

The Spiritualists' National Union

Notice Agenda & Reports



Notice

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Notice is hereby given that the ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th SEPTEMBER 2026 at the Bromsgrove Hotel, Birmingham Rd, Bromsgrove B61 0JB.

BY ORDER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SNU TRUST AGM - Friday 25th September

08:00pm - 9:30pm

In-person at Bromsgrove Hotel and Spa, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0JB

Online via Zoom (*pre-registered delegates only, Zoom access details will be sent prior to AGM*)

SNU AGM DAY 1 - Saturday 26th September 2026

09:00am - 5:00pm

In-person at Bromsgrove Hotel and Spa, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0JB

Online via Zoom (*pre-registered delegates only, Zoom access details will be sent prior to AGM*)

SNU AGM Day 2 - Sunday 27th September 2026

09:00am - 3:00pm

In-person at Bromsgrove Hotel and Spa, Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0JB

Online via Zoom (*pre-registered delegates only, Zoom access details will be sent prior to AGM*)

Tea, refreshment and lunch breaks will be communicated by the Chair on the day.

Agenda

1. Welcomes and Invocation
2. Appointment of Chair
3. Chair's Announcements
4. Appointment of AGM Officials
5. Apologies for Absence
6. President's Address
7. Declaration of Elections
8. Declaration of Appointments
9. Declaration of Members of the Council
10. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
11. Matters Arising
12. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
13. Appointment and Remuneration of Professional Auditors
14. Motions of which notice has been given
15. Date & Venue of the 2027 Annual General Meeting
16. Date & Venue of the 2028 Annual General Meeting
17. General Business
18. Votes of Thanks

NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR THE 2026 SNU AGM

1. ***Special Resolution requiring three-quarters majority***

That Bye-laws Section A, paragraph 27, as amended and issued on 20 August 2024, be amended by the deletion of sub-paragraph (3), 'All items of general business shall be notified to the Chairperson before the commencement of the meeting.'

Minister Trevor Rushforth, Individual Member

2. ***Special Resolution requiring three-quarters majority***

That Bye-laws Section A, paragraph 28, as amended and issued on 20 August 2024, be amended by the deletion of sub-paragraphs (1), (a) to (f) inclusive:

(1) *The Chairperson shall have the following powers in relation to the meeting:-*

- (a) *To permit non-members to attend and speak where the Chairperson considers that this will help the business of the meeting;*
- (b) (i) *To exclude one or more members or non-members at any time from part or all of the meeting in the event of disorder or refusal to obey the orders or rulings of the Chairperson, with no right of appeal;*
(ii) *To exclude one or more non-members at any time from part or all of the meeting if the Chairperson considers that publicity would be prejudicial to the Union's interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, with no right of appeal;*
- (c) *To adjourn the meeting for such period of time as the Chairperson decides;*
- (d) *To restrain the use of irrelevant or offensive language;*
- (e) *To stop prolonged discussion on any matter;*
- (f) *To choose which notified items of general business to accept or reject as not being appropriate for raising at the meeting.*

Minister Trevor Rushforth, Individual Member

3. ***Special Resolution requiring three-quarters majority***

That Article 39(1)(i) be amended to read as follows:-

(1) *The following conditions must be fulfilled to render a person eligible for the position of President, Vice-President or Financial Director:-*

(i) *Any one of the following:-*

- (1) *Membership of the National Executive Committee or Council during a period or periods totalling not less than two years; or*
- (2) *Chairship of a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than two years within the seven years immediately prior to the date of nomination; or*
- (3) *Membership of a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than three years within the fifteen years immediately prior to the date of nomination; or*
- (4) *Membership of a District Council Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than five years within the ten years immediately prior to the date of nomination; or*

- (5) *Officership of an affiliated body or Pioneer Centre totalling not less than five years within the ten years immediately prior to the date of nomination.*

Simon James, Individual Member

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: The current requirements for candidature currently have no Church representation. The Church Committee in many respects is the National Executive Committee in microcosm in respect of leadership, financial oversight, educational direction, etc. Individuals may be eligible for the National Executive Committee with little to no experience in governance of the SNU, while Church Committee membership and experience carry no weight. This motion seeks to address this lack of representation.

Amendment:

That paragraph (1)(i)(3) in the main motion be amended to read as follows:-

- (3) *Membership of a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than three years within the ten years immediately prior to the date of nomination; or*

Simon James, Individual Member

4. Special Resolution requiring three-quarters majority

That Bye-laws A19(8) be amended to read as follows:-

- (8) *A vacancy in the office of the Individual Members National Councillor shall be filled by the National Executive Committee by election of a qualified person or may remain unfilled if a period less than three months remains of the annual term of office.*

Simon James, Individual Member

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: The Individual Members National Councillor in recent years has been appointed rather than voted for. The membership of the SNU is both its lifeblood and its responsibility. This motion seeks to restore the democratic mandate of the members as well as creating direct input to the National Executive Committee.

5. That the National Executive Committee be requested to consider the language of the Seven Principles in the present day and explore ideas of updating and supplementing the Principles, which remain the guiding discipline and edicts of SNU Spiritualism.

Edinburgh Association of Spiritualists

6. That the National Executive Committee consider making email the standard SNU method of communication with all members and that this method will be used unless a member stipulates that communication must be only by post.

Minister Pat Seymour, Individual Member

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: Royal Mail postal charges are prohibitive and are likely to continue to increase in the future. Posting of information is therefore costing Churches, District Councils, etc. phenomenal amounts; attempts to request email addresses are proving extremely difficult, as members are choosing to ignore them. In some instances, this has generated the need for a costly repeat sending of information by post.

If the SNU makes it mandatory that individuals must provide email information, this will enable a cheaper method of communication and these prohibitive costs could virtually disappear. For those members who favour communication by post only they must formally request this.

SNU procedures would need to include assurances that information retention and processing would meet GDPR legislation.

7. That the National Executive Committee be requested to reinstate the Collegiate Committee and the Accreditation & Awards Committee in accordance with the Union's Bye-laws.

Lynn Edwards, Individual Member

8. That the National Executive Committee be requested to amend the Bye-laws to provide that a casual vacancy for an elected Officer of the Union be filled by election of a qualified person or, if a period of less than three months remains of the term of office, may be filled by the National Executive Committee by appointment from its own number or remain unfilled.

Lynn Edwards, Individual Member

9. That the Spiritualists' National Union provide the internet facility to churches, particularly smaller churches, in support of digital communication and services being the way forward within the Union and within our communities, thereby promoting Spiritualism to the wider audience.

Barry SC

10. That the National Executive Committee provide the support of an interpreter for formal training and final assessment boards associated with the Union's awards who is approved by the examining committee and paid for by the candidate.

Luca Garbin, Individual Member

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: Many barriers have been overcome in 2026 thanks to technology, and today it is possible to reach people everywhere in the world. I believe that Spiritualism, because of its beauty, uniqueness, seriousness and the quality of its teaching and training of mediums should not remain only within England.

One important obstacle that still needs to be overcome is the language barrier. Unfortunately, English is not an easy language for everyone, and it would be wonderful to allow the whole world access to this extraordinary philosophy and practice that can truly change the lives of many people. A language barrier may prevent a Spanish person from understanding and sharing Spiritualism, just as it may for an Italian person or a German person. The themed weeks at the College are not enough on their own.

I believe it would be appropriate especially during formal training and final assessments to provide the support of an interpreter – naturally paid for by the candidate but approved and selected by the examining committee in order to guarantee trust, fairness and transparency.

11. That, recognising the Arthur Findlay College as the principal educational establishment of the Spiritualists' National Union, the current policy restrictions on SNU churches be reviewed and amended and that where courses, philosophies and practices are approved for delivery at the Arthur Findlay College SNU churches should also be permitted to offer them, subject to the same standards, safeguards and governance requirements.

Jacky Ellis, Individual Member

11a. *(in the event of the previous motion failing)*

That, recognising the importance of maintaining consistent standards and practices throughout the SNU, any courses, philosophies or practices that are not permitted within SNU Churches shall likewise not be offered under the auspices of the Arthur Findlay College.

Jacky Ellis, Individual Member

12. That the Union establish and maintain a fund for the purpose of financially assisting Churches, Kindred Bodies and Pioneer Centres both within the United Kingdom and overseas.

Pat Redman, Individual Member

13. That the National Executive Committee be requested to adopt enhanced financial reporting practices and provide to members, as part of the Annual Report and accounts and accompanying AGM documentation, the following information for each financial year:-

1. Group and subsidiary financial performance

A separate summary of income and expenditure for:-

- the SNU;
- each subsidiary company;
- any trading entity;
- any separately managed group, department, college, academy, project or other controlled operation within the SNU group.

The summary should identify principal income sources, expenditure categories and annual surplus or deficit.

2. Legal and professional costs

A report detailing expenditure on:-

- legal advice;
- litigation and dispute resolution;
- employment-related legal matters;
- regulatory and governance matters;
- settlement agreements;
- professional consultancy services.

Where legal privilege or confidentiality applies, costs may be disclosed in aggregate categories without revealing privileged information.

3. Payroll and employment costs

A breakdown of employment costs for each subsidiary, department, and controlled entity, including:-

- salaries and wages;
- pension contributions;
- National Insurance contributions;
- benefits and allowances;
- redundancy or severance payments;
- other employment-related expenditure.

This disclosure shall not require publication of individual employee remuneration except where required by law.

4. Suspense accounts

A detailed reconciliation of all suspense accounts, including:

- opening balances;
- amounts received during the financial year;

- amounts paid or transferred during the financial year;
- closing balances;
- the purpose and disposition of all material transactions;
- identification of any transfers from suspense accounts to other funds, projects, churches or entities.

5. Grants and financial assistance to Churches

A schedule showing all grants, loans, donations, subsidies or other financial assistance provided to SNU Churches, Centres, districts or affiliated bodies, including:-

- name of recipient Church or organisation;
- amount awarded;
- purpose of the funding;
- date of payment;
- whether the funding originated from general funds, designated funds, restricted funds or suspense accounts.

6. Sale or disposal of Church property

A report identifying all Churches, Centres, halls or other property assets sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of during the reporting period, including:-

- name and location of the property;
- date of sale or disposal;
- gross proceeds received;
- costs associated with the transaction;
- net proceeds realised;
- current allocation or use of the proceeds.

7. Compliance

Nothing in this resolution shall require disclosure contrary to:-

- the Companies Act 2006;
- the Charities Act 2011;
- Data Protection legislation;
- legal professional privilege;
- contractual confidentiality obligations; or
- any other applicable legal requirement.

Jane Barton, Individual Member

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: Members have a legitimate interest in understanding how charitable resources and assets are managed, distributed and applied in pursuit of the aims and objectives of the Spiritualists' National Union. Enhanced transparency regarding subsidiary operations, legal expenditure, payroll costs, suspense account transactions, grants and property disposals will strengthen accountability, support informed participation by members and promote confidence in the stewardship of the Union's charitable assets.

This resolution seeks to improve reporting and transparency while fully respecting the legal responsibilities and obligations of the Board of Directors and trustees.

14. That, pursuant to Section 168 of the Companies Act 2006 and Article 41(d) of the Articles of Association of the Spiritualists' National Union, Jackie Wright be removed from office as a director of the Spiritualists' National Union with immediate effect.

Stewart Esler, Individual Member

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: This resolution is proposed because I believe confidence in the President has been fundamentally undermined by the handling of governance, safeguarding matters, transparency and accountability. In my view, it is in the best interests of the Union and its members that new leadership be appointed.

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR MINISTER JACKIE WRIGHT'S RESPONSE TO MOTION 14.

2026 SNU AGM - MOTION 14 - S. ESLER
Statement of Minister Jackie Wright in response to Motion 14

Dear Members,

Over recent weeks you will have seen a motion of no confidence brought against me.

I respect every member's democratic right to question the leadership of our Union. Equally, I believe every member deserves to make that decision based on facts rather than speculation, rumour or political disagreement.

The allegations which have been circulated have already been thoroughly examined. An independent investigation, commissioned through the Union's solicitors, concluded that there was no basis on which disciplinary action against me should be taken. The Information Commissioner's Office also determined that no further action was necessary.

