Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association
Year ended:	31 December 2024
List no:	5020T
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Return of Members

(see notes 10 and 11)

	Number of members at the end of the year					
	GreatNorthernIrishElsewhere AbroadBritainIrelandRepublic(including Channel Islands)					Totals
	5,966					5,966
Total	5,966				А	5,966

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:

5,179
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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
General Treasurer	Elaine Henderson	John Guidi	10 May 2024
Minutes Secretary	Alan Taylor	Kevin Campbell	30 August 2024

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:

Officers in post

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

Name of Officer	Position held and date elected
Seamus Searson	General Secretary (re-elected 1 February 2020)
John Guidi	General Treasurer (elected 10 May 2024)
Kevin Campbell	Minutes Secretary (elected 6 December 2024)
Stuart Hunter	President (elected 11 May 2023)
Monique Dreon-Goold	Vice-President (elected 11 May 2023)
Catherine Nicol	Immediate Past President (elected 11 May 2024)

General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		897,073
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		897,073
Investment income (as at page 12)		26,652
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	59,746	
I Total of other income (as at page 4)		59,746
Total income		983,471
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
		8 F00
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		8,590
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		933,068
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		
Total expenditure		941,658
Interfund Transfers OUT		541,000
Surplus (deficit) for year		41,813
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		1,487,205
Amount of general fund at end of year		1,529,018

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		
Gains/loss on investments Misc Income Movement in gains on valuation of investments		5,289 5,683 48,774
	Total other sources	59,746
	Total of all other income	59,746

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

		,	£
Representation –		brought forward	
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	- ,
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Education and Training services	
Communications			
Members' diaries	2,568		
Members' training	6,022		
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in	
	8,590	General Fund)	8,590

Fund 2	2		Fund Account
Name:	Benevolent Fund	£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		4,816
	Other income (specify)		
	Gains/ loss on investments		949
	Movement in gain on valuations of investments		9,275
	Total other inc	ome as specified	,
		Total Income	
	Inte	rfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	7	Total Expenditure	
	Interfu	ind Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (De	eficit) for the year	15,040
	Amount of fund at I	beginning of year	240,455
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	is Balance Sheet)	255,495
	Number of members contribut	ing at end of year	

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

Fund 4	4		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
		Total Income	
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Interfu	und Transfers OUT	
		eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (a	as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribut	ing at end of year	

Fund 5			
	£	£	
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			
Total other inc	ome as specified		
	Total Income		
Inte	rfund Transfers IN		
Benefits to members			
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
Т	otal Expenditure		
Interfu	nd Transfers OUT		
Surplus (De	eficit) for the year		
Amount of fund at t	beginning of year		
Amount of fund at the end of year (a	s Balance Sheet)		
Number of members contributi	ng at end of year		
	From members Investment income (as at page 12) Other income (specify) Total other inc Inte Benefits to members Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10) Interfu Surplus (De Amount of fund at the Amount of fund at the end of year (a	£ From members Investment income (as at page 12) Other income (specify) Total other income as specified Total other income as specified Total other income as specified Interfund Transfers IN Benefits to members	

Fund 6			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other i	ncome as specified	
		Total Income	
	l	nterfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Inte	erfund Transfers OUT	
	Surplus	(Deficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund a	at beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year	[.] (as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contrib	uting at end of year	

Fund 7			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other i	ncome as specified	
		Total Income	
	Ir	iterfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Inte	rfund Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund a	t beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contrib	uting at end of vear	

Fund 8			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
		Total Income	
	Int	erfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Interf	und Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (D	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at	beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribu	ting at end of year	

Fund 9			
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inc	come as specified	
		Total Income	
	Inte	erfund Transfers IN	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		Total Expenditure	
	Interf	und Transfers OUT	
	Surplus (D	eficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribut	ting at end of year	

