Form AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

Annual Return for a Trade Union

Name of Trade Union:	News Union
Year ended:	31 July 2026
List no:	
Head or Main Office address:	Room 12- Level 17
	1 London Bridge Street
	London
Postcode	SE1 9GF
Website address (if available)	

Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes		No	X

('X' in appropriate box)

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Please follow the guidance notes in the completion of this return

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returns@certoffice.org

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Return of Members

(see notes 9 to 10)

	Number of members at the end of the year				
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	**Totals**
	1,302	1		3	1,306
Total	1,302	1		3	A 1,306

Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund	
Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:	

Change of Officers

Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months covered by this return (see note 11)

Position Held	Name of Officer ceasing to hold Office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date of change

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 11)

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

Name of Officer	Position Held	Date Elected
Jeremy Vine	General Secretary	29th May 2024
Nicky Peake	National Executive Committee	7th July 2025
Ruth Horridge	National Executive Committee	7th July 2025
Lisa Pritchard	National Executive Committee	7th July 2025
Nick Rufford	National Executive Committee	7th July 2025
Alan Hall	National Executive Committee	7th July 2025
Matt Bendoris	National Executive Committee	7th July 2025

General Fund

(see notes 12 to 17)

	£	£
Income		
From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		
Investment income (as at page 15)		13,103
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 6)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 6)	358,500	
Total of other income (as at page 6)		358,500
Total income		371,603
Interfund Transfers IN		
Expenditure		
Benefits to members (as at page 7)		22,000
Administrative expenses (as at page 13)		255,707
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		
Taxation		2,490
Total expenditure		280,197
Interfund Transfers OUT		
Surplus (deficit) for year		91,406
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		648,304
Amount of general fund at end of year		739,710

Analysis of income from federation and other bodies and other income

(see notes 18 and 19)

Description	£
Federation and other bodies	
Total federation and other bodies	
Any Other Sources	
Grant from News UK	238,000
Grant from NCS UK	10,500
Grant from Dow Jones	60,000
Grant from News Printers Holdings	50,000
Total other sources	**358,500**
Total of all other income	**358,500**

Analysis of benefit expenditure shown at the General Fund

(see notes 20 to 22)

			£
Representation –		**brought forward**	22,000
Employment Related Issues		Advisory Services	
Legal Consultancy	22,000		
Representation –		Other Cash Payments	
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Education and Training services	
Communications			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
Dispute Benefits			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
carried forward	22,000	**Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)**	22,000

(See notes 20 and 22)

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 20 and 22)

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 20 and 22)

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 20 and 22)

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 23 to 26) £ £

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 15)			
Other income (specify)			
Total other income as specified			
Total income			

Political expenditure	
Non-political expenditure	
Total expenditure	
Surplus (deficit) for year	
Amount of political fund at beginning of year	
Amount of political fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
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			

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

(see notes 27 and 28)

		£
Administrative Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		223,264
Salaries and Wages included in above	223,264	
Auditors' fees		19,035
Legal and Professional fees		
Occupancy costs		
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Travelling		585
Election costs		2,166
Depreciation		2,653
Technology costs		1,755
Bank charges		64
Miscellaneous expenses		1,461
Subscriptions - professional services & compliance		92
Subscriptions - software		1,047
Subscriptions - technology services		573
Other Outgoings		
Insurance costs		3,012
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Other outgoings (specify)		
tretert		
	Total	255,707
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	255,707
	Total	255,707

Analysis of officials' salaries and benefits

(see notes 29 to 39 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I. contributions	Benefits			Total
			Pension Contributions	Other Benefits		
				Description	Value	
	£	£	£		£	£
General secretary	104,611	14,692	8,833	Medical Cover	2,119	130,255

Analysis of investment income

(see notes 40and 41)

	Political Fund £	Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings		
Dividends (gross) from:		
Equities (e.g. shares)		
Interest (gross) from:		
Government securities (Gilts)		
Mortgages		
Local Authority Bonds		
Bank and Building Societies		13,103
Other investment income (specify)		
		13,103
Total investment income		13,103

Credited to:

General Fund (Page 3)	13,103
Political Fund	
Total Investment Funds	13,103

Balance sheet as at 31 July 2026

(see notes 42 to 46)