That should give members confidence that these matters have already been independently considered and resolved.

This motion is therefore not about proven misconduct. It is about whether members believe I have led the Union in the right direction over the past four years.

When you elected me, you elected me to modernise our organisation, invest in our churches, strengthen governance and ensure the Union was once again looking forward rather than backwards. Together we have delivered significant investment into churches, improved support for members, expanded outreach, strengthened education and safeguarding, restored transparency, and worked to build a stronger future for Spiritualism.

Meaningful change is rarely without opposition. Decisions that modernise an organisation will not please everyone. I have never expected unanimous agreement, but I have always acted in what I believe to be the best interests of the Union, with honesty, integrity and complete commitment to the role you entrusted me with.

No President is perfect, and I have never claimed to be. Where I have made mistakes, I have acknowledged them openly. What I reject, however, is the suggestion that I have acted dishonestly or improperly. The independent evidence simply does not support that claim.

Ultimately, this vote is not about personalities or political disagreements. It is about whether the Union should continue the progress we have made together, or whether we turn away from that direction.

I therefore ask you to judge me not by accusation, but by evidence; not by rumour, but by results; and not by personal attacks, but by my record of service to our churches, our members and our religion.

Whatever your decision, I thank you for taking the time to consider the facts carefully and for participating in the democratic life of our Union.

Minister Jackie Wright
President of the Spiritualists' National Union

STANDING ORDERS

Extract from Byelaws A

29. General

(1) The business of general meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-laws of the Union and with these Standing Orders. On points of interpretation and in cases not provided for the Chairperson shall give a ruling.

(2) The order of business shall be as printed on the circulated agenda, unless ruled otherwise by the Chairperson.

(3) All items of general business shall be notified to the Chairperson before the commencement of the meeting.

(4) Members of the Union are entitled to attend and speak at a general meeting.

(5) In these Standing Orders the term "member" includes "delegate" and "proxy".

(6) All printed minutes, reports and accounts shall be taken as read.

(7) With the exception of any official recording made by or on behalf of the Union, no sound or visual recording shall be permitted unless a motion to the contrary is carried by a three-fourths majority of the members present and entitled to vote and voting.

(8) A motion for suspension of the whole or any part of these Standing Orders shall not be accepted.

30. The Chair

(1) The Chairperson shall have the following powers in relation to the meeting:-

(a) To permit non-members to attend and speak where the Chairperson considers that this will help the business of the meeting.

(b) (i) To exclude one or more members or non-members at any time from part or all of the meeting in the event of disorder or refusal to obey the orders or rulings of the Chairperson, with no right of appeal;

(ii) To exclude one or more non-members at any time from part or all of the meeting if the Chairperson considers that publicity would be prejudicial to the Union's interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, with no right of appeal.

(c) To adjourn the meeting for such period of time as the Chairperson decides.

(d) To restrain the use of irrelevant or offensive language.

(e) To stop prolonged discussion on any matter.

(f) To choose which notified items of general business to accept or reject as not being appropriate for raising at the meeting.

(2) The Chairperson shall vacate the Chair if taking an active part of a controversial nature in any proceedings.

31. Rules of Debate

(1) Members desiring to speak shall rise in their place and await the Chairperson's leave to speak. They shall then give their name and qualifications and, if a delegate or proxy for a delegate, the name of the Church or other body which they represent, and state their business. If two or more members rise at the same time, leave to speak shall be given by the Chairperson.

(2) Members desiring to move next business shall rise in their place and say, 'Chairperson, I move next business.' If the motion is seconded, it will immediately be put to the vote. If passed, no further action will be taken on the business in hand, unless such business is a motion or an amendment to a motion, in which case the motion to move next business shall be construed as a motion that the vote be taken in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 31(6).

(3) Except by leave of the Chairperson, no persons other than the mover of a motion or amendment (who shall have the right of reply as provided below) shall speak more than once to any motion or amendment, except to explain a point in their own speech which has been misunderstood, in which case they shall not introduce new matter.

(4) The mover of a motion or amendment shall be allowed five minutes to introduce the motion or amendment and three minutes to reply at the end of the debate; other speakers on a motion or amendment shall be allowed three minutes. Speakers on items of general business shall be allowed five minutes. These times may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson.

(5) When replying at the end of the debate, the mover of the motion or amendment shall not introduce new matter. If new matter is nevertheless introduced, the Chairperson shall give an opportunity to another member or members to respond thereto.

(6) Members desiring to move that the vote be taken on any motion or amendment shall rise in their place and say, 'Chairperson, I move that the vote be taken.' If the motion is seconded, it will immediately be put to the vote, provided that not less

than two persons other than the proposer and seconder have spoken for and two against the motion or amendment or have been given the opportunity to do so. No person who has spoken on the motion or amendment may propose that the vote be taken. The mover shall have the right of reply if the motion that the vote be taken is passed.

(7) A motion or amendment on the circulated agenda, if not moved by the person who gave notice of it, may be moved by any member present.

(8) Points of order may be raised on questions of procedure, relevance or offensive language. Members who wish to raise a point of order shall rise in their place, say, 'Chairperson, on a point of order' and await the Chairperson's leave to proceed; they shall then state their point briefly. No speeches shall be permitted but the Chairperson shall give a ruling forthwith.

(9) Except as provided under paragraph 32(3), a member may by motion object to a ruling from the Chairperson. Such motion shall be in the form 'That the Chairperson's ruling be not accepted' and shall not be considered unless not less than twelve members rise in their places to support it. No discussion shall be permitted, but before putting the motion the Chairperson may explain the reasons for the ruling, including the authorities upon which it is based. Unless the motion is carried by a three-fourths majority of the members present and entitled to vote and voting the ruling shall stand.

32. Motions

(1) Every motion and amendment other than one in the exact terms included in the circulated agenda or a formal or routine motion shall be submitted in writing, signed and dated by the mover and seconder and shall be read out by the Chairperson both immediately after it is moved and again before it is put to the vote.

(2) No motion or amendment, whether included in the circulated agenda or submitted in accordance with paragraph 32(1), may be withdrawn.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of Article 28(3) and except as provided under paragraphs 29(5), 31(2), 31(6), 31(9) and 32(4), the Chairperson shall disallow a motion or an amendment which has not been included in the circulated agenda if it is judged that the subject-matter is such that no vote ought to be taken thereon until notice has been given to the National Executive Committee or to all members. In deciding whether to disallow an amendment to a resolution proposed as a Special Resolution the Chairperson shall consider whether it introduces significant considerations which could not reasonably be foreseen by members receiving notice of the meeting, and in case of doubt shall disallow it.

(4) If the Chairperson has not disallowed a motion or an amendment under paragraph 32(3), then a member may by motion object to the taking of a vote thereon until notice has been given to all members. Such motion shall be in the form 'That the motion (or amendment) not be voted upon until notice has been given to all members' and shall not be considered unless not less than twelve members rise in their places to support it. No discussion shall be permitted. To be effective the motion must be carried by a three-fourths majority of the members present and entitled to vote and voting.

(5) The Chairperson shall not accept a motion or amendment which is considered to be of an objectionable or frivolous nature.

(6) When a motion has been defeated no motion to the same effect shall be brought forward at the same meeting.

(7) A declaration by the Chairperson that a motion or amendment has been lost or carried shall be conclusive unless challenged in accordance with paragraph 31(9) before the meeting proceeds to the next business.

33. Amendments

(1) A motion or amendment may be amended by

(a) omitting words;

(b) adding or inserting words;

(c) striking out certain words and substituting others;

(d) striking out all the words after the first ('That') and substituting others dealing with the same subject.

(2) An amendment must be relevant to the motion or amendment as the case may be and not contradict it.

(3) An amendment may be reconsidered by resolution of the meeting.

(4) When amendments have been negatived the original motion or amendment as the case may be shall be put.

(5) When amendments have been agreed to, the original motion or amendment as the case may be, as amended, shall be put as the substantive motion.

(6) Formal corrections made necessary by amendments may be made by the Chairperson.

Extracts from Articles and Byelaws

Article Extracts

23. Accredited Representatives

(1) Churches, Kindred Bodies, Pioneer Centres, Branches and District Councils shall be entitled to accredited representatives on the basis of the following provisions:-

(a) Churches shall be entitled to accredited representatives (in these Articles called "Church Representatives") in each year on the basis of the number of full members in membership on the 31st December of the preceding year as follows:-

(i) A church with not less than 13 and not more than 75 full members may have one Church Representative.

(ii) A church with more than 75 full members may have one Church Representative for every 50 full members; if the excess over the next lower multiple of 50 is 26 or more it shall for this purpose be counted as 50, and if it is 25 or less, it shall be ignored.

(b) A Kindred Body shall be entitled to such number (if any) of accredited representatives (in these Articles called "Kindred Body Representatives") as may from time to time be decided in each case by the National Executive Committee.

(c) A Pioneer Centre shall be entitled to one accredited representative (in these Articles called "Pioneer Centre Representative").

(d) A Branch of the Union shall be entitled to such number of accredited representatives as may from time to time be decided in each case by the National Executive Committee.

(e) A District Council shall be entitled to one accredited representative for every 1,500 full members of Churches in the District Council as shown in the last published annual report of the Union; for this purpose any incomplete fraction of 1,500 shall be counted as 1,500.

(f) Accredited representatives must be a full member of the body which they represent, except that:-

(i) an accredited representative of a Pioneer Centre must be a member of its Managing Committee;

(ii) an accredited representative of a District Council must be a full member of one of the Churches in the District Council, and an Individual Member.

(g) Accredited representatives may be elected and removed from office in such manner as may be determined by or under the constitution of the body electing them or under these Articles as the case may be. Any such election or removal shall not be effective until written notice thereof (authenticated in such manner as the National Executive Committee may require) has been received by the Union.

(h) Accredited representatives may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in these Articles or in the Byelaws by instrument in writing, appoint another duly-qualified person as their proxy to attend and vote and use their credential card at any meeting of the Union. Proxies so appointed shall, at and in relation to that meeting, have all the rights of the accredited representative appointing them (but without prejudice to the exercise of such rights by the accredited representative in person), and accordingly in these Articles, where the context

admits, any reference to an accredited representative or to a member, Church Representative or Kindred Body Representative, shall be construed as including a reference to a proxy so appointed. Any instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or as near thereto as circumstances will admit:- "I, ..., of, being an accredited representative of, and being registered as such at the office of the Union, hereby appoint, of, as my proxy to attend and use my credential card at the general meeting of the Union to be held at on the ... day of ... 20.. and at every adjournment thereof. Signed Dated"

(i) No persons 12 may at the same time represent (either as accredited representative or as proxy) more than one Church or other body; no accredited representatives may be a proxy for another, and no persons may be a proxy for more than one accredited representative. No members of the National Executive Committee may be an accredited representative or proxy. No members of the Council may be an accredited representative or proxy for their District Council to general meetings of the Union.

(ii) A body electing an accredited representative shall be responsible for any financial obligations to the Union incurred by the representative in that capacity, and such responsibility shall continue notwithstanding that the office of accredited representative may for the time being be vacant.

24. Credential Cards

Credential cards shall be issued in accordance with the Byelaws.

29. Business of Meetings

(1) The agenda of every Annual General Meeting shall include the consideration of the 16 statement of accounts and of the reports of the National Executive Committee and Council and of the auditors, the declaration of all elections and appointments, the appointment (if required) and the fixing of the remuneration of the auditors and the election of an elective auditor.

(2) The chief administrative officer shall place on the agenda any motion of which notice is given to the Union by any Individual Member, affiliated body, Pioneer Centre, Branch or District Council or by the National Executive Committee or Council, subject to such reasonable restrictions as to form, length of notice and otherwise as may be prescribed in the Byelaws.

(3) At an extraordinary general meeting no business shall be transacted other than that specified in the agenda. At an Annual General Meeting business other than that specified in the agenda may be transacted unless the Chair decides that by reason of the nature of its subject-matter no vote ought to be taken thereon until notice has been given to the National Executive Committee or to all Individual Members, affiliated bodies, Pioneer Centres, Branches and District Councils.

