

Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	BAKERS, FOOD & ALLIED WORKERS		
Year ended:	31st DECEMBER 2025		
List no:	55T		
Head or Main Office address:	STANBOROUGH HOUSE		
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	WELWYN GARDEN CITY		
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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
	13,774	295			14,069
Total	13,774	295			A 14,069

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

14,069

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

197

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
Executive Council Member Region 3	N/A	Mr Imran Hussain	22.01.25
Executive Council Member Region 5	Mr Sean Molloy	Ms Ruth Stevenson	31.07.25

State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

Yes

No

☒

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

Yes

No

☒

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		2,592,520
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		2,592,520
Investment income (as at page 12)		2,945
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	186,068	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		186,068
Total income		2,781,533
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		162,949
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		2,541,378
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
IUF UITA IUL and EFFATT		30,547
G.F.T.U.		18,544
Trade Union Congress fees		54,005
Sundry Affiliation fees		11,636
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		114,732
Taxation		
Total expenditure		2,819,059
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		-37,526
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		1,199,380
Amount of general fund at end of year		1,161,854

(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	116,363
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Legal defence costs incurred	82,513		
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Education and Training services	
		Training	13,338
		Health and Safety	7,003
Communications			
"Foodworker" printing and distribution	33,850		
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
		Sickness benefits	12,543
		Sundry grants	7,289
		Funeral grants	1,463
		Free card grants	4,950
carried forward	116,363	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	162,949

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 2		Fund Account	
Name:	BENEVOLENT FUND	£	£
Income			
	From members		4,793
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other income as specified		
	Total Income		4,793
	Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members		2,673
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		75
	Total Expenditure		2,748
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year		2,045
	Amount of fund at beginning of year		24,502
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		26,547
	Number of members contributing at end of year		3,916

Fund 3		Fund Account	
Name:	NORTH EASTERN SOCIAL FUND	£	£
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		2,103
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)		2,103
	Number of members contributing at end of year		

(See notes 21 and 23)

Fund 4		Fund Account	
Name:	PENSION FUND	£	£
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)		57,000
	Total Expenditure		57,000
	Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (Deficit) for the year			-57,000
Amount of fund at beginning of year			-2,944,000
Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)			-3,001,000
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			25,265
		Investment income (as at page 12)			
Other income (specify)					
		Total other income as specified			
		Total income			25,265
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)			440
		Expenditure B (as at page ii)			
		Expenditure C (as at page iii)			
		Expenditure D (as at page iv)			
		Expenditure E (as at page v)			1,862
		Expenditure F (as at page vi)			
		Non-political expenditure (as at page vii)			20,000
		Total expenditure			22,302
		Surplus (deficit) for year			2,963
		Amount of political fund at beginning of year			20,112
		Amount of political fund at the end of year (as <u>Balance Sheet</u>)			23,075
		Number of members at end of year contributing to the political fund			12,521
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing to the political fund			1,548
		Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not contribute to the political fund			1
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

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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

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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

Name of political party	£
Labour Party	1,862
Total	1,862

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

Administration charge to the General Fund	20,000

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	1,470,430
Salaries and Wages included in above	1,049,356
Auditors' fees	62,068
Legal and Professional fees	57,452
Occupancy costs	174,077
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	33,003
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	200,069
Expenses of conferences	72,824
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Computer and website expenses	166,557
Branch secretaries	87,121
Collectors Commission	58,850
Office Cleaning and Sundry	11,135
Investor Manager Charges	14,576
Other Outgoings	
Interest Payable	15,025
Depreciation	7,024
VAT	111,239
Movement in defined benefit pension liability	57,000
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
tretert	
Total	2,598,450
Charged to:	
General Fund (Page 3)	2,541,378
BENEVOLENT FUND	75
NORTH EASTERN SOCIAL FUND	
PENSION FUND	57,000
Total	2,598,453

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			2,945
Dividends (gross) from:			
Equities (e.g. shares)			
Interest (gross) from:			
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			
Other investment income (specify)			
			2,945
Total investment income			2,945
Credited to:			
		General Fund (Page 3)	2,945
		BENEVOLENT FUND	
		NORTH EASTERN SOCIAL FUND	
		PENSION FUND	
		Political Fund	
Total Investment Funds			2,945

