode

SE1 9GF

Website address (if available)

Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?

Yes

No

x

('X' in appropriate box)

General Secretary:

Jeremy Vine

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Please follow the guidance notes in the completion of this return

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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
	1,292	2		5	1,299
Total	1,292	2		5	A 1,299

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

0

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

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, state the name of that other union:

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b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

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and names:

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General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		
Investment income (as at page 12)		13,179
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	327,000	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		327,000
		340,179
Total income		
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		20,757
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		236,374
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		2,636
		259,767
Total expenditure		
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		80,412
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		472,165
Amount of general fund at end of year		552,577

Analysis of income from federation and other bodies and other income

(see notes 19 and 20)

Description	£
Federation and other bodies	
Total federation and other bodies	
Any Other Sources	
Grant from News UK	317,000
Grant from NCS UK	10,000
Total other sources	327,000
Total of all other income	327,000

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation – Employment Related Issues		brought forward	20,333
Consultancy fees	20,333	Advisory Services	
Representation – Non Employment Related Issues		Other Cash Payments	
Communications		Education and Training services	
Dispute Benefits		Training	424
		Negotiated Discount Services	
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward	20,333	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	20,757

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 2		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

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

Political fund account

(see notes 24 to 33)

£

£

Political fund account 1		To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own political fund	
	Income	Members contributions and levies	
		Investment income (as at page 12)	
	Other income (specify)		
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure under section (82) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 on purposes set out in section (72) (1) where consolidation of expenditures from the political funds exceeds £2,000 during the period			
	Expenditure A (as at page i)		
	Expenditure B (as at page ii)		
	Expenditure C (as at page iii)		
	Expenditure D (as at page iv)		
	Expenditure E (as at page v)		
	Expenditure F (as at page vi)		
	Non-political expenditure (as at page vii)		
		Total expenditure	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount of political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount of political fund at the end of year (as <u>Balance Sheet</u>)	
		Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not contribute to the political fund	
Political fund account 2		To be completed by trade unions which act as components of a central trade union	
Income	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central political fund		
	Other income (specify)		
		Total other income as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects(specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
		Total expenditure	
		Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund at beginning of year	
		Amount remitted to central political	
		Amount held on behalf of central political fund at end of year	
		Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund	

The following pages 9i to 9vii relate to the Political Fund Account Expenditure

Political fund account expenditure (a)

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.

Contribution to the funds of, or on the payment of expenses incurred directly or indirectly by a political party	
Name of political party in relation to which money was expended	Total amount spent during the period £
Total	

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
	£
Total	

Political fund account expenditure (c)

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

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

Political fund account expenditure (d)

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 on the maintenance of any holder of political office	
Name of office holder	£
Total	

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)

	£
Administrative Expenses	
Remuneration and expenses of staff	206,227
Salaries and Wages included in above	198,241
Auditors' fees	13,800
Legal and Professional fees	10,756
Occupancy costs	
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	662
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	
Expenses of conferences	
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Travelling	13
Election costs	2,040
Depreciation	466
Entertainment	231
Subscriptions	696
Bank charges	45
Miscellaneous expenses	1,438
Other Outgoings	
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
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Total	236,374
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	236,374
Total	236,374

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			13,179
Other investment income (specify)			
			13,179
		Total investment income	13,179
		Credited to:	
		General Fund (Page 3)	13,179
		Political Fund	
		Total Investment Funds	13,179

Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Buildings		Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
	Freehold £	Leasehold £				
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year			10,236			10,236
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			10,236			10,236
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year			8,895			8,895
Charges for year			466			466
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			9,361			9,361
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of year			875			875
Net book value at end of previous year						
Net book value at end of previous year			1,341			1,341

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

Quoted	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Equities (e.g. Shares)		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)		
Market Value of Quoted Investment		
Unquoted		
Equities		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Bank and Building Societies		
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 £
Income			
From Members			
From Investments	13,179		13,179
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	327,000		327,000
Total Income	340,179		340,179
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	259,767		259,767
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	472,165		472,165
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	552,577		552,577
Assets			
Fixed Assets			875
Investment Assets			
Other Assets			902,263
		Total Assets	903,138
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	350,561
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			552,577

Summary sheet

(see notes 62 to 73)

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

(see notes 74 to 80)

Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period?	<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:	
Ballot 1	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> 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	<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 2	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> 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	<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 3	
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of votes cast in the ballot	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/>
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ¹
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> ²
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> 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	<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.

