

UNITE THE UNION

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021



I am pleased that our 2021 accounts can now finally be published. It has been a long, tortuous, but necessary process to get to this stage. Following my election, I commissioned a series of in-depth investigations which uncovered serious historical irregularities, including possible fraud, under the previous leadership. As a result of these events, the 2021 audit has had to be an especially detailed and meticulous process and took over three years to complete.

The delay has been necessary, in large part, due to the need to apply a “write down” of £67 million pounds and because of potential criminality and irregularities during the building of the Birmingham hotel and conference centre. Fortunately, this has had no practical impact on the Union’s finances which are extremely healthy and which under my leadership have now been re-directed to the industrial work of the union.

The historical issues of concern relate to transactions that occurred prior to both my election and to the appointment of the current senior management team. As a result of these issues, and for the same reasons as given by the auditors, I am unable to give assurances that all transactions relating to the period before my appointment are complete and accurate.

The independent investigations that I commissioned on my election, surrounding the Birmingham hotel and conference centre and our affiliated services in order to uncover the truth about potential historic corruption are now with the police. Unsurprisingly, these investigations have been met with fierce opposition by those not wanting the truth to come out. I personally have had to endure a campaign of vile attacks during this process but remain undeterred to get to the truth. A promise made. A promise kept.

A corner has now been turned. It goes without saying that I remain committed to doing everything in my power to hold those responsible to account and to recover any monies owed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Graham".

S Graham
General Secretary

Dated: 4th February 2026