

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	The Writers Guild of Great Britain		
Year ended:	31 December 2025		
List no:			
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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
	2,939	32	4	71	3,046
Total	2,939	32	4	71	A 3,046

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

3,046

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

Change of Officers

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

Position Held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold Office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date of change
President	Ms Sandi Toksvig	Jack Thorne	12.09.2025

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

X

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

X

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:

Officers in post

(see note 12)

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

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General Fund

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		640,075
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		640,075
Investment income (as at page 12)		18,736
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	36,181	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		36,181
Total income		694,992
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		80,922
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		640,457
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Affiliations and Donations		22,717
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		22,717
Taxation		
Total expenditure		744,096
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		-49,104
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		643,845
Amount of general fund at end of year		594,741

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	
Other Income	250
Legacy Royalties	35,931
Total other sources	36,181
Total of all other income	36,181

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 21 to 23)

			£
Representation –		brought forward	66,853
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
Legal & Professional Fees	48,578		
		Education and Training services	
		Communications	8,818
		Guild Award Expenses	5,251
Communications			
Postage and Telephone	5,122		
Meeting Expenses	13,153		
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward	66,853	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	80,922

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 2		Fund Account	
Name:	Welfare Fund	£	£
Income	From members		338
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		338
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members		16,742
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Total Expenditure		16,742
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		-16,404
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		95,037
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		78,633
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

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

(See notes 21 and 23)

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

Fund 5		Fund Account	
Name:		£	£
Income			
From members			
Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)			
Total other income as specified			
Total Income			
Interfund Transfers IN			
Expenditure			
Benefits to members			
Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
Total Expenditure			
Interfund Transfers OUT			
Surplus (Deficit) for the year			
Amount of fund at beginning of year			
Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)			
Number of members contributing at end of year			

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 6		Fund Account		
Name:		£	£	
Income	From members			
	Investment income (as at page 12)			
	Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified		
		Total Income		
		Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members			
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
			Total Expenditure	
			Interfund Transfers OUT	
			Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
			Amount of fund at beginning of year	
			Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
			Number of members contributing at end of year	

Fund 7		Fund Account		
Name:		£	£	
Income	From members			
	Investment income (as at page 12)			
	Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified		
		Total Income		
		Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members			
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
			Total Expenditure	
			Interfund Transfers OUT	
			Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
			Amount of fund at beginning of year	
			Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
			Number of members contributing at end of year	

(See notes 21 and 23)

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

Fund 9		Fund Account		
Name:		£	£	
Income	From members			
	Investment income (as at page 12)			
	Other income (specify)			
		Total other income as specified		
		Total Income		
		Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure	Benefits to members			
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)			
			Total Expenditure	
			Interfund Transfers OUT	
			Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
			Amount of fund at beginning of year	
			Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
			Number of members contributing at end of year	

Political fund account

(see notes 24 to 33)

£

£

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

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.

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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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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.

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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

[illegible]

Political fund account expenditure (f)

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

To be completed where total expenditure from the political fund exceeds £2,000 during the period to which return relates

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

Name of organisation or political party	£
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		487,168
Salaries and Wages included in above	487,168	
Auditors' fees		13,360
Legal and Professional fees		1,706
Occupancy costs		64,816
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		298
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		11,293
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Membership Systems		21,022
Computer support		30,100
Sundry		10,375
Other Outgoings		
Bank charges and interest		319
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
tretert		
Total		640,457
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	640,457
	Welfare Fund	
Total		640,457

Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

(see notes 36 to 46 below)

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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			18,736
Other investment income (specify)			
			18,736
Total investment income			18,736
Credited to:			
General Fund (Page 3)			18,736
Welfare Fund			
Political Fund			
Total Investment Funds			18,736

Balance sheet as at

31 December 2025

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year		£	£
65,618 732,005 797,623	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
	Quoted (Market value £ ())		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		57,482
	Cash at bank and in hand		678,089
	Income tax to be recovered		
643,845 95,037	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
£21,169 £37,572	Total of other assets		735,571
	Total assets		735,571
	General fund (page 3)		594,741
	Welfare Fund		78,633
£58,741 £797,623	Political Fund Account		
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Sundry Creditors		26,777
	Accrued Expenses		35,420
	Total liabilities		62,197
	Total assets		735,571

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			51,734			51,734
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			51,734			51,734
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year			51,734			51,734
Charges for year						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			51,734			51,734
Net book value at end of year						
Net book value at end of previous year						

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

Quoted		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)		
	Market Value of Quoted Investment		
Unquoted	Equities		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	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

☐

No

☐

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

☐

No

☐

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	640,413		640,413
From Investments	18,736		18,736
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	36,181		36,181
Total Income	695,330		695,330
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	760,838		760,838
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	738,882		738,882
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	673,374		673,374
Assets			
	Fixed Assets		
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		735,571
	Total Assets		735,571
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	62,197
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			673,374

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?

