

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION		
Year ended:	31 December 2025		
List no:	798T		
Head or Main Office address:	POPULAR AVENUE		
	SADDLEBOW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE		
	KING'S LYNN		
	NORFOLK		
Postcode	PE34 3AL		
Website address (if available)			
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes	No	X
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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
	142				142
Total	142				A 142

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

142

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
SECRETARY	STACEY BELDING	PAUL DUNNE	01 April 2025
COMMITTEE MEMBER	OPEN POSITION	LEWIS WATSON	01 November 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		6,387
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		6,387
Investment income (as at page 12)		315
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
Total of other income (as at page 4)		
Total income		6,702
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		1,171
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		3,498
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		
Total expenditure		4,669
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		2,033
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		19,309
Amount of general fund at end of year		21,342

(see notes 19 and 20)

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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			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		PRIZE DRAW WINNINGS	750
		MEMBERS DISCOUNT	421
carried forward		Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	1,171

(See notes 21 and 23)

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

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

(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

Name of political party to which payment was made	Total amount paid during the period
	£
Total	

Political fund account expenditure (c)

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

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

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

[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.

Expenditure on the maintenance of any holder of 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

[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

(see notes 34 and 35)

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Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

(see notes 36 to 46 below)

[illegible]

Analysis of investment income

(see notes 47 and 48)

[illegible]

Balance sheet as at

31 December 2025

(see notes 49 to 52)

Previous Year		£	£
19,849	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		
	Cash at bank and in hand		21,907
	Income tax to be recovered		
420	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Prepayments		455
20,269	Total of other assets		22,362
	Total assets		22,362
19,309	General fund (page 3)		21,342
	Political Fund Account		
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
£960	ACCRUED EXPENSES		1,020
	Total liabilities		1,020
	Total assets		22,362

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						
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year						
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year						
Charges for year						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year						
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	6,387		6,387
From Investments	315		315
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Income	6,702		6,702
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	4,669		4,669
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	19,309		19,309
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	21,342		21,342
Assets			
	Fixed Assets		
	Investment Assets		
	Other Assets		22,362
	Total Assets		22,362
Liabilities		Total Liabilities	1,020
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			21,342

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 ² 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 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 ² 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 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 ² 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 4

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

 1

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

 2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

 3**1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 5

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

 1

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

 2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

 3**1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Ballot 6

Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Number of votes cast in the ballot

Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question

 1

Number of individuals answering "No" to the question

 2

Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned

 3**1-3 should total "Number of votes cast"**

Were the number of votes cast in the ballot at least 50% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

Does section 226(2B) of the 1992 Act apply in relation to this ballot (see notes 76-80)?

If yes, were the number of individuals answering "Yes" to the question (or each question) at least 40% of the number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot

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

(see note 81)

***Categories of Nature of Trade Dispute**

A: terms and conditions of employment, or the physical conditions in which any workers require to work;

B: engagement or non-engagement, or termination or suspension of employment or the duties of employment, of one or more workers;

C: allocation of work or the duties of employment between workers or groups of workers;

D: matters of discipline;

E: a worker's membership or non-membership of a trade union;

F: facilities for officials of trade unions;

G: machinery for negotiation or consultation, and other procedures, relating to any of the above matters, including the recognition by employers or employers' associations of the right of a trade union to represent workers in such negotiation or consultation or in the carrying out of such procedures

Did Union members take industrial action during the return period in response to any inducement on the part of the Union? YES/NO

No

If **YES**, for each industrial action taken please complete the information below:

Industrial Action 1

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 2

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 3

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

use a continuation page if necessary

Industrial Action 4

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 5

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 6

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 7

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

Industrial Action 8

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

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐

2. Dates of the industrial action taken: to

3. Number of days of industrial action:

4. Nature of industrial action.

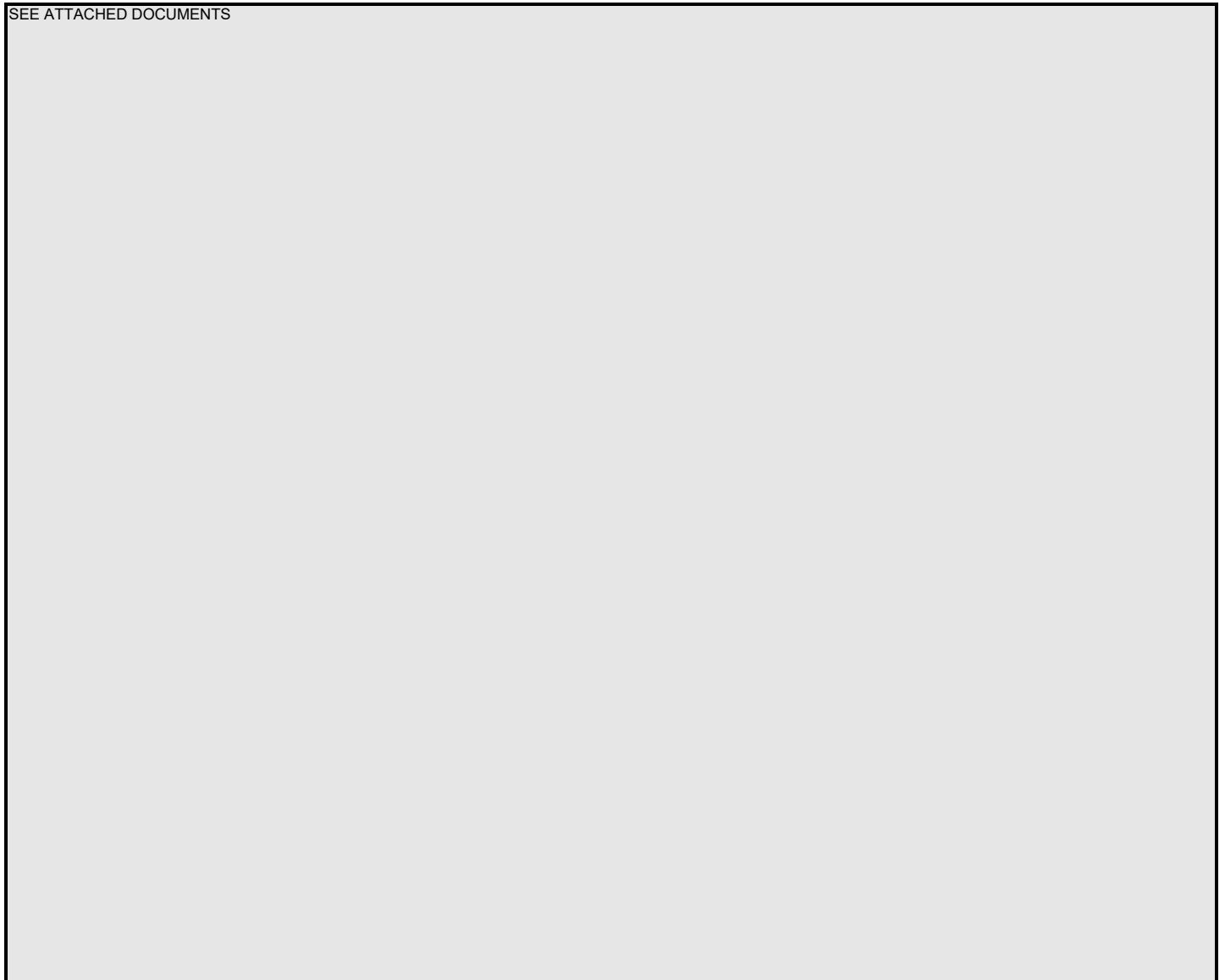
Ballots & Industrial Action- If you have 6 or more entries for either of these, please complete the Excel Spreadsheet

Notes to the accounts

(see notes 82 and 83)

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

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS



Accounting policies

(see notes 84 and 85)

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 86 & 87)

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

Secretary's Signature:		Chairman's Signature:	
			(or other official whose position should be stated)
Name:	PAUL DUNNE	Name:	PAUL DUNNE
Date:	20.03.26	Date:	20.03.26

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		No	
Has the auditor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes		No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes		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		To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes		No	

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 90 and 96)

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

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

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached.

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

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

Please explain in your report overleaf or attached

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Auditor's report (continued)

SEE ATTACHED AUDITORS REPORT

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

S Edwards

Name(s):

MRS SHARON EDWARDS FCA

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address(es):

48 KING STREET

KING'S LYNN

NORFOLK

Postcode

PE30 1HE

Date

Contact name for inquiries and
telephone number:

01553 774761

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

PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

We have audited the financial statements of Palm Paper Staff Association for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. 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 Palm Paper Staff Association's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its results 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 requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAS (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have conclude that the Management Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in 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 Union's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Management Committee 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on in 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.

PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Union and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the financial report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters to which the Trades 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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Staff Association; or
- the Union has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over transactions; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Management Committee's Responsibilities (set out on page 1), the Management Committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Management Committee 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 Management Committee are responsible for assessing the Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management Committee either intend to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAS (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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 procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below:

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- 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 Union through discussions with the Management Committee, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Union, including the Trades Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of the Management Committee and inspecting legal correspondence; and

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

- 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 Union's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of the Management Committee 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;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; 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 financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of the Management Committee;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators, and the Union's legal advisors.

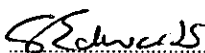
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors 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 financial statements 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 Palm Paper Staff Association members as a body, in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to Palm Paper Staff Association members 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 Palm Paper Staff Association members as a body, for our audit work, or for the opinion we have formed.



Mrs Sharon Edwards, FCA (SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR)
for and on behalf of
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Registered Auditors

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Date: 30/03/2026

Membership audit certificate

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

(See notes 97 to 103)

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

No

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

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

Membership audit certificate

Section one

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

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

Yes / No

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

Yes / No

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

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

Membership audit certificate (continued)

Signature of assurer	
Name	
Address	
Date	
Contact name and telephone number	

Membership audit certificate

Section two

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

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

Yes

If "No" Please explain below:

Signature	
Name	PAUL DUNNE
Office held	GENERAL SECRETARY
Date	20.03.26

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PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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OFFICERS

The following officers have held office since 1 January 2025:

Chairman	Mr Paul Dunne	
General Secretary	Miss Stacey Belding Mr Paul Dunne	Resigned 01.04.25 Appointed 01.04.25
Committee Members	Mr Sam Kent Mr Lewis Watson Mr Brian Cooper Mr Filip Rehulek Mr Dan Corielle Mr Chris Mills	Appointed 01.11.25

MANAGEMENT STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee of management are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The committee of management are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of its profit for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the committee of management are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue in business.

The committee of management are responsible for maintaining satisfactory systems of internal control and keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

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In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of Palm Paper Staff Association's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its results 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 requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAS (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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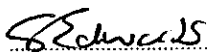
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Date: 30/03/2026

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

		2025	2024
		£	£
Income			
Contributions from members		6,387.00	6,520.17
Expenses			
Prize draw winnings	750.00		500.00
Members discount	420.80		2,830.74
Audit & accountancy fees	1,115.00		1,087.00
Subscriptions	717.74		273.08
Legal insurance	1,620.00		2,112.00
Bank charges	45.20		66.00
		(4,668.74)	(6,868.82)
		<u>1,718.26</u>	<u>(348.65)</u>
Other income			
Bank interest receivable	314.64		326.85
		<u>314.64</u>	<u>326.85</u>
Profit/(loss) for the year		<u><u>2,032.90</u></u>	<u><u>(21.80)</u></u>

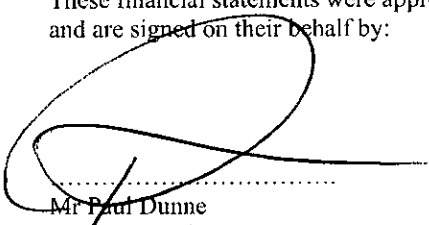
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		21,906.78	19,848.78
Prepayments	2	454.63	419.73
		<u>22,361.41</u>	<u>20,268.51</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	3	(1,020.00)	(960.00)
Net Assets		<u>21,341.41</u>	<u>19,308.51</u>
Represented by:-			
Profit and loss account		<u>21,341.41</u>	<u>19,308.51</u>

These financial statements were approved by the executive committee and authorised for issue on 20/03/2026
and are signed on their behalf by:


.....
Mr Paul Dunne
Chairman and Secretary

PALM PAPER STAFF ASSOCIATION

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accountancy Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Income

Income represents monthly contributions due from members.

2. Debtors

	2025	2024
Prepayments	454.63	419.73
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. Creditors

	2025	2024
Audit and accountancy fee	1,020.00	960.00
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>