30. Quorum for Meetings

(1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled to vote at that meeting is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; 20 such members present in person (or in the case of Church Representatives, Kindred Body Representatives or Pioneer Centre Representatives, by proxy), of whom not less than 10 are Church Representatives, shall be a quorum.

(2) If within an hour from the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned for such a period not exceeding two hours as may be agreed on by a majority of those present and entitled to vote. If on re-assembling a quorum is still not present, the meeting shall be from time to time further adjourned to such time or times on the same day as may be similarly agreed upon. Should a quorum not be present on the final re-assembly, the Officers shall issue notices reconvening the meeting at a later date. If within an hour from the time

appointed for the meeting on such later date a quorum is not present, if convened upon the requisition of members, it shall be dissolved, and in any other case the members present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.

31. The Chair

(1) The President of the Union shall preside as Chair at every general meeting, unless such is absent or unwilling, in which event the members of the National Executive Committee who are present shall choose one of their number to be Chair of the meeting.

(2) If at any meeting no member of the National Executive Committee is willing to act as Chair or if no member of the National Executive Committee is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chair of the meeting.

(3) Notwithstanding the foregoing sub-paragraph (2), the National Executive Committee, or in case of emergency the Officers, may appoint from the Individual Members having not less than six years' such membership immediately preceding the date of appointment a Chair for any general meeting if such a course is deemed expedient by a majority of the National Executive Committee or of the Officers, as the case may be.

32. Adjournment

The Chair may (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

33. Right to Vote

(1) Every member shall have one vote.

(2) The following provisions shall have effect:-

(a) Every accredited representative of a Branch and District Council shall (subject to the following provisions hereof) have one vote in addition to the persons entitled under paragraph (1).

(b) On a show of hands, in a ballot at a meeting and in a postal vote an accredited representative who is also an Individual Member may vote under both qualifications.

(c) On a show of hands, in a ballot at a meeting, in a postal vote on a resolution or for the election of President or Vice-President each vote cast by an accredited representative other than a Pioneer Centre Representative shall be calculated as five votes.

(d) On a show of hands, in a ballot at a meeting, in a postal vote on a resolution or for the election of President or Vice-President each vote cast by a Pioneer Centre Representative shall be calculated as two votes.

(e) Only Church Representatives, Individual Members, Kindred Body Representatives and Pioneer Centre Representatives may vote upon an extraordinary resolution or special resolution.

(f) Affiliate Members shall not be entitled to vote.

(3) The Chair of a general meeting may, at the instance of not less than ten accredited representatives of Churches, Kindred Bodies or Pioneer Centres, declare that any particular

resolution proposed to be put to the meeting is one which concerns Churches only, and upon such declaration being made only Church Representatives, Kindred Body Representatives and Pioneer Centre Representatives shall be entitled to vote upon the resolution.

(4) The Chair of a general meeting may, at the instance of not less than ten Individual Members, declare that any particular resolution proposed to be put to the meeting is one which concerns Individual Members only, and upon such declaration being made only Individual Members shall be entitled to vote upon the resolution.

(5) The right to vote shall be conditional upon the holding and (in the case of voting at a meeting) the production of a current credential card or of proof (to the satisfaction of the Chair) of the right to hold such a card.

(6) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands, a ballot or a postal vote, the Chair of the meeting at which the show of hands or ballot takes place, or the resolution which is the subject of the postal vote was passed, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

(7) All Individual Members entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting are entitled to appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote instead of them.

(8) An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in any common form or in any form as the National Executive Committee may approve and the National Executive Committee may if it thinks fit (but subject to the provisions of the Act) send out with the notice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting.

(9) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a ballot.

(10) The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the National Executive Committee may:

(a) be deposited at the Office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified on the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Union in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or

(b) in the case of a ballot taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the ballot has been demanded and not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for taking the ballot; or

(c) where the ballot is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the meeting at which the ballot was demanded to the Chair or to the Union or to any member of the National Executive Committee; and an instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in a manner so permitted shall be invalid.

(11) A vote given or ballot demanded by proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a ballot unless notice of the determination was received at the Office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the ballot demanded or (in the case of a ballot taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the ballot.

34. Voting at Meetings

(1) In any voting at a general meeting the question shall be decided by the votes of those present and voting; proxies shall be permitted only as prescribed in Article 23 and 34.

(2) Voting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the Chair, or:-

(a) if the question is the election of the Chair of the meeting or the adjournment of the meeting, by a majority vote of those present and voting; or

(b) on any other question, by not less than five persons having the right to vote at the meeting or by a member or members representing onetenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting.

(3) Unless a ballot be so demanded a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a specified majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demand for a ballot may be withdrawn.

(4) A ballot demanded on the election of a Chair or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith.

(5) A ballot demanded on any other question shall be taken in such manner as the Chair may direct, and the result shall be declared before the conclusion of the meeting. Any business other than that upon which a ballot has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the ballot and the declaration of the result thereof.

Extracts from Articles and Byelaws

Byelaws, Section A

9. Credential Cards

- (1) Credential cards issued to accredited representatives of Branches shall be valid for their period of office.
- (2) Credential cards issued to accredited representatives of district councils shall be valid for their period of office.
- (3) Credential cards for a Church Representative, Kindred Body Representative, Pioneer Centre Representative or Affiliate Member shall relate to a calendar year but shall remain valid until 31st March of the following year or until such earlier date as a new credential cards shall be issued to replace them.
- (4) Credential cards for Individual Members shall be valid for a period of thirteen months from the date of issue.
- (5) Credential cards for Affiliate Members shall relate to a calendar year but shall remain valid until 31st March of the following year.
- (6) Credential cards for Church Representatives or Kindred Body Representatives shall be issued by the Union on receipt of:-
 - (a) payment of all outstanding and current subscriptions;
 - (b) the prescribed Annual Return Form, duly completed, showing amongst other things the names and addresses of the principal officers and accredited representative/s; and
 - (c) a copy of the audited statements of accounts for the last financial year, in the prescribed or other satisfactory form.
- (7) Credential cards for Pioneer Centre Representatives shall be issued by the Union on receipt of:-
 - (a) the prescribed Annual Return Form, duly completed, showing amongst other things the names and addresses of the principal officers and accredited representative/s; and
 - (b) a copy of the audited statements of accounts for the last financial year, in the prescribed or other satisfactory form.
- (8) Credential cards for Individual Members shall be issued by the Union on receipt of payment of all outstanding and current subscriptions.

10. Proxies

- (1) If any Individual Members are unable to attend a general meeting of the Union, they may appoint another Individual Member as a proxy. The instrument of proxy must be in the following form and signed by the Individual Member and must be handed to the credential officer immediately upon attendance:-

"I, ... , being an Individual Member, hereby appoint
..... as my proxy to attend and vote at the general meeting of the Union to

be held at on the day of 20..... and at every adjournment thereof.
Signed.....
Dated.....
Individual Membership No. (to be provided by the proxy)"

- (2) If Church Representatives or Kindred Body Representatives are unable to represent their body at a general meeting of the Union they may appoint another full member of their body as a proxy after consultation with the Committee (if possible) as to suitable persons.
- (3) If Pioneer Centre Representatives are unable to represent their body at a general meeting of the Union they may appoint another member of the management committee as a proxy.
- (4) If accredited representatives of Branches are unable to represent their body at a general meeting of the Union they may appoint a member of the Committee of the Branch as a proxy.
- (5) If accredited representatives of district councils are unable to represent their body at a general meeting of the Union they may appoint a member of the district council executive committee as a proxy.
- (6) The instrument of proxy must be in the following form and must be sent to the Union not less than forty-eight hours before the commencement of the meeting:-

"I,
..... , being an accredited representative of
..... , hereby appoint
..... as my proxy to attend and vote at the general meeting
of the Union to be held at on the day of
..... 20..... and at every adjournment thereof.
Signed
Dated"

25. Summoning of General Meetings

- (1) The National Executive Committee shall determine the date and place of the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) The arrangements for the meeting and ancillary activities, including a Consultative Conference, may be deputed to a committee or committees appointed by the National Executive Committee for the purpose.
- (3) When an extraordinary general meeting is to be held (other than a meeting held in connection with the Annual General Meeting) all arrangements, including date and place, shall be made by or on the authority of the Officers or National Executive Committee.
- (4) The notice convening a meeting shall state that Individual Members, Church Representatives, Kindred Body Representatives, Pioneer Centre Representatives and accredited representatives of the Branches and district councils may appoint proxies and a form of proxy shall be included.

26. Motions for Annual General Meeting

- (1) (a) A motion for the Annual General Meeting may be proposed by the committee of a Church, Kindred Body or Pioneer Centre, by an Individual Member, or by a district council or its executive committee, by the Lyceum Union or its Central Committee, by

the Committee of SNUi or by the National Executive Committee or Council.

(b) A motion for the Annual General Meeting which is proposed by the committee of a Church, Kindred Body, Pioneer Centre or an Individual Member must, in addition to the proposer, be seconded by the committee of a Church, Kindred Body or Pioneer Centre or by an Individual Member. A motion proposed by the committee of a body may not be seconded by a member of that committee, whether an Individual Member or not.

(c) Every such motion, by whomsoever submitted, shall be submitted to the Union in writing and shall be signed and dated by the mover and, where appropriate, by the seconder.

(2) No person acting in the capacity of a Church Representative, Kindred Body Representative, Pioneer Centre Representative or an Individual Member shall propose or second more than three motions for inclusion on the agenda of any one general meeting.

(3) The appropriate committee shall examine all motions and notes of explanation submitted, shall advise the proposer whether, in its opinion, they are in order, and may recommend changes of form and/or of substance, or the amalgamation of motions on the same subject. Any advice so given shall be expressed to be without prejudice to the power of the order.

(4) Notwithstanding any advice by the appropriate committee, any proposers whose original notice of motion reaches the Union 26 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to have their motion placed on the agenda in such form as they please unless in the opinion of the committee it contains defamatory or offensive matter.

(5) The text of all notices of motion received 26 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, embodying such changes as have been agreed, shall be issued on or before the 20 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting with an invitation to submit amendments on or before 14 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(6) The text of all notices of motions and amendments received 14 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting shall be issued to all district councils, Branches, affiliated bodies, Pioneer Centres and associated bodies on or before nine weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(7) For inclusion in the circulated agenda notices of motions must reach the Union 14 weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

(8) Any motion on the agenda which, in the opinion of the appropriate committee, has in substance already been decided by a three-fourths majority at either of the two preceding Annual General Meetings or at an intervening extraordinary general meeting shall be specially marked as such, and such motion shall not be discussed at the meeting unless leave to introduce it is granted by the Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting or by a majority vote of the meeting.

(9) Subject to the foregoing and to any directions given by the National Executive Committee, the form and content of the agenda to be circulated shall be as determined by the appropriate committee.

27. Motions at General Meetings

A motion may be proposed or seconded in general meeting by a Church Representative, Kindred Body Representative, Pioneer Centre Representative, Individual Member, an accredited representative or a member of the National Executive Committee.

28. Voting at Meetings

(1) (i) Before admission to the meeting all Individual Members and accredited representatives shall be provided with a voting card or cards upon production of their credential card or cards.

(ii) All proxies shall be provided with a voting card or cards upon production of their proxy form.

(2) On a show of hands the votes shall be counted by tellers appointed by the meeting, unless the Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting dispenses with their services, and the declaration of the results by the Chairperson of the Annual General Meeting shall be conclusive unless a ballot is forthwith demanded.

(3) When a vote by ballot is duly demanded, this shall, subject to any direction by the Officers, be taken forthwith by the tellers appointed by the meeting. All voters shall register their vote on the appropriate voting card, which shall be collected by the tellers, and the scrutineers appointed by the meeting shall count the votes registered, keeping separate votes of different values.

Summary of Members as of 19th August 2026.