Political fund account

		(see notes 24 to 33)	£	£
Political fu	nd account 1 To be co	mpleted by trade unions which maintain their	own political fund	
	Income	Members contributions and levies		
		Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)			
		Total oth	ner income as specified	
			Total income	
		ion and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act political funds exceeds £2,000 during the perio	1992 on purposes se	
		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	
		c	Surplus (deficit) for year	
			nd at beginning of year	
		Amount of political fund at the end of y		
		Number of members at end of year contribu		
		umber of members at end of the year not contribu		
Nun	nber of members at end of year who ha	ave completed an exemption notice and do not contr	ibute to the political fund	
Political fu	nd account 2 To be completed	d by trade unions which act as components of	a central trade union	
Income	Contributions and levies collected fro	om members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back from central po	plitical fund		
	Other income (specify)			
		<u> </u>		
			Total other income	as specified
				-
F			I	otal income
Expenditure				I
	Expenditure under section 82 of the	Trade Union and Labour Relations		
	(Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)			
		·		
	Administration expenses ir	connection with political objects(specify)		
	Non-political expenditure			
			Total expenditure	
			Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political f	, , ,	
			mitted to central political	
		Amount held on behalf of central po	•	
		Number of members at end of year contrib	-	
		Number of members at end of the year not contrib		
l				
Number of me	embers at end of year who have compl	eted an exemption notice and do not therefore contr	ibute to the political fund	

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 \pounds		
Total			

Political fund account expenditure (b)

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

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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	
	£	
Tota	1	

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 maintaince of any holder of p	political office			
Name of office holder £				
Total				

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	£
Total	

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	
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On the production, publication or distribution of any literature, document, film, sound recording or advertisement the main purpose of which is to pursuade 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	£
Total	

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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









£

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

(see notes 34 and 35)

	(
Admin	istrative Expenses		£
	neration and expenses of staff		658,812
	s and Wages included in above	489,783	000,012
Auditor		100,100	22,380
	and Professional fees		33,223
	ancy costs		148,907
	ery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		
	ses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		4,780
-	ses of conferences		1,798
-			16,571
Other a	administrative expenses (specify)		45.040
	Annual congress		15,010
	IT Support		3,459
	Recruitment		6,844
	Marketing		250
Other	Outgoings		
0	Depreciation		10 550
			16,556
	Tax charge on investment gains		4,478
	Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
	Other outgoings (specify)		
	tretert		
	lieleit	T-4-1	
		Total	933,068
	Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	933,068
		Benevolent Fund	
		T	000.000
		Total	933,068

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	Other Benefits	
		0	0	Description	Value	0
	£	£	£		£	£
President	3,471	355				3,826
General secretary	112,779	14,308	20,300			147,387
General treasurer	7,959	949				8,908
Minutes Secretary	7,959	949				8,908

Analysis of investment income (see notes 47 and 48)

	(000	e notes 47 and 48)		
		Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings				
Dividends (gross) from:				
Equities (e.g. shares)				26,652
				20,032
Interest (gross) from:				
Government securities (Gilts)				
Mortgages				
Local Authority Bonds				
Bank and Building Societies				
Other investment income (specify)				
				26,652
		Total i	nvestment income	26,652
		i otari		20,032
	Credited to	:		
		Gen	eral Fund (Page 3)	26,652
			Benevolent Fund	4,816
			Political Fund	
			r Unucai Fullu	
		Total	Investment Funds	31,468

Balance sheet as at 31 [December 2024
(see notes 49 to 52)	

	(see notes 49 to 52)		
Previous Year		£	£
522,301	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		507,378
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
1,003,640	Quoted (Market value £ ()		1,058,713
30,000	Unquoted		30,000
1,033,640	Total Investments		1,088,713
,,	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		
270,487	Cash at bank and in hand		285,086
270,407	Income tax to be recovered		200,000
5,808	Stocks of goods		7,478
5,608	Others (specify)		7,470
	Total of other assets		292,564
		Total assets	1,888,655
1,487,205	, - ,		1,529,018
240,455	Benevolent Fund		255,495
	Delitical Fund Assessed		
	Political Fund Account		
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
£3,426	Other loans		2,940
£3,420 £1,151	Trade creditors		1,977
	Corporation tax		4,478
£6,207			
£13,311	Other taxation and social security		15,612
£18,691	Other creditors		19,488
£61,790	Accruals and deferred income		48,375
£104 F7C		Total liabilities	00.07
£104,576			,
£1,832,236		Total assets	1,888,655

Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Freehold £	Buildings Leasehold £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year	782,510		211,100			993,610
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	782,510		211,100			993,610
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year	260,597		210,712			471,309
Charges for year	14,535		388			14,923
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	275,132		211,100			486,232
					,	
Net book value at end of year	507,378					507,378
Net book value at end of previous year	521,913		388			522,301

Analysis of investments (see notes 58 and 59)

	(see notes 58 and 59)		
Quoted		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
	Equities (e.g. Shares)	~	~
	Equities	546,899	
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	Bonds	387,739	
	Alternatives Multi Asset Class and other investments	106,105 17,971	
	Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)	1,058,713	
	Market Value of Quoted Investment	1,000,710	
Unquoted	Equities		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	National savings income bond	30,000	
	Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	30,000	

Analysis of investment income (controlling interests)

(see notes 60 and 61)

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Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?	Yes No X
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? If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.	Yes No X
Company name	Names of shareholders

Summary sheet (see notes 62 to 73)

	(see notes 62 to 73)		1
	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members	897,073		897,073
From Investments	31,468		31,468
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	69,970		69,970
Total Income	998,511		998,511
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	941,658		941,658
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	1,727,660 1,784,513		1,727,660 1,784,513
Assets			
	Fixed Assets		507,378
	Investment Assets		1,088,713
	Other Assets		292,564
		Total Assets	1,888,655
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	104,142
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Lial	pilities)		1,784,513

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 Lial	bilities)		

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

(see notes 74 to 80)
Did the union hold any ballots in respect of industrial action during the return period? No
If Yes How many ballots were held:
For each ballot held please complete the information below:
Ballot 1
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned
1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"
Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?
If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Ballot 2
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned
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 3
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned
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 & Industrial Action: If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Ballot 4
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot
Number of votes cast in the ballot
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned
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
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned
1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"
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*Categ	ories 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 consulation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters, including the recognition by employers or employers' associations of theright of a trade union to represent workers in such negotiation or consulation or in the carrying out of such procedures
	Did Union members take industrial action during the return period in response to any inducement on the part of the Union? YES/NO
	If YES , for each industrial action taken please complete the information below:
	Industrial Action 1
	1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:
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	2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to
	3. Number of days of industrial action:
	4. Nature of industrial action.
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	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:
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	2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to
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	4. Nature of industrial action.

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Industrial Action 4
1. please tick the nature of the trade dispute for which industrial action was taken using the categories* below:
A B C D E F G
2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to
3. Number of days of industrial action:
4. Nature of industrial action.
Industrial Action 5
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A B C D E F G
2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to
3. Number of days of industrial action:
4. Nature of industrial action.
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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:
2. Dates of the industrial action taken:
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:
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.

The Notes to the accounts are included in the attached financial statements pages 11 - 22

Accounting policies

(see notes 84 and 85)

Accounting policies included in attached financial statements pages 11 - 12

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:	Seance Len	General Treasurer Signature:	John Gunch
Name:	Seamus Searson	Name:	John Guidi
Date:	28 May 2025	Date:	28 May 2025

Checklist

(see notes 88 to 89)

(please tick as appropriate)

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

Attached as separate document: page 5 to 8 of the financial statements

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N.B. When notes to the account are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.
SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ITS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Finance Committee members	Office Bearers:
	Seamus Searson, General Secretary Elaine Henderson, General Treasurer (resigned 10 May 2024) Alan Taylor, Minutes Secretary (resigned 30 August 2024) James How, Elected Member Andy Sinclair, Elected Member David Scott, Elected Member Karen Dickson, Elected Member Stuart Hunter, President Monique Dreon-Goold, Vice-President Catherine Nicol, Immediate Past President Mark Devlin, Elected Member John Guidi, Treasurer (appointed 10 May 2024) Kevin Campbell, Minutes Secretary (appointed 6 December 2024)
Principal office	West End House 14 West End Place Edinburgh EH11 2ED
Independent auditors	Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP 133 Finnieston Street Glasgow G3 8HB

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Finance Committee members present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association for the 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Structure, governance and management

a. Structure

The Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association is a trade union governed by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (amended 2016) and its constitution.