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£

33,954

Fixed assets account

(see notes 53 to 57)

	Land and Buildings Freehold Leasehold		Furniture and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Not used for union business	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year	135,123	33,884	68,043			237,050
Additions			10,711			10,711
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	135,123	33,884	78,754			247,761
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year	110,165	33,884	62,734			206,783
Charges for year			7,024			7,024
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year	110,165	33,884	69,758			213,807
Net book value at end of year	24,958		8,996			33,954
Net book value at end of previous year	24,958		14,756			39,714

Analysis of investments

(see notes 58 and 59)

		(see notes 68 and 69)
Quoted		
	All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Equities (e.g. Shares)		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
Quilter Investments	1,065,528	
City Asset Managed Funds	16,933	
Total quoted (as Balance Sheet)	1,082,461	
Market Value of Quoted Investment		
Unquoted		
Equities		
Government Securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Bank and Building Societies		
Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
Unquoted loans	300	
Total unquoted (as Balance Sheet)	300	
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	2,597,313	25,265	2,622,578
From Investments	2,945		2,945
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	186,068		186,068
Total Income	2,786,326	25,265	2,811,591
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	2,878,807	22,302	2,901,109
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	-1,718,015	20,112	-1,697,903
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	-1,810,496	23,075	-1,787,421
Assets			
	Fixed Assets		33,954
	Investment Assets		1,082,761
	Other Assets		311,997
	Total Assets		1,428,712
Liabilities	Total Liabilities		3,216,133
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)			-1,787,421

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?		Yes										
If Yes How many ballots were held: 1												
For each ballot held please complete the information below:												
Ballot 1 <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: center;"> 68 </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of votes cast in the ballot</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> 42 </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> 37 ¹</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of individuals answering "No" to the question</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> 5 ²</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned</td> <td style="text-align: center;"> ³</td> </tr> </table> 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 Yes 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			Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	68	Number of votes cast in the ballot	42	Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	37 ¹	Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	5 ²	Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	³
Number of individual who were entitled to vote in the ballot	68											
Number of votes cast in the ballot	42											
Number of Individuals answering "Yes" to the question	37 ¹											
Number of individuals answering "No" to the question	5 ²											
Number of invalid or otherwise spoiled voting papers returned	³											

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.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Accounting policies

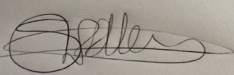
(see notes 84 and 85)

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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:	Sarah Woolley	Name:	Ian Hodson
Date:	01 June 2026	Date:	01 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		To follow	X
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	

1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with the items that are considered material in relation to the Union's accounts.

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.
- b) Income and Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis, provision being made for contributions receivable for the period to 31st December, but not received by the year end and also for other accrued income and expenditure.
- c) Fixed assets are depreciated down to their residual value over their estimated useful life as follows:

Freehold property	Fifty years from the date of purchase or valuation
Leasehold property	Forty years
Office and computer equipment	Two and a half years
- d) Investments (Fixed asset investments) in listed company shares are remeasured to market value at each Balance Sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the income and expenditure account for the period.
- e) Pension costs (see note 6)
- f) Operating lease rentals are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.
- g) Legal income is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Legal income is recognised in the period in which the legal defence and compensation claims are settled in the Union's favour, only at this stage can income be reliably measured. The Union accounts for costs and disbursements as incurred and for refunded disbursements as received.
- h) Government Grants received are netted off against the direct expenditure incurred on each of the projects. In the case of the Union Learning Fund, a grant has been provided to cover the full cost of the project.
- i) Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities.

2. Fixed Assets

All freehold property is stated at cost less depreciation to date.

Movements on fixed assets are disclosed in Schedule IV.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that can affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities, and the results for the year. The nature of estimation is such though that actual outcomes could differ significantly from those estimates.