District	Churches	Associate Members	Full Members	Honorary Members	Total	Total inc. Honorary Members
East London	35	167	783	60	950	1,010
West London	32	284	784	87	1,068	1,155
East Midlands	19	98	560	36	658	694
West Midlands	26	168	779	61	947	1,008
Northern	27	92	720	68	812	880
Manchester	23	127	492	26	619	645
North Lancs and Cumbria	12	86	301	24	387	411
Merseyside and North Wales	12	75	269	22	344	366
Scottish and Irish	20	85	559	38	644	682
Southern	17	160	591	52	751	803
South Western	13	193	561	74	754	828
South Wales	12	39	262	15	301	316
North Yorkshire	18	86	613	51	699	750
South Yorkshire	17	90	444	31	534	565
Overseas	9	92	620	5	712	717
Total	292	1842	8338	650	10,180	10,830

District	Churches	Associate Members	Full Members	Honorary Members	Total	Total inc. Honorary Members
2025	286	1786	7440	Not available	9,226	Not available



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District Councils Breakdown

Membership

Church

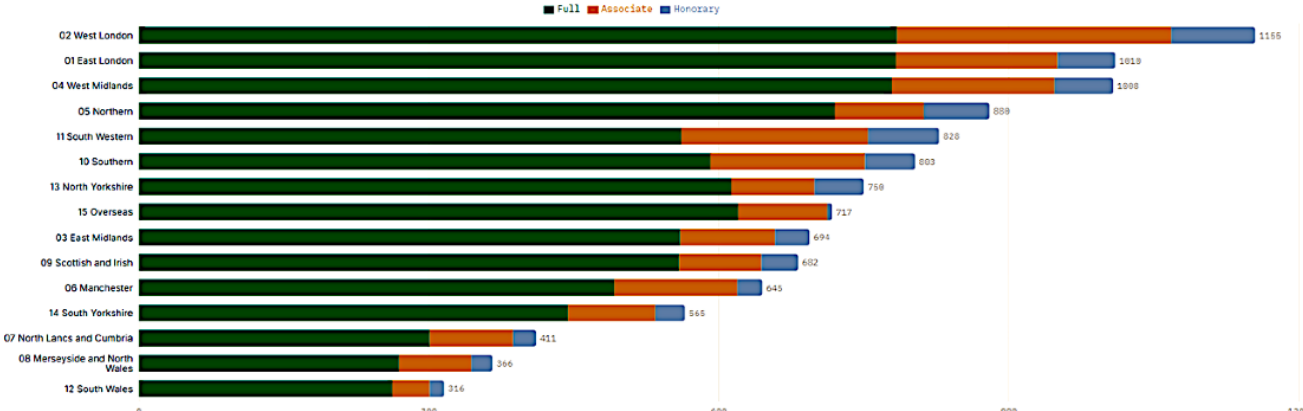
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
10,830
across 15 districts

TOTAL CHURCHES
292
avg 37 members/church

LARGEST DISTRICT
1,155
West London

SMALLEST DISTRICT
316
South Wales

MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICT - Associate / Full / Honorary



Individual Members Breakdown

This data is based off current full membership, including members that are just lapsed and pending payment or pending processing of payment (August 2026).

Membership type	Number of Members
Individual Members (UK & Ireland)	2,053
Individual Members (Overseas)	482
Total	2,535

TOTAL MEMBERS
2,535
payments recorded

AVERAGE AGE
57.2
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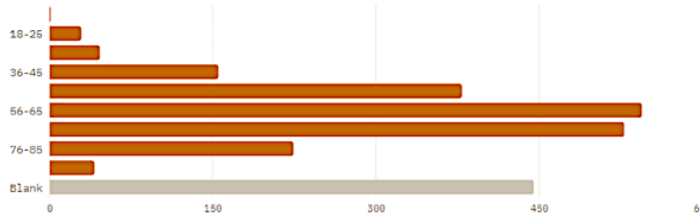
FEMALE SHARE
69.6%
1,765 members

MALE SHARE
26.4%
669 members

GENDER



AGE DISTRIBUTION



MEMBERSHIP TYPE



Individual Member (UK Applicant)

Individual Member (Overseas Applicant)

2,053

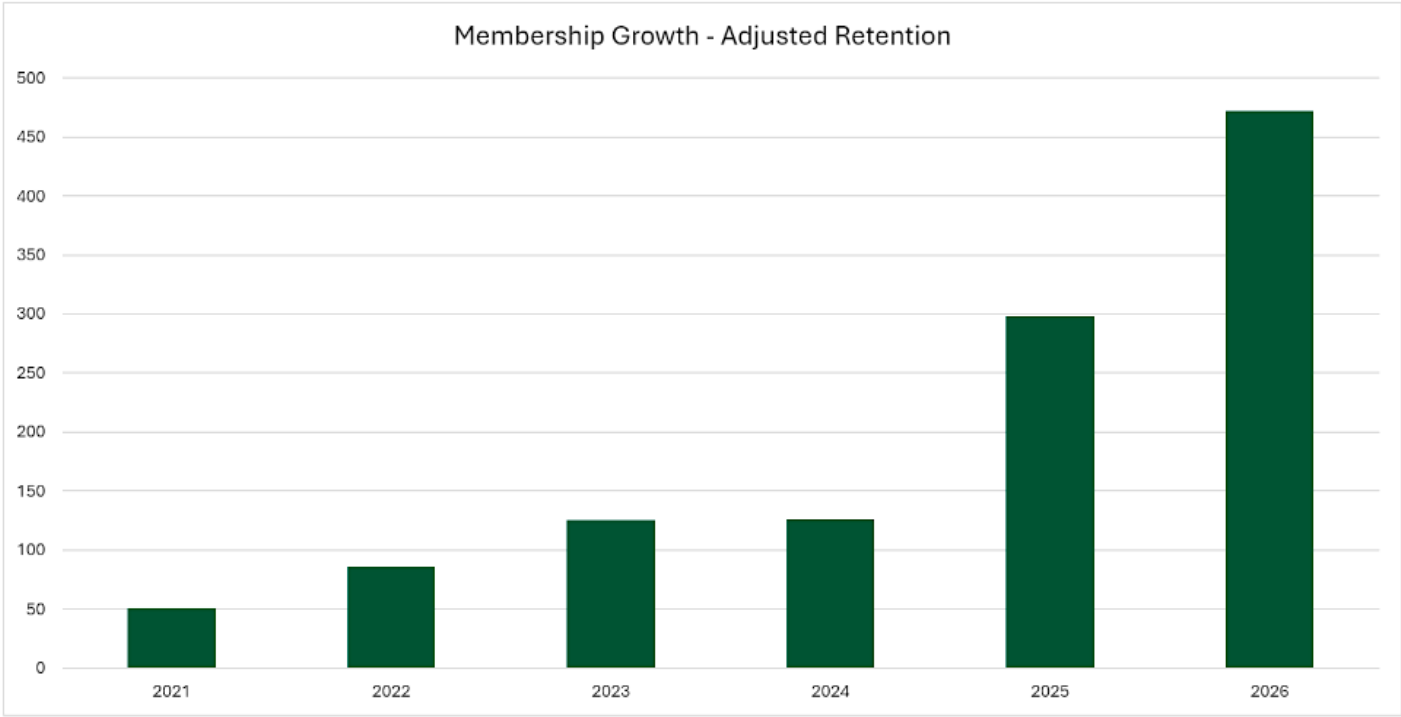
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Membership Growth - Adjusted Retention (5 year pattern)

This data shows new members that we have retained in this year’s current membership figures.

For example, if a member joined in 2021 and is still a current member they will be shown. If a member joined in 2021 and is not currently a fully-paid up member, then they will not be shown.

The graph shows a cleared and sustained increase in membership retention since 2021.



National Executive Committee

Report written by Kyle Pedley.

Meetings

The National Executive Committee meets formally on a bi-monthly basis, with strategic and other consultative meetings taking place in between. These are a mix of online, in-person and hybrid meetings.

Since the 2025 AGM, formal meetings took place on the following dates:

- * 4th October 2025
- * 6th December 2025
- * 14th - 16th February 2026
- * 26th March 2026
- * 24th April 2026
- * 11th June 2026
- * 28th June 2026
- * 1st - 2nd August 2026

Members and Attendance

The members of the National Executive Committee for the year since the previous AGM in September 2025, and details of meeting attendance, are as follows:

- * J. Wright (President) - re-appointed September 2024.
- * L. Henderson (Vice President) - appointed February 2025.
- * C. Lomax (Vice President) - appointed October 2024; resigned February 2026.
- * J. Underwood (Financial Director) - appointed October 2023.
- * F. Gervasoni (Ordinary Director 1) - appointed May 2026.
- * P. Pollington (Ordinary Director 2) - appointed May 2026.
- * S. Salisbury (Ordinary Director 3) - appointed May 2026.
- * P. Redman (Ordinary Director 2) - appointed February 2024; resigned April 2026.
- * S. Taylor (Ordinary Director 3) - appointed January 2024; resigned May 2026.
- * S. Deverell (Education & Exponents Director) - appointed October 2025; resigned May 2026.
- * J. Smart (Council Director to NEC) - re-appointed September 2024.

AGM 2027

The 2027 AGM will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th 2027. The hosting DC is the Scottish & Irish District Council, with the venue TBA.

President's Report

Report written by Minister Jackie Wright.

As my second term as President draws to a close, I look back with humility, gratitude and an enduring sense of duty. To serve the Spiritualists' National Union is to be entrusted with more than an office. It is to help steward a religion, a movement and a fellowship of churches whose purpose is to bring comfort, healing, service and spiritual understanding to communities across the country and beyond.

When this term began in 2022, members were clear that renewal was needed. We faced challenges that could not be ignored: falling membership, weary volunteers, churches requiring greater practical support, and a responsibility to ensure that Spiritualism was not only preserved, but confidently carried forward for a new generation.

The progress made this year shows what can be achieved when purpose is matched by action. Membership has grown year on year. We have invested in our churches so that they may remain warm, welcoming and visible places of service. We have supported committees, strengthened our property work, and taken practical steps where debt, disrepair or uncertainty has stood in the way of progress.

I made a commitment that no church should feel abandoned, and that commitment has guided our work. Through grants, advice and direct support, we have sought to stand beside our churches in practical and meaningful ways. Andy Foley has travelled extensively across the country to ensure churches receive guidance, and we have taken responsible decisions to write off debts where they were preventing committees from moving forward. This is the Union at its best: present, practical and united in service.

Our churches are the living heart of the Union. Their strength, courage and service will remain central to every decision we make.

I also committed to being accessible and engaged. I have continued to visit and serve churches across our districts, to meet members, Church Presidents and District representatives, and to listen directly to those who carry the work of Spiritualism week by week. Leadership must remain close to the people it serves, because the future of this Union will be strongest when it is shaped through shared purpose, honest dialogue and mutual trust.

The continued growth of the Peace Walk has been especially humbling. It has become a visible expression of who we are: a people of service, principle and peace.

This has also been a year that has tested our resolve. There have been occasions when our religion has been misrepresented and when the integrity of our Union has been challenged. In such moments, leadership must be calm, firm and faithful to principle. We will continue to defend Spiritualism with dignity, take appropriate advice where necessary, and respond in ways that protect both our values and our reputation.

We have seen churches face hostility, including St Annes-on-Sea, where residents protested against the opening of a church, and Wombwell, where a kind gesture to provide stationery packs for children was rejected by Catholic schools. Such experiences remind us that our response must be one of steadiness, clarity and grace. We must stand together, speak with confidence and represent Spiritualism in a way that reflects the best of our principles.

There have also been difficult decisions in relation to standards of conduct, including behavior on social media. These responsibilities are never undertaken lightly, but they are necessary. A Union built on service, respect and spiritual principle must also have the courage to uphold the standards that protect the dignity of our religion and the wellbeing of those who serve it.

To protect our future, we must build a culture rooted in respect, responsibility and shared commitment.

This year we have strengthened the organisation by bringing in key members of staff to ensure the Union remains current, professional and better equipped to support churches and Districts. This investment in people and structure gives the NEC greater capacity to focus on leadership, engagement and the long-term direction of the charity.

There has also been comment on changes within the NEC. Public service within the Union can be demanding, and those who volunteer must be able to serve within a culture of respect, support and constructive challenge. If we are to attract and retain people willing to give their time, wisdom and energy to this work, we must continue to build a culture worthy of their service.