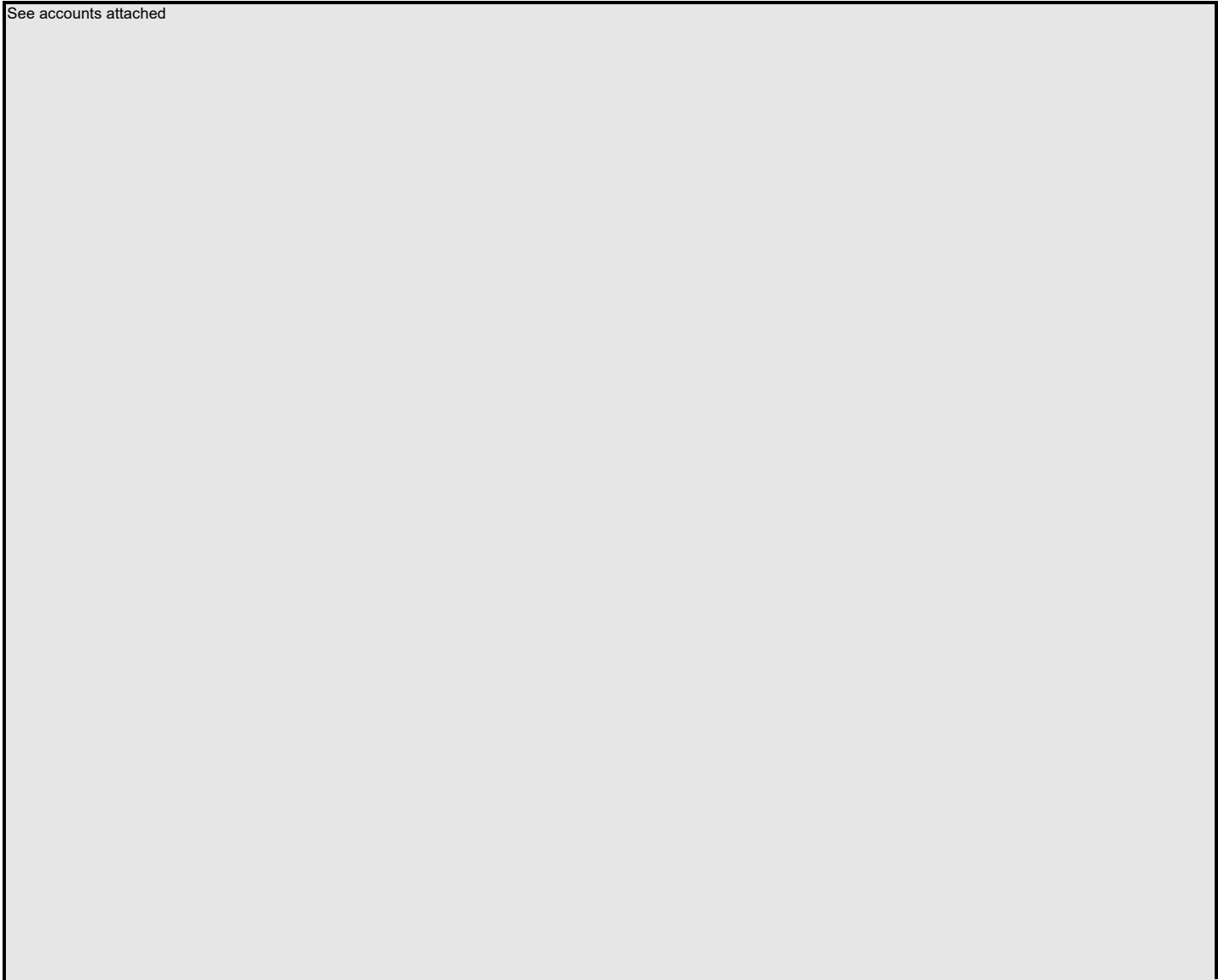
Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Notes to the accounts