The following judgements have had the most significant impact on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

Pension Scheme

Values are determined using the actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation involves making assumptions about discount rates, future salary increases, mortality rates and future pension increases are used in calculating scheme assets and liabilities. Due to the complexity of the valuation, the underlying assumptions and the long term nature of these plans, such estimates are subject to significant uncertainty. After taking appropriate professional advice, management determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each reporting period. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows to be required to settle the pension obligations.

4. Contingent Liabilities

As at the year end the Union was administering ongoing legal cases on behalf of its members. For cases lodged the Union may receive legal income in relation to cases with a successful outcome, and will incur legal costs in relation to the ongoing cases. Legal costs are recognised only when they can be reliably measured which is usually at the conclusion of each case. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the financial statements in respect of legal cases still in progress, as the outcome of such cases cannot be reliably predicted and the associated legal costs cannot be reliably measured.

5. Operating Lease Commitments

At the Financial year end, The Union had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Motor cars	Office equipment	Land and buildings	Motor cars	Office equipment	Land and buildings
Not later than one year	71,436	16,165	4,707	73,379	39,917	9,414
One to two years	43,812	15,765	-	42,631	33,452	4,707
Two to five years	11,416	31,530	-	15,007	47,294	-
The charge against income for the year was	92,693	17,534	10,038	91,411	26,729	9,864

6. Pension costs

The Union operates the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers' Union Retirement Benefits Scheme (the Scheme), a UK registered trust based pension scheme that provides defined benefits. From 1 June 2011, pension benefits are built up on a Career Averaged Revalued Earnings (CARE) basis, where benefits are linked to members' salaries in each year and increased to retirement broadly in line with inflation.

The Trustees are responsible for running the Scheme in accordance with the Scheme's Trust Deed and Rules, which sets out their powers. The Trustees of the Scheme are required to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the Scheme.

There are three categories of pension scheme members:

- Active members: currently employed by the Union.
- Deferred members: former active members of the Union and not yet in receipt of a pension.
- Pensioner members: in receipt of pension.

The Trustees are required to carry out an actuarial valuation every 3 years. The valuation as at 31 December 2024 is currently underway, however has not yet been finalised.

This valuation is used to determine the contributions that are required to be paid by the Union. The Trustees are required to allow for a level of prudence when setting the assumptions used for the valuation. This means that the liabilities calculated are higher than those reported under FRS 102.

The last actuarial valuation of the Scheme was performed by the Scheme Actuary for the Trustees as at 31 December 2021. This valuation revealed a funding shortfall of £3,008,000. The Union agreed to pay annual contributions of 19.2% of members' pensionable salaries (less the member's contributions) each year to meet the cost of future service accrual.

6. Pension costs (continued)

The Union has also agreed to pay contributions towards the funding shortfall in the Scheme, expenses and PPF levy of £268,000 per annum from 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2034

The Union therefore expects to pay £404,421 to the Scheme during the accounting year beginning 1 January 2026. The actual contributions payable may differ once the 31 December 2024 valuation is finalised and the new Schedule of Contributions takes effect.

The results for the most recent formal actuarial valuation as at 31 December 2021 have been updated to 31 December 2025 by a qualified independent actuary. The assumptions used were as follows:

Significant actuarial assumptions	Year ended 31/12/25 pa	Year ended 31/12/24 pa
Discount rate	5.60%	5.50%
Retail prices inflation (RPI)	2.85%	3.15%
Consumer prices inflation (CPI)	2.45%	2.80%

Other actuarial assumptions

Salary increases	2.45%	2.80%
Pension increases:		
Post 88 GMP	2.20%	2.30%
Pre 1 June 2011	2.80%	3.10%
Post 31 May 2011	2.45%	2.75%
CARE revaluation:		
Active members	2.80%	3.10%
Deferred members	2.45%	2.80%
Revaluation of deferred pensions in excess of GMP	2.85%	3.15%

Mortality assumptions

Description	Year ended 31/12/25	Year ended 31/12/24
- Mortality (pre-retirement)	As per post retirement	As per post retirement
- Mortality (post-retirement)	100% S4PxA CMI 2024 [1.00%] (yob) (all default parameters)	102% S3PMA / 110% S3PFA + 1 year CMI 2023 [1.00%] (yob) (all default parameters)