As your elected President, I, together with the NEC, will continue to serve with determination, humility and care. Our responsibility is to safeguard the Union's future and to ensure that Spiritualism is not only seen, but understood; not only noticed, but respected; not only maintained, but advanced with confidence.

Our priorities remain clear: to empower church committees through training and practical support; to raise public understanding of who we are and what we stand

for; and to secure the Union financially and organisationally for the generations that will follow. We move forward with gratitude for all that has been achieved, courage for the work still before us, and faith in the strength of Spiritualism to continue bringing light, comfort and service to the world.

Vice President's Report

Report written by Les Henderson CSNU, Vice President 1.

Current responsibilities within my Vice President portfolio are:

1. Head Office/The Arthur Findlay College
2. General Purposes Committee (GPC)
3. Health & Safety
4. Individual Members
5. Ministry Development Committee (MDC)

Head Office

A lot of changes have taken place in head office with the introduction of Operations Manager Steve West, who will be steadily steering head office to ensure we have a fit and functional service to all our members. He has brought a wealth of knowledge with him from his previous employments.

The whole idea of bringing Steve on board is to professionalise the business side of the union so that we, the NEC, can focus on the religion.

We have employed Philip Robinson as technical lead, to focus on new and up to date systems that are so much needed. We are very shortly about to launch a booking system for the college to make it far more user friendly.

We still have a long way to go and we have made great steps, but as we make them technology moves even further. I do have faith in the team, though. We can do it; we will make our union stand proud in professionalism. I would like to personally thank all of the team at head office for the continued support and hard work and adapting to an ever-changing framework of which to work in.

Arthur Findlay College

The AFC staff feel very settled and happy but like every organisation, when change is afoot emotions can run high. I have visited the college several times over recent months to try and reassure them that if a change happens, they will be fine.

It is a fine line with employment and charitable work but with my transferable skills from my previous day job, I am able to bring a hands-on reassurance to those who feel nervous over potential changes.

We now have a deputy manager Ross Wilday who is doing an amazing job working alongside the AFC manager Seamus Davies.

General Purposes Committee

Minister Marie Lisseman is chair of the GPC and is joined by Christine Bunce and Charles Coulston.

The committee have now completed the rules for churches and will be finalised very shortly. Can I say a massive thank you to Minister Marie Lisseman and all the hard work she has put into GPC which is such a vital part of the governance of our religion.

Health & Safety

The NEC routinely reviews health and safety reports from Head office and the Arthur Findlay College. These include any incidents that may have taken place during the period between NEC meetings. As a result of any possible incidents, the NEC use this reporting to determine any necessary changes to policy and/or procedure and risk management, to protect all services at each location.

Andy Foley our Property Manager continues to work extensively and tirelessly with churches needing repairs and financial assistance, making sure we use our grants to help those in need, helping them get the best value on any projects. He is always on hand if he is required - regardless of where your church is situated in the country, he will travel there.

Individual Members

Maire Davies OSNU Has been working very hard to increase our membership. What a breath of fresh air - she connects and interacts with members on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Maire's monthly zoom meeting is warm and engaging, and I'd like to thank her for how she is working so hard to bring on and encourage members.

With the introduction of a new system at head office, it will make the whole process of renewing and becoming a member so much easier and less time consuming for all involved with the process. We are shortly about to announce that all memberships will be renewed on the 1st of October like it used to be.

I might add - we do have a few technical issues to resolve before then, but fingers crossed we will be on schedule for this to be rolled out this year.

Ministry Development Committee

The MDC consists of Chairman Minister Lorraine Gilbert Gray, who is doing a sterling job.

Her committee is:

Minister Tom Haver (TH), Minister Jenny Peacock (JP).
Secretary: Helen Van Hooft OSNU

Minister Marie Lisseman.

Please note - Minister Jenny Peacock has stepped down from committee work due to health issues but is still involved in training and awards.

Continuous Development Committee - Chair: Minister L Gilbert Gray, Secretary: Pamela Fornell OSNU, Minister Brenda Newell, Minister Arthur Plumptre, Daniella Gervasoni OSNU.

Ministry Complaints Committee - Members - Minister J Peacock, Minister K Grundy, Minister M Hibbert, Minister L Gilbert Gray.

Vision

The concept of the new Ministry committee is to establish a firm grounding of the ministry within our churches and communities. To give Spiritualists a firm and strong route into the ministry, by including trained healers, administrators as well as speakers. To recognise the Loyalty and service of our volunteers within our churches. To support and endorse suitable recommendations by our churches, districts, committees and the NEC into our ministry.

Officiants - Training

We have started a training programme for new officiants, and have over thirty trainees. We have established chat groups to support their progress and foster camaraderie among trainees. Training by the MDC committee is taking place online monthly, and also by their M1 course tutors. In-person training sessions is planned for these candidates.

Action for new Ministers

The qualifications for minister training have again been reviewed, and a candidate will now require either a Diploma in speaking (S), healing (H), or administration (G). And will work closely with the NEC to give recognition to those with exceptional service and longevity to the ministry.

Minister Training

Training of Officiants for ministership has started. An introduction has taken place, and they will be assigned a training minister.

Continuous Development Committee

The minister's handbook is being updated and modernised by Minister Arthur Plumptre, and good progress is being made. The naming and funeral services have been completed.

Biweekly, twice daily, online debates on difficult and stimulating subjects via SNUi has been organised by Daniella Gervonsoni OSNU. This created successful and interesting debates. This is in summer recess and will recommence in September.

Prison visiting is being developed and organised by Minister Brenda Newel; more officiants are becoming involved in this developing area.

New minister and Officiants: Oct 25 - Jul 26

Officiants:

Helen van Hooft OSNU
Sam Duly OSNU
Ewan Urvine OSNU

Ministers:

Minister Marie Lisseman
Minister John Blackwood

Financial Director’s Report

Report written by Financial Director, James Underwood CSNU

Property

During 2025 the Finance Committee formed a property sub-committee to oversee all strategic and operational asset management and to make recommendations based upon their knowledge and experience to the Finance Committee and the National Executive Committee.

In 2026 the Property Committee continues to be led by Andy Foley, the Spiritualists National Union’s Property Manager who provides professional support to church committees who need assistance and advice in relation to the upkeep of their buildings also by commissioning surveys where necessary to properly understand the problems faced by churches.

In addition, the Property Committee also helps to sell buildings that are no longer suitable as churches, as well as helping to buy new properties to serve as new churches including changing the registered usage as well as arranging temporary venues between the two situations.

Grants

The Property Committee continues to have the ability to agree grants up to £10,000 in line with a budget set by the Board. Grant applications over £10,000 are reviewed by the Property Committee in the first instance and then passed to the Finance committee for further consideration together with their recommendations.

The Finance committee continues to agree grants relating to eligible applications to the President’s fund. The criteria for each application are:

- A maximum of £500 will be awarded to each application.
- Churches must have no more than £10,000 in cash total.
- Applications should be for urgent, essential, or mandatory items.

Financial Systems

As part of a programme of changes to bring the processes of the charity up to date the Finance department has during 2025 taken steps to implement upgrades to the following areas.

Accounting Software Upgrade Report

Overview

The biggest project this year has been to

The SNU's previous accounting software had been in place for more than a decade, and several core financial processes continued to rely on manual systems. In 2025, the Finance team and Trustees agreed that a full upgrade was necessary to modernise operations, improve efficiency and strengthen financial oversight. After some research the decision was taken to place the legacy system with SAGE Intaact, a cloud-based accounting system capable of automating multiple functions and providing trustees with real-time financial reporting.

The upgrade was recognised as a significant undertaking, requiring system customisation to meet the specific needs of the SNU and comprehensive staff training. And so, the new accounting package "SAGE Intaact" was introduced and the software tested and the relevant staff trained.

Implementation Timeline

October to December 2025: Introduction and initial training.

- "SAGE Intaact" was introduced and tested.
- Finance staff received initial training on core modules.

December to February 2026: Final Adjustments and Go-Live

- Final configuration changes were completed.
- The system went live in January 2026.
- Additional testing ensured reliability and data accuracy.

March to April 2026: System Catch-up and VAT compliance.

- The system was fully updated by the end of March.
- This ensured VAT returns could be filed correctly in April.

May to June 2026: Advanced Reporting and District Council Rollout

- Staff completed training on bespoke departmental reporting.
- System successfully generated Management accounts

- All District Councils received were provided with year-to-date management accounts for 2026, with monthly reporting established for each months going forward.

July to August 2026: Import Fixed Assets

- The details relating to fixed assets will be entered onto SAGE Intaact from the historic spreadsheets previously used creating a single Fixed Asset Register.

Summary

The upgrade to SAGE Intaact represents a major step in modernising the SNU's financial systems. The platform now supports automated processes, improved reporting, and enhanced transparency across departments and District Councils, with training completed and reporting established, the system is now positioned to support stronger financial governance and to draw up more effective year end processes.

Car Allowance Policy

The committee reviewed a proposed policy to compensate those staff undertaking significant mileage (Over 5,000 miles). The committee agreed the policy was appropriate. The committee ensured that the policy contained the appropriate checks and balances required for such a scheme. And recommended it to the NEC. The policy suggests £6,000 for staff members who travel over the minimum of 5,000 miles.

SORP Reporting Requirements

The Charity Commission for England and Wales, OSCR in Scotland and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland following extensive consultation across the charity sector introduced the Charities "Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP). It came into effect from the 1 January 2026; therefore, the new reporting requirements will only affect the next year's accounts.

Investment Performance

Purpose of Our Investments

The Spiritualists' National Union invests its reserves to support ongoing operations, fund charitable work, and safeguard the longterm future of the organisation. Our

aim is to generate reliable income while ensuring the value of our funds keeps pace with inflation.

Our Investment Goals

The SNU seeks to achieve the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk.

Annual Income Target, the investment objective is to generate an annual income return of between 3.0%-3.5% per annum (2025: 3.0%-3.5%).

Capital Growth, Maintain the real value of our investments over time (measured by UK CPI.)

Long-Term Approach, Investments are managed with a 10+ year horizon to support the Union’s future stability.

Managing Risk

- Investments are diversified across different asset types and regions.
- We operate RBC Brewin Dolphin Risk Classification Category 5 (Moderate Risk), balancing income with long term growth.
- The Union keeps at least one year of expenditure in cash to ensure resilience.
- Short term market ups and downs are expected and managed.

Ethical Standards

The Union avoids direct investment in companies heavily involved in

- armaments,
- tobacco,
- drugs testing
- pornography.

We expect our investment managers to follow strong **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)** principles and recognised responsibleinvestment codes.

Who Manages the Investments

The Trustees appoint **RBC Brewin Dolphin** to manage the portfolio on a discretionary basis. The **Finance Committee** reviews performance at each meeting and reports annually to the NEC.

Portfolio Overview

Our Brokers Brewin Dolphin provides a quarterly report the latest report included

The combined portfolio has added 7.94% year-to-date (currently valued at £7,965,291), versus the ARC Charity Balanced Index, which has climbed 5.5%.

For more information on the individual accounts, please see the various valuations below

Portfolio		SNU0004	SNU0005	SNU0006	SNU0007
Service Category		Discretionary			
Risk Profile		Risk Level 5			
Investment Strategy		Income and Capital Growth			
Valuation @12/08/26		3,262,645	3,617,397	224,091	861,158
Annual yield		2.78%	3.39%	2.77%	2.71%
Opening balance		3,129,637	3,390,683	205,134	790,683
Net Amount added/Withdrawn	A	(65,677)	(81,772)	(4,719)	(18,530)
Income received	B	56,490	77,754	3,787	12,834
Dividend pending	C	1,965	(1,969)	0	82
Capital appreciation	D	144,160	232,701	19,889	76,088
Portfolio Valuation		3,262,645	3,617,397	224,091	861,158

A – Net Amount added/withdrawn – The net value of all asset movement in or out of the portfolio during the period. This includes the value of stocks transferred, cash transfers, income payments and fees deducted from the account.

B – Income received – The total of all cash income credited during the year.