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

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

☐

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.

Accounting Convention

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recognised when the performance obligations have been met.

Donations

Donations to the Guild are accounted for when received.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment	25% on written down value
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Computer Equipment	25% on written down value
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Operating Leases

Rental payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account.

Accounting policies

(see notes 84 and 85)

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

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

Secretary's Signature: 	Treasurer Signature: 
Name: Eleanor Peers	Name: Gail Renard (or other official whose position should be stated)
Date: 26 June 2026	Date: 26 June 2026

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

Per Attached.

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP

Name(s):

Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Chartered Accountants

Address(es):

16 Great Queen Street

Covent Garden

London

Postcode

WC2B 5AH

Date

29/06/2026

Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:

Mahmood Ramji 07342 055265

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

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The legislation relating to trade unions requires the Guild to submit a return for each calendar year to the Certification Officer. This return contains accounts which must give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Guild at the year end and of its transactions for the year then ended. The accounts set out on the following pages have been prepared on the same basis and are used to complete the return to the Certification Officer.

In relation to the Writers' Guild of Britain the requirement to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view is the responsibility of the Executive Council. The Executive Council is responsible for preparing accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). In so doing the Executive Council is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Executive Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records and establishing and maintaining a satisfactory system of control over its records and transactions in order to comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Guild and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

TO THE MEMBERS OF

THE WRITERS' GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Writers' Guild of Great Britain (the "Guild") for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 8 to 17, which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, the accounting policies and the notes to the accounts. 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) as noted in the accounting policies.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Guild's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its profit for the year then ended.

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 accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Guild in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts 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 accounts, we have concluded that the Executive Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts 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 Guild's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) to report to you by exception in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- A satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained.
- The Guild has not kept proper accounting records.
- The accounts are not in agreement with the books of account.
- We have not received all the information and explanations we need for our audit.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of the above matters.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The members of the Executive Council are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts 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.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Executive Council

As explained more fully in the Executive Council responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Executive Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Executive Council is responsible for assessing the entity'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 of the Executive Council either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

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:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the entity through discussions with the Executive Council and other management;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the operations of the entity, including employment legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Guild's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing accounts disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Executive Council and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Guild's Executive Council as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the entity's Executive Council those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Guild and its Executive Council, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP

Blick Rothenberg Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

16 Great Queen Street
Covent Garden
London
WC2B 5AH

29 June 2026

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	NOTE	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME			
Subscriptions		640,075	663,501
Other income		54,917	21,748
		694,992	685,249
EXPENDITURE			
Staff costs		487,168	520,022
Membership Activity and Communication Costs	2	80,922	70,157
Premises and Equipment Costs	3	94,916	99,710
Administration Expenses	4	81,090	85,565
		744,096	775,454
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		(49,104)	(90,205)
CORPORATION TAX REPAYABLE	5	0	216
LOSS FOR THE YEAR		(49,104)	(89,989)
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		643,845	733,834
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		594,741	643,845

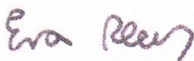
There are no recognised gains and liabilities other than those passing through the income and expenditure account.

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	NOTE	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	6	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments	7	15,549	17,133
Loans to Members (Welfare Fund)		41,933	48,485
Cash at Bank and in Hand		678,089	732,005
		735,571	797,623
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Royalties collected for Members		26,777	21,169
Creditors and Accruals	8	35,420	37,572
		62,197	58,741
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		673,374	738,882
		673,374	738,882
Represented by:			
GENERAL FUND			
		594,741	643,845
WELFARE FUND			
		78,633	95,037
		673,374	738,882

ELEANOR PEERS		GENERAL SECRETARY
EMMA REEVES		CHAIR

Approved for issue to the members:

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Accounting convention

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recognised when the performance obligations have been met.