Objectives and activities

a. Objects

The objects of the Association are to advance education, particularly secondary education in Scotland.

b. Membership

Membership is open to all registered teachers engaged in post-primary education in Scotland.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Association

In 2024 the Association campaigned against the 'toxic culture' of extra workload and continued the drive to reduce pupil indiscipline and violence. Further to this, the Association is actively involved in the process bringing Scottish Education reforms and raising awareness of its impact on Secondary teachers and pupils.

The Association's ongoing work includes raising awareness and signposting for support for members regarding stress and mental health issues. Also, our intensive work supporting members in independent schools through the changes that they face.

Our members are informed through bulletins and webinars including training days for representatives. We are proud of the service we provide with the members being only one call or email away from our professional staff at Head Office.

Committee Meetings continue with hybrid of virtual and face to face, which enables more members to attend without the commitment of travelling to Edinburgh and reduces the direct cost.

The Association continued attending many Initial Teacher Education and Probationer events. Maintaining this initial contact remains a priority to ensure that more students and newly qualified teachers become members of the Association. Recruitment of members remains a key focus and essential to the long-term sustainability of the Association and its finances. It is important to stress the invaluable role that school representatives play in supporting colleagues and recruiting new members. Once again, we are indebted to our active members, School Reps, District Secretaries, Professional Officer and Secretariat who work tirelessly to ensure that we are known presence in Secondary Schools the length and breadth of the country. A first positive contact has a profound impact on our ability to recruit new members and provide a crucial and lasting positive impression of the SSTA. The lack of face-to-face contact in previous years continues to have an impact on our work towards retaining associate members as full members.

At the end of 2024, Association has an overall working surplus of £58,048.

Overall income increased by 10.3% and income from subscriptions rose by 6.9%.

Overall expenditure in 2024 decreased significantly by £126,945 (11.9%), the Association successfully identified areas of major savings without affecting the quality of service.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

As in previous years, Salaries remain the highest individual budget heading within the budget. However, although significant, this enables the Association to support our members to the highest standard. Our thanks go to Andrew Brown, Office Manager and his staff for their part in managing the budget.

The portfolio started the year with a value of £1,003,640. From then onwards our investment portfolio continued to reflect the general trend of the Stock Exchange; it peaked in November 2024 before dropping by the end of the year at the value of £1,058,771. This is an overall increase of £55,131 (5.5%). Income from the share portfolio amounted to £31,468 up 9.5% on 2023.

The Association continues to meet regularly with our Investment Advisors to ensure that our investment portfolio and resulting income is as profitable as the Stock Market allows. The Finance & General Purposes Committee, on behalf of the Association extends our thanks to Barclays Wealth for their work on our behalf.

After lengthy discussion, the Finance & General Purposes Committee considered and approved budget figures for 2025. It was agreed to set a tight budget, and to continue a single day Congress every second year for the near future as highlighted by the successful 2024 Congress in Glasgow.

Council approved an increase of $\pounds 0.63$ per month or 3.5% in the rate of subscription. This will mean that the subscription rate will be increased to $\pounds 204.93$ for annual payers. For those who choose to pay monthly, this will mean payments changing to $\pounds 18.63$ per month.

The Committee acknowledge that the increase in the subscription is provide the high quality and unique service that we provide to members and will continue to look at every possible avenue to make savings. It remains incumbent upon us all to keep the Association financially sustainable to continue to support and care for our membership.