Life expectancies (in years)

	Year ended 31/12/25		Year ended 31/12/24	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
For an individual aged 65 at the year end	21.40	23.70	20.20	22.20
At age 65 for an individual aged 45 at the year end	22.40	24.80	21.10	23.30

6. Pension costs (continued)

Assets

The fair value of the assets of the Scheme were:

Asset class	Year ended 31/12/25 Mkt value £'000	Year ended 31/12/24 Mkt value £'000
Equities/Growth Assets	2,575	2,823
Liability driven investments	1,041	1,182
Buy & maintain credit	431	-
Trustee bank account	2	12
Cash	17	20
Sundry debtors & creditors	60	40
Owed to the Union	(40)	(20)
Insured annuities	78	78
	<u>4,164</u>	<u>4,135</u>
The return on the asset was:	£'000	£'000
Asset class		
Interest income	222	202
Return on assets less interest income	7	(356)
Total return on assets	<u>229</u>	<u>(154)</u>

There have been no amendments, curtailments or settlements over the accounting period.

The Union is aware of the 2023 ruling in the Virgin Media vs NTL Pension Trustee case and subsequent court of appeal ruling published in July 2024.

These ruled that certain amendments made to the NTL Pension Plan were invalid because they were not accompanied by the correct actuarial confirmation.

On 1 September 2025, the Government published a list of amendments to the Pension Schemes Bill, which included changes to address issues arising from the Virgin Media ruling. These changes should mean that schemes are able to retrospectively certify historical benefits changes that met the relevant requirements at the time.

As a result, no allowance has been made for this ruling in these disclosures.

7. Reconciliation of Movement in Members' Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Member's Funds Brought Forward	(1,697,903)	(1,828,771)
Surplus/(Deficit) on General Fund	(37,526)	(148,445)
Movement ((deficit)/surplus) on Pension Fund Reserve	(57,000)	277,000
(Deficit)/surplus on Political Fund	2,963	(22)
(Deficit)/Surplus on Benevolent Funds	2,045	2,359
(Deficit)/Surplus on North Eastern Social Fund	-	(24)
Member's Funds Carried Forward	<u>(1,787,421)</u>	<u>(1,697,903)</u>

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)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:

Kreston Reeves Audit LLP

Name(s):

Kreston Reeves Audit LLP

Profession(s) or Calling(s):

Statutory Auditors

Address(es):

Springfield House

Springfield Road

Horsham

West Sussex

Postcode

RH12 2RG

Date

01/06/2026

Contact name for inquiries and
telephone number:

James Peach
01403 253282

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 15 of Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (the 'Union') for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Union's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its surplus 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the executive council's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

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

Other information

The Executive Council are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report of the Executive Council, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 material misstatements in the Executive Council's report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures within the form AR21 of Officers' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Executive Council

As explained more fully in the Executive Council's responsibilities statement on page 16, the Executive Council 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 Executive Council 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 Executive Council 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 Executive Council either intend to liquidate the Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the Trade Union and through discussion with the executive council and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to GDPR and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Trade Union Act 2016 and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amended). We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase income or reduce expenditure and management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and assessment of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations (including health and safety) and fraud, and review of the reports made by management; and
- Assessment of identified fraud risk factors; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements forming the bases of significant accounting estimates; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with relevant tax and regulatory authorities; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Obtaining a bank audit letter at the reporting date to verify the cash at bank balances; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. the risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Union's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Executive Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Executive Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Union's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Union to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Union's members, as a body, in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Union and the Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Kreston Reeves Audit LLP
Statutory Auditors
Springfield House, Springfield Road
Horsham, West Sussex
RH12 2RG
Date: 01.06.2026

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?

Yes

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

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

Yes

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	Kreston Reeves Audit LLP
Name	Kreston Reeves Audit LLP
Address	Springfield House, Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2RG
Date	01/06/2026
Contact name and telephone number	James Peach 01403 253282

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 / No

If "No" Please explain below:

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Signature	
Name	
Office held	
Date	



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