Donations

Donations to the Guild are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure in the accounts is inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment	25% on written down value
Computer equipment	25% on written down value

Operating Leases

Rental payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
1 OTHER INCOME		
Bank interest	18,736	8,719
Awards Income	0	6,500
Other Income	250	6,529
Legacy Royalties	35,931	0
	54,917	21,748
2 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY AND COMMUNICATION COSTS		
Postage and Telephone	5,122	4,287
Meetings Expenses	13,153	5,212
Guild Awards Expenses	5,251	2,707
Legal Representation	48,578	41,846
Communications	8,818	16,105
	80,922	70,157

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	2025	2024
	£	£
3 PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT COSTS		
Rent Rates and Utilities	56,330	55,480
Insurance	4,461	4,599
Repairs and Maintenance	825	3,254
Equipment Hire	3,200	3,124
Computer Support	30,100	33,253
Depreciation	0	0
	94,916	99,710
4 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Membership System	21,022	21,029
Stationary	298	1,579
Travelling and Subsistence	11,293	15,327
Affiliation Fees	22,717	23,154
Audit and Accountancy	13,360	12,344
Bank charges and Interest	319	310
Sundry	10,375	10,106
Contract Vetting Fee	1,706	1,716
	81,090	85,565

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5 TAX CHARGE ON SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Corporation Tax Change for the year	0	(216)

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 st January 2025	0	0	0
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st December 2025	0	0	0
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 st January 2025	0	0	0
Disposals	-	-	-
Charges for the Year			
At 31 st December 2025	0	0	0
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 st December 2025	0	0	0
At 31 st December 2024	0	0	0

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7 DEBTORS	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade Debtors	0	0
Prepayments	15,549	17,133
Other Debtors	0	0
	15,549	17,133

8 CREDITORS: Amounts Falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	9,668	14,155
Corporation Tax	0	0
Other taxes and Social Security	12,589	12,479
Accruals and Deferred Income	13,163	10,938
	35,420	37,572

9 OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2025, there were annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating Lease Which Expires		
In Less Than Five Years		
	37,400	37,400

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
WELFARE FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations (members)	338	49,250
	<u>338</u>	<u>49,250</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Grants to Members	6,037	6,800
Welfare Loans Written off	10,705	4,143
	<u>16,742</u>	<u>10,943</u>
 PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	 (16,404)	 38,307
BALANCES BOUGHT FORWARD	95,037	56,730
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>78,633</u>	<u>95,037</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

ROYALTIES ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
RECEIPTS		
Royalties received	16,200	45,590
	16,200	45,590
 PAYMENTS		
Distribution to Members	10,592	37,728
Donations to Welfare Fund	0	55,022
	10,592	92,750
 NET INCREASE	5,608	(47,160)
 MONIES HELD FOR DISTRIBUTION B/FWD	21,169	68,329
 MONIES HELD FOR REDISTRIBUTION C/FWD	26,777	21,169

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Information to be provided to Members as required under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) for the year ended 31 December 2025

SUMMARY OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS PROVIDED

During the year, the General Secretary received a gross salary of £76,000 and Pension Contributions of £7,600.

The President and the members of the Executive Council do not receive any salaries or any benefits. They are reimbursed for any expenditure incurred by them in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Guild as is the General Secretary.

DECLARATION TO MEMBERS

We are also required by the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended) to include the following declaration in this statement to all members. The wording is as prescribed by the Act.

"A member who is concerned that some irregularity may be occurring, or have occurred, in the conduct of the financial affairs of the union may take steps with the view to investigating further, obtaining clarification and, if necessary, securing regularisation of that conduct.

The member may raise any such concerns with such one or more of the following as it seems appropriate to raise it with: the officials of the union, the trustees of the property of the union, the auditor or auditors of the union, the Certification Officer (who is an independent officer appointed by the Secretary of State) and the police.

Where a member believes that the financial affairs of the union have been or are being conducted in breach of the law or in breach of rules of the union and contemplates bringing civil proceedings against the union or responsible officials or trustees, he should consider obtaining independent legal advice."

Membership audit certificate

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

(See notes 97 to 103)

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

No

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

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

Membership audit certificate

Section one

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

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

Yes / No

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

Yes / No

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

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

Membership audit certificate (continued)

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

Membership audit certificate

Section two

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

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

Yes

If "No" Please explain below:

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Signature	
Name	Ms Eleanor Peers
Office held	General Secretary
Date	26-Jun-26

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