Previous Year		£	£
6,955	Fixed Assets (at page 17)		4,302
	Investments (as per analysis on page 18)		
	Quoted (Market value £ ( )		
	Unquoted		
	Total Investments		
	Other Assets		
	Loans to other trade unions		
4,229	Sundry debtors		4,507
998,368	Cash at bank and in hand		1,108,375
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
1,002,597	**Total of other assets**		1,112,882
1,009,552	**Total assets**		1,117,184
648,304	General fund (page 5)		739,710
	Political Fund Account		
	Liabilities		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
£11,416	Sundry creditors		11,644
£16,832	Accrued expenses		17,497
£333,000	Deferred income		347,500
	Trade creditors		833
	Total liabilities		377,474
	Total assets		1,117,184

Fixed assets account

(see notes 47 to 51)

	Land and Buildings Freehold £	Land and Buildings Leasehold £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year			10,573			10,573
Additions						
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			10,573			10,573
Accumulated Depreciation						
At start of year			3,618			3,618
Charges for year			2,653			2,653
Disposals						
Revaluation/Transfers						
At end of year			6,271			6,271
Net book value at end of year			4,302			4,302
Net book value at end of previous year			6,955			6,955

Analysis of investments

(see notes 52 and 53)

		All Funds Except Political Funds £	Political Fund £
Quoted	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 54 and 55)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?	Yes		No	X

If YES name the relevant companies**:**

Company name	Company registration number (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)

Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?	Yes		No	X

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 56 to 64)

	All funds except Political Funds	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
From Members			
From Investments	13,103		13,103
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	358,500		358,500
Total Income	371,603		371,603
Expenditure (including decreases by revaluation of assets)			
Total Expenditure	280,197		280,197
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves)	648,304		648,304
Funds at end of year (including reserves)	739,710		739,710

Assets		
	Fixed Assets	4,302
	Investment Assets	
	Other Assets	1,112,882
	Total Assets	1,117,184
Liabilities	**Total Liabilities**	377,474
Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)		739,710

Summary sheet

(see notes 56 to 67)

	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	
Total Liabilities	

Liabilities

Net Assets (Total Assets less Total Liabilities)

Notes to the accounts

(see notes 65 and 66)

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

See accounts attached.

Accounting policies

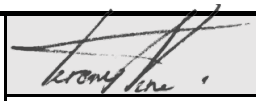
(see note 67 - 68)

See accounts attached.

Signatures to the annual return

(see notes 69 - 70)

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:	Jeremy Vine	Name:	Ruth Horridge
Date:	13 October 2026	Date:	13 October 2026

Checklist

(see note 71)

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 audtor's report been completed? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	Yes	X	No	
Is a rule book enclosed? (see Notes 8 and 88)	Yes	X	No	
A member statement is: (see Note 80)	Enclosed	X	To follow	
Has the summary sheet been completed? (see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 62)	Yes	X	To follow	
Has the membership audit certificate been completed? (see Page i to iii and Notes 97 and 103)	Yes	X	No	

Checklist for auditor's report

(see notes 72 to 77)

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 accounts attached.

Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	Azets Audit Services Limited	
Name(s):	Azets Audit Services	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Statutory Auditors	
Address(es):	1st Floor	
	River House	
	1 Maidstone Road	
	Sidcup, Kent	
Postcode	DA14 5RH	
Date	20-Oct-26	
Contact name for inquiries and telephone number:	Siobhan Holmes - 01689 827 505	

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

NEWS UNION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

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NEWS UNION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of News Union for the year ended 31 July 2026 which comprise the Balance Sheet, the income and expenditure account and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of News Union's affairs as at 31 July 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and with the requirements of the sections 28,32 and 36 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 News 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the members use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about News Union's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice 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
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of members

The members 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 members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
In preparing the financial statements, the members are responsible for assessing News 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 members either intend to liquidate News Union, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

NEWS UNION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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. 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. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we 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. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

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. 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.