My thanks and appreciation for their help and advice go to my predecessor Elaine Henderson, the Secretariat, Office Staff, Finance & General Purposes Committee, Area/District Treasurers and our Auditors, Anderson, Anderson & Brown.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Finance Committee members have a reasonable expectation that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Statement of Finance Committee members' responsibilities

The Finance Committee is responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Finance Committee is responsible for preparing accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and of the surplus and deficit for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Finance Committee is required to:

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

The Finance Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Finance Committee members at the time when this Finance Committee members' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Finance Committee member is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the association's auditors are unaware, and
- that Finance Committee member has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Finance Committee member in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the association's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Finance Committee members will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Annual congress.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Finance Committee members and signed on their behalf by:

Seamus Searson

Date: 23 May 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (the 'Association') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the association's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993.

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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Finance Committee members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Finance Committee members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Finance Committee members are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993

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

- The Association has kept proper accounting records in accordance with the requirements of Section 28 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 and has maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; and

- the financial statements agree with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Finance Committee members' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; 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 trustees

As explained more fully in the Finance Committee members' responsibilities statement, the Finance Committee members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Finance Committee 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 Finance Committee members are responsible for assessing the association'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 Finance Committee members either intend to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations – this responsibility lies with management with the oversight of the Finance Committee. Based on our understanding of the Association and industry, discussions with management and directors we identified financial reporting standards as having a direct effect on the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. As part of the engagement team discussion about how and where the Association's financial statements may be materially misstated due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk of fraud.

Our audit procedures included:

• completing a risk-assessment process during our planning for this audit that specifically considered the risk of fraud;

• enquiry of management about the Association's policies, procedures and related controls regarding compliance with laws and regulations and if there are any known instances of non-compliance;

- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review, where applicable, of the Finance Committees' minutes;
- enquiry of management, about litigations and claims and inspection of relevant correspondence
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;

• specific audit testing on and review of areas that could be subject to management override of controls and potential bias, most notably around the key judgements and estimates, including the carrying value of fixed assets and accruals;

• considering management override of controls outside of the normal operating cycles including testing the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements including evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions, outside the normal course of business:

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve sophisticated and carefully organised schemes designed to conceal it, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or intentional misrepresentations being made to us.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Association's Finance Committee, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 Section 33 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 the organisation and the Association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP

Angus McCuaig Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Anderson Anderson & Brown Audit LLP Statutory Auditors 133 Finnieston Street

Glasgow

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Date: 29 May 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		General Fund 2024	Benevolent Fund 2024	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Income from activities	3	934,697	5,765	940,462	852,756
Total income		934,697	5,765	940,462	852,756
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure	4				
Benefits to members		41,813	-	41,813	19,988
Professional & educational		33,379	-	33,379	96,840
Administrative costs		861,988	-	861,988	937,340
Payments to members		-	-	-	3,750
Tax charge		4,478	-	4,478	6,207
Total expenditure		941,658	-	941,658	1,064,125
Net (expenditure)/income before net gains on investments		(6,961)	5,765	(1,196)	(211,369)
Unrealised investment movement		48,773	9,275	58,048	39,492
Net movement in funds		41,812	15,040	56,852	(171,877)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,487,205	240,455	1,727,660	1,899,537
Net movement in funds		41,812	15,040	56,852	(171,877)
Total funds carried forward		1,529,017	255,495	1,784,512	1,727,660

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets	NOLE		L		L
Tangible assets	8		507,378		522,301
Investments	9		1,088,713		1,033,640
			1,596,091	-	1,555,941
Current assets			1,000,001		1,000,041
Stocks		7,478		5,808	
Cash at bank and in hand		285,086		270,487	
	_		-		
		292,564		276,295	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one					
year	10	(90,418)		(90,133)	
Net current assets	-		202,146		186,162
Total assets less current liabilities			1,798,237	-	1,742,103
Creditors: amounts falling due after more					
than one year	11		(2,452)		(2,940)
Deferred Income	12		(11,273)		(11,503)
Total net assets			1,784,512	-	1,727,660
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Represented by					
Benevolent Fund	13		255,495		240,455
General Fund	13		1,529,017		1,487,205
Total funds			1,784,512	-	1,727,660
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Finance Committee members and signed on their behalf by:

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Catherine Nicol

Stuart Hunter

Date: 23 May 2025

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The format of the financial statements has been adapted from that prescribed by the Companies Act 2006 to better reflect the nature of the Association's activities.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover represents the value, net of value added tax and any discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

1.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Finance Committee members have a reasonable expectation that the Association has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

1.3 Taxation

A current liability is recognised for the tax payable on investment interest received and chargeable events from investment disposals.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Buildings	-	2%
Office equipment	-	15%
Computer equipment	-	25%

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Income and expenditure account.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Association anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.9 Pensions

The association operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are included in the financial statements as they become payable.

1.10 Grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to statement of financial activities at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Financial activities account in the same period as the related expenditure.

2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. Income from activities

	General Fund 2024 £	Benevolent Fund 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Subscriptions	897,073	-	897,073	838,990
Income from investments	26,652	4,816	31,468	28,744
Gain/(loss) on investments	5,289	949	6,238	(16,038)
Miscellaneous income	5,683	-	5,683	1,060
	934,697	5,765	940,462	852,756

4. Analysis of expenditure on activities

Summary by fund type

	General Fund 2024 £	Benevolent Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Benefits to members	41,813	-	41,813	26,423
Professional & educational	33,379	-	33,379	96,840
Administrative costs	866,466	-	866,466	937,112
Payments to Members	-	-	-	3,750
	941,658	-	941,658	1,064,125

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Benefits to members	41,813	41,813	26,423
Professional & educational	33,379	33,379	96,840
Administrative costs	866,466	866,466	937,112
Payments to Members	-	-	3,750
	941,658	941,658	1,064,125

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

		Professional				
	Benefits to	&		Payments to	Total	Total
	members 2024	educational 2024	e costs 2024	Members 2024	funds 2024	funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ota#			050.040		050.040	740 400
Staff costs	-	-	658,812	-	658,812	713,160
Depreciation	-	-	16,556	-	16,556	18,694
Legal representation	33,223	_	-	_	33,223	13,583
Members' diaries	2,568	_	_	_	2,568	11,875
Members' training	6,022	_	_	_	6,022	965
Executive	0,022				0,022	000
Committee						
expenses	-	1,798	-	-	1,798	3,380
Conference						
expenses	-	16,571	-	-	16,571	19,624
Annual congress	-	15,010	-	-	15,010	61,268
Payments to members						2 750
STUC	-	-	-	-	-	3,750
	-	-	-	-	-	12,568
Recruitment	-	-	6,844	-	6,844	4,074
Auditors' other services	-	-	8,780	-	8,780	11,429
Property costs	-	-	61,958	-	61,958	60,046
Marketing	-	-	250	-	250	-
Stationery,						
printing, postages			4 700		1 700	
& telecom	-	-	4,780	-	4,780	13,542
IT support	-	-	3,459	-	3,459	7,940
Miscellaneous expenses	_	_	86,949		86,949	66,392
Auditors'	-	_	00,949	-	00,949	00,092
remuneration	-	-	13,600	-	13,600	15,600
Taxation on			·		·	,
investment						
income & gains	-	-	4,478	-	4,478	6,207
Investment						
management fees	-	-	-	-	-	9,005
Ballot costs	-	-	-	-	-	11,023
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-	41,813	33,379	866,466	-	941,658	1,064,125
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6. Salaries of officials

Included in staff costs and pensions are:

	Gross Salary	Employer's NI	Employer's Pension	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
President	3,471	355	-	3,826	3,390
Vice President	-	-	-	-	-
General Secretary	112,779	14,308	20,300	147,387	148,893
General Treasurer	7,959	949	-	8,908	7,485
Minutes Secretary	7,959	949	-	8,908	7,485
	132,168	16,561	20,300	169,029	167,253