(see notes 82 and 83)

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

See accounts attached



Accounting policies

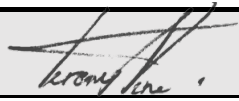
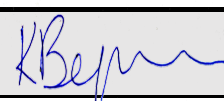
(see notes 84 and 85)

See accounts attached

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:		Chair's Signature:	
			(or other official whose position should be stated)
Name:	Jeremy Vine	Name:	Kerrienne Beynon
Date:	8th October 2024	Date:	8th October 2024

Checklist

(see notes 88 to 89)

(please tick as appropriate)

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

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 90 and 96)

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

1. In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they related? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 92 and 93)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

2. Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:

- a. kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and
- b. established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances. (See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in note 92)

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate to.
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the sections 28, 32 and 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 1992.

Auditor's report (continued)

See attached accounts

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

Name(s):

Azets Audit Services

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Statutory Auditors

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1 Maidstone Road

Sidcup, Kent

Postcode

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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.

NEWS UNION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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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 2024 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 2024 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 and with the requirements of the sections 28,32 and 36 of 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 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.

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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.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

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 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION (CONTINUED)

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.



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Statutory Auditor

Date: 14 October 2024

NEWS UNION**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

	Notes	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
FIXED ASSETS	2			875			1,341
CURRENT ASSETS							
Other debtors	3	2,950				2,607	
Cash at bank		899,313				815,405	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	350,561				347,188	
NET CURRENT ASSETS				551,702		470,824	
NET ASSETS				£ 552,577		£ 472,165	
MEMBERS FUNDS	5			£ 552,577		£ 472,165	



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K Beynon
 National Chair NEC



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J Vine
 General Secretary

Approved on: ...8th October 2024.....

NEWS UNION**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants				
News UK	317,000		317,000	
Wireless	-		45,000	
NCS UK	10,000		5,000	
		327,000		367,000
Interest received		13,179		4,130
		340,179		371,130
OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE				
Salaries	206,227		199,784	
Travelling	13		901	
Election Costs	2,040		-	
Training costs	424		2,450	
Depreciation	466		58	
Printing and stationery	662		16	
Auditors remuneration	13,800		12,130	
Legal and professional charges	31,089		29,216	
Entertainment	231		231	
Subscriptions	696		2,423	
Bank charges	45		72	
Miscellaneous expenses	1,438		1,421	
		257,131		248,702
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		83,048		122,428
Taxation (Note 6)		2,636		785
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TAXATION		£ 80,412		£ 121,643

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

NEWS UNION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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

Fixtures & Equipment

	£
COST	
At 1 August 2023	10,236
Additions	-
	10,236
At 31 July 2024	10,236
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2023	8,895
Depreciation charge	466
	9,361
At 31 July 2024	9,361
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE	
At 31 July 2024	875
	1,341
At 31 July 2023	1,341

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

3. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	£ 2,950	£ 2,607

4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	10,646	7,686
Accruals	17,915	17,502
Deferred income	322,000	322,000
	£ 350,561	£ 347,188

5. MEMBERS FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 August 2023	472,165	350,522
Surplus for the year	80,412	121,643
	£ 552,577	£ 472,165

6. TAXATION

The Union is assessable to UK corporation tax at 20% (2023: 19%) on all investment income and capital gains arising on the sale of investments.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charge for year	2,636	785
	£ 2,636	£ 785

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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 £13,394 in the year (2023: £13,006).

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NEC MEMBERS' REIMBURSED EXPENSES SUMMARY 2024

Reimbursed expenses totalled £13 in the year to 31 July 2024 (2023: £28). These expenses were incurred in connection with Jeremy Vine's travel.

Membership audit certificate

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

(See notes 97 to 103)

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

NO

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

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

Membership audit certificate

Section one

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

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

Yes / No

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

Yes / No

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

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

Membership audit certificate (continued)

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

Membership audit certificate

Section two

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

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

Yes

If "No" Please explain below:

[Large greyed-out area for explanation]

Signature	
Name	Jeremy Vine
Office held	General Secretary
Date	8th October 2024

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