NEWS UNION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWS UNION (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to News Union's members, as a body, in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 News Union and News Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Azets Audit Services
Statutory Auditor

Date: 20 October 2026

NEWS UNION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS	2		4,302		6,955
CURRENT ASSETS					
Other debtors	3	4,507		4,229	
Cash at bank		1,108,375		998,368	
		1,112,882		1,002,597	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	377,474		361,248	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			735,408		641,349
NET ASSETS			**£ 739,710**		**£ 648,304**
MEMBERS FUNDS	5		**£ 739,710**		**£ 648,304**

R Horridge
National Chair NEC

J Vine
General Secretary

Approved on: 13 October 2026

NEWS UNION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

	2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants				
News UK	238,000		317,000	
NCS UK	10,500		10,000	
Dow Jones	60,000		20,000	
Newsprinters Holdings	50,000		-	
		358,500		347,000
Interest received		13,103		14,694
		371,603		361,694
OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE				
Salaries (including employment costs)	223,264		207,408	
Travelling	-		579	
Meeting expenses	585		404	
Election Costs	2,166		3,000	
Depreciation	2,653		654	
Computer costs	1,755		2,819	
Auditors remuneration	18,335		16,436	
Other accountancy fees	700		-	
Legal fees	22,000		24,835	
Insurance costs	3,012		2,514	
Subscriptions				
- Professional Services & Compliance	92		80	
- Software	1,047		1,403	
- Technology Services	573		283	
Bank charges	64		99	
Miscellaneous expenses	1,461		2,646	
		277,707		263,160
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		**93,896**		**98,534**
Taxation (Note 6)		2,490		2,807
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TAXATION		**£ 91,406**		**£ 95,727**

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

NEWS UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) General information

News Union is a trade union and incorporated in England and Wales. The principal place of business is Room 12, Level 17, 1 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9GF.

b) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trade union. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, subject to the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The financial statements incorporate the results of News Union, the activities of which are continuing.

News Union have a reasonable expectation that the trade union has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. It has therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

c) Grants

Grants receivable are credited to income for the period for which they are given. Grants received in respect of future periods are treated as deferred income.

d) Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are written off by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures & equipment	-	over 3 years

At each reporting date, property, plant and equipment are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment is recognised immediately in the income and expenditure account.

e) Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment. Loans are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

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f) Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at their transaction price. Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value net of their transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

h) *Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty*

In the application of the accounting policies, the National Executive Committee are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no judgements or estimates within these accounts.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Equipment
	£
COST	
At 1 August 2025	10,573
Additions	-
At 31 July 2026	10,573
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2025	3,618
Depreciation charge	2,653
At 31 July 2026	6,271
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE	
At 31 July 2026	4,302
At 31 July 2025	6,955

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

3. DEBTORS

	2026 £	2025 £
Prepayments	**£ 4,507**	**£ 4,229**

4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year.

	2026 £	2025 £
Other creditors	11,644	11,416
Trade creditors	833	-
Accruals	17,497	16,832
Deferred income	347,500	333,000
	£ 377,474	**£ 361,248**

5. MEMBERS FUNDS

	2026 £	2025 £
At 1 August 2025	648,304	552,577
Surplus for the year	91,406	95,727
At 31 July 2026	**£ 739,710**	**£ 648,304**

6. TAXATION

The Union is assessable to UK corporation tax at 19% (2025: 20%) on all investment income and capital gains arising on the sale of investments.

	2026 £	2025 £
Charge for year	2,490	2,807
	£ 2,490	**£ 2,807**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

7. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trade Union law requires the members of the National Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trade Union and of its income and expenditure for the year. In preparing the financial statements the members of the National Executive Committee are required to:

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

The National Executive Committee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trade Union 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 Trade Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the members of the National Executive Committee are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Trade Union's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

8. RELATED PARTIES

The Union is under the control of its members.

9. PENSION CONTRIBUTION

The Union's contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme were £15,425 in the year (2025: £13,543).

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NEC MEMBERS' REIMBURSED EXPENSES SUMMARY 2026

Reimbursed expenses totalled £nil in the year to 31 July 2026 (2025: £nil).

Membership audit certificate

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

(See notes 79 - 85)

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

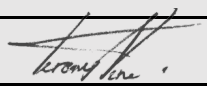
Section two

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 it members and secured, so far asis reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?

Yes

If "No" Please explain below:

Signature	
Name	Jeremy Vine
Office held	General Secretary
Date	13-Oct-26