C – Dividends pending – Represents dividends that are pending, yet to be received, but have been confirmed by the company

D – Capital appreciation – The change in the value of capital in the portfolio.

Education & Exponents Report

The Education and Exponents Committee continues to oversee the development and training of exponents, supporting students from the initial Platform Accreditation Scheme (PAS) stage through to the attainment of Certificate (CSNU) and Diploma (DSNU) qualifications.

PAS training is delivered online, providing students with extensive opportunities to participate in online Divine Services. Students can attend up to four services each week through the Committee's weekly online service programme and the SNUi platform. Final Assessment Boards (FABs) are conducted online monthly, ensuring regular assessments.

Training for both CSNU and DSNU is delivered through two complementary pathways. Students may choose to undertake individual one-to-one online tuition with experienced tutors or participate in intensive, in-person group training courses. This flexible approach enables students to select the learning format that best suits their needs while maintaining a high standard of training.

Due to the closure of the Barbanell Centre, the location for the courses has been moved to Longton Church during 2025. This has been a success, and FABs will be held here in future.

Our work is supported by a dedicated team of volunteer markers who assess the written coursework completed by students at each stage of their coursework. We are also supported by a team of trained assessors who evaluate the students during the Final Assessment Boards (FABs), providing constructive feedback and guidance to all candidates, whether they have successfully met the required standard or require further development.

The Committee is constantly reviewing the education and training courses on offer, and the teacher training course has been explored and improved throughout 2025.

Council Director's Report

Report written by Council Director, Jean Smart CSNU.

Introduction

As the National Council Representative to the NEC portfolio, my primary responsibility is to act as a liaison between the National Council Representatives and the National Executive Committee (NEC). This role helps ensure effective communication between local churches, districts, the National Council, and the NEC.

Key Responsibilities

My current responsibilities include maintaining contact with and supporting the fourteen National Council Representatives, including the International Mediums Representative, Lyceum Representative, SNUi Representative, and Ministers' Representative. This I feel works really well.

In addition, each district now appoints a rotational representative, enabling every member of the National Council to attend two meetings during their term and gain valuable experience of Council operations. The President, Vice Presidents, and Finance Director also attend Council meetings.

National Council Meetings

The National Council meets six times each year, consisting of four in-person meetings and two online meetings via Zoom. Representatives submit reports highlighting developments, challenges, and successes within their districts and churches. At the same time, the Officers provide updates on changes and developments within the Union, enabling representatives to communicate this information back to their local churches and districts.

Advisory Role to the NEC

The National Council serves as an advisory body to the NEC. Council representatives bring forward suggestions, concerns, and proposed rule changes from churches and districts. We have had plenty of suggestions this year so far which is good to see the involvement of the reps. These are considered by the NEC and the Governance and Policy Committee (GPC) to determine whether changes are practical and beneficial. While not all proposals can be implemented, the process ensures that churches have a voice in shaping the future direction and governance of the Union.

The Council also provides a valuable platform for sharing successful initiatives and best practices between churches, allowing others to benefit from ideas that have proven effective elsewhere.

Communication and Reporting

Following each National Council meeting, the meeting recording is transcribed and circulated to attendees. A condensed report is then prepared and distributed to all representatives for presentation at District General Meetings. This process helps ensure that consistent information is shared across all districts and churches.

Representative Development and Engagement

Twice each year, I hold Zoom meetings with National Council Representatives without Officers present. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss ideas, concerns, and proposals that representatives may wish to bring forward at future Council meetings.

Supporting Churches and Districts

National Council Representatives provide an important point of contact for churches experiencing challenges or requiring guidance. They help strengthen communication channels between local churches and the Union while ensuring that concerns raised at a local level are heard and considered.

Education and Awareness

The Council regularly invites guest speakers to address important topics affecting churches. For example, safeguarding has been a key area of focus, with specialist speakers providing guidance and support to help churches understand and implement safeguarding requirements effectively.

Conclusion

The National Council plays a vital role in connecting churches, districts, and the NEC. Through regular meetings, consultation, communication, and the sharing of best practice, the Council ensures that the views of churches are represented and that information is effectively disseminated throughout the Union. The work of the Council continues to contribute to stronger collaboration, improved governance, and better support for churches across the organisation.

Ordinary Director 1's Report

Report Written by Ordinary Director 1, Francesco Gervasoni CSNU

Position held from May 2nd, 2026.

Portfolio

As Ordinary Director 1, my portfolio within the National Executive Committee of the Spiritualists' National Union is to oversee all Individual Members and SNU Associated Bodies based overseas. The aim is to strengthen communication, listen to their views and understand how the Union can better support them in their pioneering work of promoting SNU Spiritualism throughout the world.

I am also the NEC Liaison Member for SNUi, an online branch of the Union that provides a valuable platform for promoting Spiritualism both in the UK and internationally, particularly in areas where the presence of Spiritualist churches and centres is limited.

Overseas Individual Members

There are approximately 400 SNU Individual Members worldwide. It is important that each of them has the opportunity to express their views, contact the Union, receive support and have their voice heard.

A survey for all Overseas Individual Members is currently being developed at no cost to the Union. Its purpose is to provide a clearer understanding of the needs of our members based outside the United Kingdom and the support they require.

Overseas Members are extremely important to the religion of Spiritualism, particularly as many of them are SNU Award Holders. While Spiritualism is a recognised religion in the UK and is well represented through churches and centres, the work of our members overseas is vital in promoting a religion without borders.

There is still much to be done, particularly in addressing language barriers, local cultures and different national circumstances. However, only by listening to all our Overseas Members we can develop specific and targeted forms of support.

Overseas SNU Associated Bodies

The Spiritualists' National Union is represented in several countries through its Associated Bodies, which are carrying out valuable work in support of the SNU Mission Statement: "Promoting the Religion and Religious Philosophy of Spiritualism as based upon the Seven Principles."

There are important local organisations in Australia, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United States.

Our first priority is to support them. At the beginning of July 2026, an online survey entitled "How Can We Help?" was sent to each organisation. Thanks to their

sincere and honest feedback, we now have a clearer understanding of how we can support each of them more effectively in their work.

Needs vary from country to country. Therefore, each organisation must be listened to individually and supported in a way that reflects its own circumstances, culture and local reality.

I would like to express my personal thanks to every one of these organisations for their hard work in spreading the message and philosophy of Spiritualism in their respective countries, reaching out to their communities and creating opportunities for both SNU Individual Members and non-members to understand what SNU Spiritualism is, as well as to receive comfort, guidance and support in their personal development.

Once comprehensive support has been provided to all organisations associated with the Spiritualists' National Union overseas, we will begin Phase Two. This will focus on supporting Overseas Individual Members and, with the assistance of the SNU Ministry, encouraging the establishment of new overseas organisations, particularly in countries where Individual Members are present, but no SNU organisation currently exists.

SNUi

The SNUi Committee is composed as follows:

- Chair and Programme Editor: **Cathy Leigh Tsoukalas CSNU** (Greece)
- Vice-Chair and Technical Support: **Minister Arthur Plumpton** (New Zealand)
- Secretary: **Marilyn Marsh CSNU** (United Kingdom)
- Education and Programme Coordinator: **Wendy Lion OSNU** (Scotland)
- Open Divine Service and Social Media Coordinator: **Julie Coyle** (United Kingdom)
- Student Services Scheduler: **Diana English CSNU** (the Netherlands)
- NEC Liaison Member: **Francesco Gervasoni CSNU** (Italy)

SNUi has experienced substantial growth in membership, with 265 new active members joining since January 2026, bringing the total number of members to 831. This makes SNUi a large and truly international online Spiritualist community.

SNUi Membership development from January 1st 2026:

New members since June 1 st 2026	40
Membership at July 6 th 2026	831
Membership at June 1 st 2026	791
Membership at April 1 st 2026	652
Membership at January 6 th 2026	566

The current SNUi Committee is truly international, with members from countries around the world. It is composed of a small group of dedicated individuals who work

closely and extremely well together and are always willing to support one another. The Committee has an excellent balance of long-standing members, who bring years of experience and knowledge of SNUi, and newer members, who bring fresh perspectives and ideas to the table.

At present, SNUi offers more than 60 sessions each month, including tutorials, workshops, lectures, Divine Services and much more. SNUi is looking to expand its programme even further and offer more sessions across different time zones and different languages, giving every member the opportunity to participate fully in SNUi activities, regardless of where they are located in the world.

SNUi also hosts Student Services. Since March 2026, a new policy and scheduling system has been introduced with the support of the new SNUi Student Services Scheduler, providing students with a quick and fair way to book practice sessions in preparation for their awards.

At Open Week 2026 at Arthur Findlay College, SNUi was represented by a dedicated stall promoting its activities and encouraging new members to enrol.

We received a great deal of positive feedback from attendees. Some had not previously been aware of SNUi's existence and were delighted to join this international online community, which offers a wide-ranging programme accessible to everyone.

Ordinary Director 2's Report

Report Written by Ordinary Director 2, Pamela Pollington DSNU

*Position held from May 2nd, 2026.
Previously Patricia Redman.*

Patricia worked previously in this role, taking on the responsibilities of liaison with the Unions solicitors, Pannone. Working alongside Complaints, identifying training for our panelists and investigators.

I was invited to join the NEC as Board Member Director 2 on 1 May 2026. As I am still relatively new to this role, I recognise that I am at the beginning of my journey as a Board Director. Consequently, this report is limited to my experiences to date, but I hope it also reflects the commitment, values, and vision that I bring to the role.

Supporting and recognising our volunteers is therefore one of my greatest passions. They undertake most of the work that enables our churches to remain open and continue serving their communities. I believe we should do everything possible to encourage, value, and support those individuals who give so much of themselves to Spiritualism.

Although I have only recently joined the NEC, I hope to bring a balanced perspective that combines practical church experience, educational knowledge, business experience, and a genuine passion for supporting people. I believe my strengths lie in listening, working collaboratively, encouraging others, and helping to build positive relationships. I am committed to representing the interests of our churches, supporting our volunteers, promoting high standards in education, and contributing positively to the future development of the NEC.

My role as a tutor at the Arthur Findlay College also provides me with valuable insight into the educational work of the College. Through teaching and working alongside students, tutors, and staff, I have gained an appreciation of the standards, dedication, and collaboration required to provide a high-quality learning experience. This experience enables me to understand the needs of both students and those who work so hard behind the scenes to support them. I hope to use this knowledge to contribute positively to discussions, support educational initiatives where appropriate, and help strengthen the College's ongoing commitment to excellence in Spiritualist education.

More recently, I have had the opportunity to work closely with members of the team in helping to organise the Peace Walk held in July. It was encouraging to see everyone working together towards a shared goal, and I believe the event was a great success. Being involved in its planning and organisation has given me an

opportunity to contribute in a practical way as a NEC member and to begin building positive working relationships with others. I hope this reflects the dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm that I bring to every role I undertake, and I look forward to becoming involved in many more initiatives that support our churches, our members, and the wider Spiritualist community.

I am excited to work as the Liaise with Chris Connelly our science co-ordinator and see what exciting things he wishes to share with you all.

Ordinary Director 3's Report

Report Written by Ordinary Director 3, Sue Salisbury

*Position held from May 2nd, 2026.
Previously Sean Taylor*

Sean worked actively in the field of Equality and inclusion, this work is invaluable to support our volunteers and educate us all on the changing world we live in. This sterling work begun by Sean will now be taken over by our Safe guard officer Gemma Fareaway.

I was invited to join the NEC as Ordinary Director 3 in May 2026. As I am still settling into the role, this report may be more limited in scope than future updates.

Over the past ten years, I have been actively involved as a church member and have served on a church committee, both as a committee member, members secretary and as Vice President. I am also an Individual Member. During this time, it has been a genuine pleasure to work closely with church committees and to gain valuable first-hand insight into both the rewards and challenges of running a church. This experience has deepened my appreciation of the hard work, commitment and dedication required to support church life effectively. For the past three years, I have also had the privilege of being nominated and elected as President of the EMDC. This has been a significant learning experience, both challenging and energising, and I continue to greatly value opportunities to be actively involved in church activities, practical support and undertaking services.