	2024	2023
Average number of employeee	14	13
Average number of employees		

7. Operating Surplus / (Deficit)

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	14,923	18,111
Depreciation of fixed assets under finance leases	-	583
Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery	-	1,826
Auditors' remuneration for audit services	13,600	15,600
Auditors' remuneration for other services	8,780	9,600

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024	782,510	139,724	71,376	993,610
At 31 December 2024	782,510	139,724	71,376	993,610
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	260,597	139,336	71,376	471,309
Charge for the year	14,535	388	-	14,923
At 31 December 2024	275,132	139,724	71,376	486,232
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	507,378	-	-	507,378
At 31 December 2023	521,913	388	-	522,301

Net book value of plant and machinery included above held under finance ______ leases and hire purchase contracts

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9. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2024	1,003,640	30,000	1,033,640
Additions	69,166	-	69,166
Disposals	(72,141)	-	(72,141)
Revaluations	58,048	-	58,048
At 31 December 2024	1,058,713	30,000	1,088,713
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	1,058,713	30,000	1,088,713
At 31 December 2023	1,003,640	30,000	1,033,640

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	General Fund	Benevolent Fund	Total
Quoted Investments	£	£	£
Market value			
At 1 January 2024	782,545	221,095	1,003,640
Additions	59,540	9,626	69,166
Disposals	(44,598)	(27,544)	(72,142)
At 31 December 2024	797,487	203,177	1,000,664
Movement in gain/(loss) on valuation in the year	48,774	9,275	58,049
Market value of quoted investments			
At 31 December 2024	846,261	212,452	1,058,713
At 31 December 2023	782,545	221,095	1,003,639
Unquoted Investments Cost			
As at 31 December 2024	-	30,000	30,000
As at 31 December 2023		30,000	30,000
Total Investments at 31 December 2024	846,261	242,452	1,088,713

The cost of investments as at 31 December 2024 for the general fund is \pounds 780,186 and \pounds 205,247 for the benevolent fund .

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	488	486
Trade creditors	1,977	1,151
Corporation tax	4,478	6,207
Other taxation and social security	15,612	13,311
Other creditors	19,488	18,691
Accruals and deferred income	48,375	50,287
	90,418	90,133

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

		2024 £	2023 £
	Other loans	2,452	2,940
12.	Deferred Income		
		2024 £	2023 £
	Grants	11,273	11,503

Grant income received in relation to Fixed assets has been deferred and released in line with the depreciation policy.

	2023	2024
	£	£
At 1 January 2024	-	-
Additions	11,738	11,503
Less: Released to Statement of Financial Activities	(235)	(230)
At 31 December 2024	11,503	11,273

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Reserves					
General Fund	1,487,205	934,697	(941,658)	48,773	1,529,017
Benevolent Fund	240,455	5,765		9,275	255,495
Total of funds	1,727,660	940,462	(941,658)	58,048	1,784,512

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Reserves					
General Fund	1,652,740	848,838	(1,060,375)	46,002	1,487,205
Benevolent Fund	246,797	3,918	(3,750)	(6,510)	240,455
Total of funds	1,899,537	852,756	(1,064,125)	39,492	1,727,660

The Benevolent fund was established in 1964 to assist in cases of necessity. It is a registered charity and separate accounts are prepared and are publicly available.

The association does not maintain any political fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