A key aspect of my role as OD3 is to liaise for the complaints committee to the NEC, to contribute positively to the effective decision-making of the Union, working collaboratively with the officers and Ordinary Members. This involves participating in constructive discussion, considering matters carefully and supporting decisions that are balanced, well-informed and in the best interests of the Union.

There have been significant changes to Bylaws F, that is still being integrated, and we have been struggling with a shortage of panelists and investigators, causing some back log, which we hopefully are on top of now. We have offered training to all volunteers who undertake this important role.

A significant change has been to bring in the triage system. Meaning the first point of all complaints is for the complainant to receive a call from an impartial liaison officer to check on their welfare and any help they may need.

I also recognise the importance of supporting the continued strength of both the Union and the religion of Spiritualism. I aim to do this by acting as a positive ambassador for our religion and by reflecting the values of Spiritualism through my conduct and contribution. This includes encouraging membership of the Union,

supporting appropriate publicity for SNU Spiritualism and working constructively with churches as they develop their work and service within their communities.

Promoting and strengthening Spiritualism also requires active and engaged membership across all levels of the Union. I will seek to support opportunities that encourage members to become more involved, raise awareness of the work of the SNU and help to build stronger connections between members, churches and the wider organisation.

Listening to members and ensuring that their views are represented is central to this work. I will support consultative and listening activities that enable members to share their views and allow feedback to be brought regularly to the NEC. This may include a range of approaches, such as electronic surveys, meetings and online discussions, to help ensure that engagement is accessible and meaningful.

In relation to church development, I look forward to working alongside the Church Relations Coordinator to support churches in building confidence, strengthening engagement and developing their presence within local communities. This will include encouraging membership at church level, supporting churches in their ongoing work and identifying opportunities to celebrate and share examples of good practice across the movement. I am also pleased to offer a free Introduction to Spiritualism workshop to any district or church that requests it. The workshop will explore a range of topics relating to Spiritualism and provide either a comprehensive introduction or a useful refresher for participants.

Healing Committee Report

Report written by Hazel Middleton DSNUH ASNU

Reporting Period:

September 2025 – August 2026

Healing Committee

Director with Portfolio Responsibility for Healing: James Underwood CSNUHa

Chair: Hazel Middleton DSNUH ASNU

Vice Chair: Samantha Underwood CSNUHa

Secretary: Joy Hunter DSNUH

Kathryn Crosseley OSNU HAS & CSNUh Coordinator

Online Training Coordinator: John Marr DSNUHa

Susan Tabrett DSNUH: Accelerated Learning Trainer

Technical Co-ordinator and Trainer: - Lorna Harper DSNUHa

Carol Fisher CSNUh: SH1 Coursework Coordinator

Committee Activities and Focus

It has been a great honour and privilege to have served as a dedicated Healing Committee since January 2023. This Healing Committee has been dedicated to promoting and encouraging the ongoing advancement and enhancement of all facets of Spiritualist Healing. Our commitment extended both nationally and internationally through our online platforms, as well as throughout all our 14 Districts and in many of our Churches and Centres and with our Individual Members who are SNU Registered Accredited and Trainee Spiritualist Healing Mediums.

There are currently 1424 SNU Registered Accredited Spiritualist Healing Mediums, Trainee and Accredited worldwide who have paid their registration this year. There may also be some whose re-registrations are currently being processed at Head Office, as well as those who may have recently enrolled on our Healing Accreditation Scheme, with new trainees joining each week.

Bringing Healing into Our Communities in the SNU Year of Service

Following last year's very successful 2025 Year of Spiritualist Healing, many of our Churches and Centres have once again come together to promote Spiritualist Healing in this SNU Year of Service by serving our communities and yet again bringing Spiritualist Healing beyond our church walls and into the wider community for the benefit of all. The Healing Committee would like to thank those churches who have done so much to promote spiritualist Healing for all.

Welcoming People Through Our Doors

Many churches continue to hold open days and Warm Spaces where Spiritualist Healing plays a central role. These events warmly invite everyone who comes through our doors to be able to explore the benefits that Spiritualist Healing can offer.

Building Friendships and Connections

Churches who offer coffee mornings or Warm Hubs with the offer of Spiritualist Healing, or who provide refreshments after their Healing Services, do much to promote friendship and create lasting connections. These welcoming spaces can be especially meaningful for those who may feel lonely or isolated, where lasting friendships can be fostered and formed.

Healing Accreditation Scheme

This valued and much-loved course continues to be extremely popular, warmly welcoming students from the United Kingdom and all across Europe and from around the world, including Switzerland, Norway, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Colombia, Singapore, China, and Japan.

The Healing Accreditation Scheme offers both theory and practical training, supporting students as they complete their SH1 Coursework with the guidance of a coursework tutor, who marks their work. The Healing Committee is grateful for the dedicated support of our volunteer SH1 Course Coordinator, who provides a vital link between SH1 students, their coursework tutors and Head Office.

The majority of our Trainee Spiritualist Healing Mediums are supervised by Healing Leaders or Supervisors in our Church Healing Groups or by an Accredited Spiritualist Healing Medium who is also an Individual member of the Union. Some students may be Recipient Certified, but all must complete a minimum of 50 supervised healing sessions, which include reception and setup/cleanup duties.

Trainee Spiritualist Healing Mediums are required to attend 5 Pre-Healing Sessions (in church or online) and 4 Training Sessions—including passing 2 multiple-choice tests, offered in their District or online. Session dates are published on the SNU Website’s Healers Portal and on District Council Websites and Facebook pages. Online training is available twice a week (Tuesdays at 7 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am) with our very experienced NEC-approved trainers to accommodate various time zones. All SNU Registered Spiritualist Healing Mediums are welcome to join any session free of charge to refresh their knowledge and skills; no booking is required.

We are also planning to hold additional online training sessions from Australia with our newly appointed NEC Approved Trainers who will be offering training sessions in Southern Hemisphere time; These sessions will be open to all SNU Spiritualist Healing Mediums Accredited or Trainee, and all will be welcome to join these sessions along with all other Training Sessions and Workshops.

Healing Accreditation Scheme Statistics

From: October 2025 – July 2026

Healing Accreditation Scheme	2025	2026
No. SH1 Tutors	60	62
No.SH1 Tutors Stepped down	-	6
Students Pass SH1	64	74
New Students Oct 25 – July 26	156	182
SH1 Students on the Course	304	293
SH1 Students Uncompleted	-	51

The above table indicates that between the reporting period October 2025- July 2026 there has been an increase in students enrolling on the SH1 Course, along with a slight increase in Coursework Tutors despite some stepping down due to ill health and retirement. All trainees whose tutors have stepped down have been allocated another SH1 Coursework Tutor. The Healing Committee continues to encourage students who have completed their SH2 Coursework and those who are

undertaking CSNUh Training to take on the role of SH1 Coursework Tutors, as this enhances their CSNUh Training and also benefits our SH1 students.

Online Training Statistics

The Healing Committee currently have 8 very experienced NEC Approved Online Trainers and one Tutor in training. All Online Trainers are Healing Award Holders, plus there are two new NEC Approved Australian online Trainers due to start in the near future.

In the UK, we are pleased to report a steady rise in UK Trainees completing their Five Pre-Healing Training sessions with their Churches with their Church Healing Group Leaders and Supervisors. UK Trainees have the option to attend Online and District Council Healing Training Sessions. While most of the participants are trainees, all Registered Accredited Healing Mediums are encouraged to attend periodically to refresh their knowledge and skills, which is greatly encouraged by the Healing Committee.

All online training sessions are free to all Trainee and Accredited Spiritualist Healing Mediums. District Councils may ask attendees for a small donation towards the venue's heating and lighting.

Online Training only Oct 25- July 26	2025	2026
Pre-Healing training Sessions 1-5	120	122
Training Session 1	42	34
Training Session 2	52	45
Training Session 3	48	49
Training Session 4	43	49
No. Accreditation Healers Refreshing PH	-	22
Total No Trainees at training sessions	185	177
Total No. Accreditation Healer Refreshers	-	40
Grand Total Main + Pre Healing	305	299

Grand Total Main + Pre Healing Refreshers	-	62
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Healing Upgrade Assessments

Once a Trainee Spiritualist Healing Medium has completed all the elements of their healing training, they can then apply to take their Healing Upgrade Assessment.

No of HUA's	2025	2026
	52	67
Remediations	-	2
Total	52	69

The number of Trainees taking and passing their Healing Upgrade Assessments has risen year on year since 2023, and as a result Spiritualist Healing has now been able to be started again in some of our churches who have been without healing for some time.

Second Trial of the SH1 Accelerated Learning Scheme

After the first very successful SH1 Accelerated Learning Scheme Trial, where five students out of the 6 who enrolled completed. All five have now taken and successfully passed their Healing Upgrade Assessments.

As a result, we have decided to carry out a second trial with 6 more students who are supported through monthly tutorials, and they are expected to complete each section of their SH1 Coursework within a month. This course benefits students and trainers who are carers or may be unable to attend an in-person course due to other constraints. This second trial is running from June 2026 – January 2027. Progress has been very positive, and both students and tutors will evaluate the program at its conclusion in January 2027.

Support for District Healing Representatives District Healing Committees

To assist District Healing Representatives and members of their DC Healing Committees, the Healing Committee offers continued support to ensure the delivery

of high-quality training within each District. Presenter Packs and electronic PowerPoint versions of the training materials are provided from Head Office. Additionally, personalised guidance is available at any time by contacting the Chair, Vice Chair or the Technical Coordinator of the Healing Committee.

The Healing Committee holds regular online District Healing Meetings throughout the year to update District Healing Representatives and their Healing Committee members. This provides an opportunity to update those attending as well as a forum to discuss any suggestions or issues that may arise and to share ideas and offer support to each other.

The Online Healers' Portal on the SNU Website

This has been updated and includes many helpful downloadable Healing Documents both in English and other languages for all our Spiritualist Healing Mediums to access. All SNU Spiritualist Healing Mediums should now have full access to the Healers Portal, a dedicated section for all SNU Spiritualist Healing Mediums.

District Council Healing Training Days

Each District is autonomous and attendance figures for Trainees and Registered Accredited Healing Mediums attending District Healing Training Days are not available.

Through our Healers Portal on the website and through our meetings with our District Healing Representatives, we understand that the majority of District Councils hold regular Healing Training sessions throughout the year. These training sessions are predominantly aimed at our Trainee Spiritualist Healing Mediums; however, they also encourage all their Healing Leaders, Supervisors and Accredited Spiritualist Healing Mediums to attend regularly in order to keep up to date with their Spiritualist Healing knowledge.

The SH2 Coursework

The SH2 Coursework book has recently been revised and updated and is the final Healing Coursework book to have been revised and updated since 2023.

Our SH2 Coursework and the CSNUh Training Course remain ever popular with a growing number of students each year, which is due to the Healing Committee and District Healing Committees promoting and encouraging all those who pass their Healing Upgrade Assessment to consider undertaking the SH2 Coursework with a

view to training and taking the Certificate of Recognition in Healing. The aim being to ensure that the union will have sufficient healing teachers and trainers in the year to come for those wishing to embark on their own Spiritualist Healing Journey

SH2 Coursework statistics

SH2 Coursework	2025	2026
Currently studying	44	47
No. Completed	-	10
No. Coursework Tutors	16	17

The Healing Committee actively encourage all those who pass their Healing Upgrading Assessment to consider progressing further to study the SH2 Coursework with a view to training to gain their CSNU in Spiritualist Healing and become Coursework Tutors.

CSNUh Training Programme

The CSNUh training programme is a popular course that has a team of dedicated and highly experienced trainers. Throughout the year, the Healing Committee encourage all those who pass their Healing Upgrade Assessment to attend our CSNUh workshop, and there is also a leaflet available for those wishing to know more about how to gain their Certificate of Recognition in Spiritualist Healing

CSNUh Training	2025	2026
No of CSNUh Students	19	20
No. of CSNUh Trainers	9	8

CSNUh Final Assessment Boards from October 2025 – July 2026

The number of candidates taking their CSNUh Final Assessment Boards remains constant.