List of Investments

Benevolent Fund		
£30,000	National Savings	Income Bond
1,121	BlackRock	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity Fund - Premier
		Bluebay Investment Grade Global Govt Bond
18	Bluebay Funds	Fund
413	Pimco Funds	Global Real Return Fund -INS- Hedged
122	Xtrackers II	Global Government Bond UCITS ETF
842	Abrdn II	Global Corporate Bond Fund -J- Hedged
22,685	Barclays	Global Access Global Corporate Bond
2,048	iShares	Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF Hedged
24,620	Barclays	GlobalAccess Global High Yield Bond Fund
1,017	iShares	USD High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF
16,576	Barclays	GlobalAccess Emerging Market Local Currency Debt Fund - USD
9,868	Barclays	GlobalAccess Emerging Markets Debt Fund - GBP
533	BlackRock	Fxd Incm Dublin - iShs Emkts Governmnt Bd
573	iShares	J.P. Morgan USD EM Bond UCITS ETF - Hedged
2,287	JPMorgan	US Equity Income Fund
54	Natixis International	Loomis Sayles US Growth Eq Fd
52	Vanguard	S&P 500 UCITS ETF
4,734	Artemis	Income Fund Shs -I- (GBP)
8,505	J O Hambro	Capital Mgmt Umbrella Fund
175	Vanguard	FTSE 100 UCITS ETF
3,398	BlackRock	Continental European Income Fund Shs -D- (GBP)
5,047	Henderson Investment Fund	Janus Henderson Global Equity Income Fund
171	Xtrackers	MSCI World Swap ETF
425	Fidelity Investment Funds	Asia Fund
2,838	iShares	Core MSCI EM IMI UCITS ETF
35	Robeco	QI Emerging Conservative Equities
6,941	Barclays	Globalaccess Emerging Markets Equity Fund
383	L&G	Multi-Strategy Enhanced Commodities
34	BlackRock	Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund - I5- Hedged
696	Barclays	Liquid Alternative Strategies
		Janus Henderson Absolute Return Fund -
531	Janus Henderson Fund	G1- (GBP)
35	Man AHL	Trend Alternative (GBP)
General Fund	Artemis	Fund Managers Income I Inc
18,877		
39,473	Barclays	Multi-Manager Global Access Emerging Market Debt

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

27,762	Barclays	Multi-Manager Global Access Emerging Market Equity
63,976	Barclays	Multi-Manager Global Access Emerging Market Loc C (USD)
96,740	Barclays	Multi-Manager Global Access Global Corp Bond
90,740	Barclays	Multi-Manager Global Access Glb Equity Income Fund
2,785	Barclays	Portfolio Liquid Alternative Strategies R GBP
13593	Blackrock	Fund Managers Ltd Continental European Income D Units In
20,188	Henderson Investment	Global Equity Income G
2,292	iShares	J.P. Morgan USD EM Bond
11,352	iShares	Core MSCI World UCITS (2)
8,169	iShares	Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF
4,069	iShares	USD High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF Hedged
33,916	J O Hambro	Capital Mgmt Umbrella Fund- UK Equity Income
2,124	Janus Henderson	UK Absolute Return Fund
8,945	JP Morgan	US Equity Income Fund
138	Man UK	UK Income Fund
216	Natixis	Int Fund (Lux) Loomis Sayles US Growth
1,654	Pimco Funds	Pimco Funds GIS Global Real Return Fund
141	Robeco Luxembourg SA	Growth Emerging Constv Equities GBP
3,369	Bluebay Funds	Bluebay Investment Grade Global Govt Bond
701	Vanguard	Investment Series FTSE 100 ETF
208	Vanguard	S&P 500 UCITS ETF
489	Xtrackers II	Global Government Bond UCITS ETF
682	Xtrackers	MSCI World Swap ETF
3,369	Abrdn II	Global Corporate Bond Fund -J- Hedged
0.404		Fxd Incm Dublin - iShs Emkts Governmnt Bd
2,131	BlackRock	Indx
137	BlackRock	Strategic Funds - Global Event Driven Fund
4,484	BlackRock	
1,533	L&G	Multi-Strategy Enhanced Commodities UCITS ETF
1,701	Fidelity Investment Fund	Asia Fund
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Membership audit certificate

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

(See notes 97 to 103)

At the end of the reportign period proceeding 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?
- 2 In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the inforamation and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

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.

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

Membership audit certificate

Section two

For a trade union with no i audit relates.	more than 10,000 members at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this
its duty to compile a	knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with and maintain a register of the names and addresses of it members and secured, so practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?
Yes	
lf "No" Please expla	in below:
Signature	Seame Ler
Name	Seamus Searson
Office held	General Secretary
Date	28/05/2025



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