CSNUh FAB's	2025	2026
Taken	12	7
Resits	0	1
Outstanding FAB's	1	0

These Award Holders are from the UK, Japan and China

Four CSNUh students in training have just completed their Mock Assessments, and are preparing to take their CSNUh Final Assessment Boards

SH3 Coursework

The number of students undertaking the SH3 in preparation for their DSNUH Award remains stable, and those who have successfully completed their SH2 coursework and their CSNUh Award are encouraged to continue to study for this course and then on to their DSNUH Training and then take their DSNUH Final Assessment Board

SH3	2025	2026
No. Coursework Tutors	3	3
No of Students	10	11
No. Students Completed	-	6

DSNUH Awards

We currently have three DSNUH Trainers

To be fair and equitable to all candidates, wherever they live in the world, all DSNUH Final Assessment Boards are held online to ensure they have a large audience of Spiritual and non-spiritualists to listen to their talk, undertake a Question-and-Answer Session and watch a demonstration of Distant Healing. All DSNUH awards are full Awards.

DSNUH FAB's	2025	2026
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Passed	2	0
Remediated candidates	1	0

Between October 25 and July 2026, there were no candidates ready to take their Final Assessment Boards; however, there are a number who are coming to the end of their training who will be ready to take their DSNUH Final Assessment Boards later in 2026.

Difference and Diversity

The Healing Committee recognises that each student is a unique, individual with their own learning styles. We consider it imperative that we support students with additional needs in ways that work best for them throughout their training and Final Assessment Boards.

We support our students who identify as having differing needs, including those who identify as being neurodivergent, by allowing them to answer coursework verbally via Zoom, work with a scribe at home or in church, or record and submit their answers to their tutors. All students who identify as requiring reasonable adjustments to be made for them to take their Final Assessment Boards are encouraged to discuss with us how best we can facilitate their requirements beforehand.

Students from overseas taking their Final Assessment Boards can, if required, request to use a pre-agreed interpreter to translate for both their Interview and Oral questions; however, it is not permitted for a Spiritualist Healing Medium to interpret for them.

Healing Assessors

Currently there is one member of the Healing Committee undertaking the training for the CSNU in Assessing. The Healing Committee now has one member of the Committee who has been appointed ASNU status. One member holds the CSNUa along with CSNU's in Healing, Speaking, Demonstrating, Administration and Assessing

Four members of the Healing Committee hold the CSNUh and CSNU in Assessing

Healing Committee members who hold awards in addition to Spiritualist Healing willingly offer their services as assessors on other Final Assessment Boards for which they hold awards.

Recruiting and Supporting

The Healing Committee are continually recruiting SH1, SH2 and SH3 Coursework Tutors for our extremely popular Healing Courses along with additional Trainers for our CSNUh training course. Each new Tutor and Trainer is invited to attend an Induction meeting to ensure they are fully aware of the role they will be undertaking, as well as the ongoing support and mentoring that is always available to them whilst undertaking this vital role.

Coursework Tutors Online Meetings

The Healing Committee hold Coursework Tutors meetings throughout the year to keep tutors informed of any changes, listen to their concerns and provide a forum for them to share ideas. We explore different ways in which we can encourage and support the students in their preferred working and learning styles. Our tutors recognise that our students are all unique individuals who may require reasonable adjustments to be made in line with the Equality Act 2010 to enable them to complete their course. Our churches, centres and those who come for healing require well-qualified, knowledgeable, empathic, kind and compassionate Spiritualist Healing Mediums, not academics, but rather those who have a great passion for Spiritualist Healing.

SNU Healing Bursaries and other financial assistance

Healing Bursaries may cover half the cost of SNU courses in certain cases. Students seeking financial assistance should first contact their church committee, District Healing Committee, or, if living overseas, the Healing Committee.

Members who might find themselves in financial hardship in paying for their Healing Reregistration could also consider making an application to the SNU Fund of Benevolence.

Continuous Personal Development (CPD)

The Healing Committee encourages all Registered Accredited Spiritualist Healing Mediums to undertake continuous personal development by keeping up to date with their knowledge, skills and experience, by attending their District Healing Training

Days or attending Online. Online Healing Training sessions are available on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm or Saturday Mornings at 9.30 am.

Monthly Healing Workshops

As part of continuous personal development, the Healing Committee provides free online Healing Workshops on the first Saturday of each month, covering a wide variety of healing topics and sometimes scheduled at other times. Healing Services are also held regularly throughout the year and are open to all attendees. Details are published on the SNU Facebook page and in the Healing section of the SNU Website.

Publicity and Promotions

Online Wellbeing Meditation and Distant Healing

The Healing Committee continues to hold a weekly Free Friday Lunchtime Public Online Meditation and Distant Healing Session, and it is held each Friday from 12:15 to 12:45 pm UK time. Trainee SNU Healers are permitted to attend and offer Distant Healing to those who wish to receive it. These sessions are run and supervised by the Healing Committee and are permitted to be counted towards the 50 required healing sessions logged in the trainees' logbooks. Email confirmation of attendance is issued following the session on request of the trainee. Attendance for both Members of the Public and Spiritualist Healing Mediums and Trainees remains around 35 people each session

Healing Leaders and Healing Supervisors Handbook

The Healing Committee has developed a comprehensive Healing Leaders and Healing Supervisors handbook which is available as a download from the Healers Portal on the SNU Website or on request as a hard copy from Head Office. It also has a section with suggestions for churches who only have a few Spiritualist Healing Mediums

Healing Committee Events

Healing Committee Healing Week at the Arthur Findlay College April 2026

This is a discounted Healing Committee Course which was fully booked and had a waiting list. It was facilitated by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Healing Committee,

and received excellent feedback, with some students already booking again for next year.

SNU Peace Walk

Representatives from the Healing Committee attended the Annual SNU Peace Walk at the National Arboretum in Stafford, joining others in a shared act of remembrance, reflection and peace.

The Director with portfolio responsibility for Spiritualist Healing attended along with the Vice Chair of the Healing Committee and another committee member. During the event, the Vice Chair led the Healing meditation and laid the Healing Committee wreath, while the Director gave the reading as part of the service of remembrance.

SNU Healing Committee Annual Healing Conference

This event has become an annual occasion for all UK and overseas Registered SNU Healers to participate and was held in November 2025, with another planned for the end of October 2026. Over 100 Spiritualist Healing Mediums attended, and feedback was excellent. From this meeting, we recruited Spiritualist Healing Mediums who expressed interest in running our quarterly online Healing Services, which have been a tremendous success. We thank them for their dedication and wonderful contributions.

Working in Partnership with other Organisations

The Chair of the Healing Committee works with, and liaises with, the Chair of UK Healers and other organisations to plan and organise events for UK Healing Awareness Week.

Healing Awareness Week was held in May 2026 on the Healing Committee Zoom and shared with SNUi so that their members could also access it. All events during the week were open to the general public.

This year, our Healing colleagues from Australia volunteered to kindly present a workshop, which made this a truly international event, and the feedback was very positive. In total, the Healing Committee presented 10 Workshops, with a total attendance of 310 for the week, along with excellent feedback.

The American National Spiritual Association of Churches

On Saturday 28th March 2026, members of the Healing Committee, along with SNU Healers, were invited and proudly participated together with the American National

Spiritual Association of Churches for their Hydesville Day Celebrations and were requested to provide Absent Healing during the Worldwide Hydesville Service.

Working in Partnership with SNUi

The Healing Committee have forged a great working relationship with the SNUi, presenting talks on the Healing Committee's role, sharing information and holding Healing Services as part of the Sunday open Access Divine Service, with other services booked throughout the coming year.

Working in Partnership with Staff at Head Office

The Healing Committee works with SNU Head of Communications to ensure comprehensive promotion of all events across social media platforms, including the SNU Facebook page. We also work very closely with Gemma Faraway, the SNU Safeguarding Manager, who plays a vital role within our churches and Districts.

Additionally, the Healing Committee maintains close links with Head Office staff on all matters related to Spiritualist Healing and healing registration, SNU Healing Awards, document publication, poster distribution, and management of the Online Healers Portal on the website. We express our appreciation and thanks for their continued support.

Conclusion

The Healing Committee is a small, highly dedicated and cohesive team of experienced, knowledgeable, and willing volunteers who work tirelessly to support one another and inspire all who seek to learn, practise, and promote Spiritualist Healing across the UK and worldwide.

Ministry Development Report

Report written by Minister Lorraine Gilbert-Gray.

During 2025, the MDC committee continued the important work of developing our Ministry. They carried out training in the Barbanell centre in Dec 2024, and followed this with minister/officiant boards at Longton church in May 2025. Following this 2 officiants had acceptance services, and 1 minister was ordained. A further officiant was appointed and had their acceptance service following the 2025 AGM. The committee also held a ministers' conference in late May 2025.

The concept of the Ministers Development Committee is to establish a firm grounding of the ministry within our churches and communities.

To give all Spiritualists a route into the ministry, by amending the qualifications to be an Officiant to include a certificate in either healing, administration or speaking. And for ministry to include a Diploma in either Healing, administration or speaking.

To recognise the Loyalty and service of our volunteers within our churches. To support and endorse suitable recommendations of volunteers by our churches, districts, committees and the NEC into our ministry.

Since the September AGM we have established three committees within the Ministry: one to deal with any complaints against the Ministry, one to develop, rewrite, and modernise our services, prison visiting, and to promote our ministry, philosophy and religion. And the third is to develop and grow our ministry, taking responsibility for training and examination in all aspects.

The minister's handbook is being updated and modernised.

We are promoting the ministry on SNUi by running biweekly, twice-daily online debates on difficult and stimulating subjects.

Prison visiting is being developed, and more officiants are becoming involved in this developing area.

The MDC has established monthly online training for both trainee officiants and ministers.

M1, the course for officiants along with the officiants logbook, is being updated.

The 2026 congress is due to take place in September.

Fund of Benevolence Report

Report written by Minister David Bruton, FOB Chair.

We are pleased to be able to report that the SNU Fund of Benevolence continues to make progress in its work, which enables us to fulfil our charitable objectives and support Spiritualists who have fallen on hard times.

During 2025 we re-established the Annual Appeal which is now linked to Hydesville Day on the 31st March, an important date for many Spiritualists. To mark 'Fund of Benevolence Week' a letter has gone out to all SNU Churches which gives us the opportunity to remind them of the Fund of Benevolence and its work within the wider movement. Included in the correspondence are the details for the Annual Appeal. Our thanks go to all Churches who kindly made a donation, the proceeds of which go to helping us make grants to Spiritualists in need. The appeal and circulation was repeated again in February 2026 and our thanks go to all the churches that have already made a donation. Should you or your Church still wish to make a donation the instructions for giving are included in the letter, on the SNU Website or you can contact our Secretary whose details are at the foot of this report.

2025 also saw the welcome return of Senior Citizens Week at the Arthur Findlay College and during the week 20th to 27th September 2025 we welcomed a group of senior citizens to the College, some visiting for the first time. Thanks to our tutors Minister Val Williams and Donna Barker DSNU, we had a wonderful and inspired time welcoming some old friends and forging new friendships. As we reported last year we included a tribute within the week to Minister Marian Bishop our former chairperson and veteran of many Senior Citizens Weeks, the tribute reflected Marian's work over many years within Spiritualism both as a Minister, Chairperson for FOB and National Almoner for the SNU in addition to her role as President of Westbury Park Spiritualist Church in Bristol, she was truly an amazing exponent of Spiritualism and touched many lives, we miss her greatly but are confident she continues her life of service from the spirit side of life. Overall the week, our first post Covid, proved to be a great success and was enjoyed by everyone involved.

In 2026 we return to the AFC from the 19th to 26th September 2026, our tutors are Minister Lynn Parker and Sally Barnes CSNU, the week is already fully booked but we have a waiting list of people wishing to attend. It is policy at the AFC to release additional available rooms six weeks before the course so we encourage people to contact our secretary (details at the foot of this report) should you wish to be added to the list so that together SCW'26 can be yet another great week.

Due to Trustee commitments and the AFC programme our Week for 2027 returns to springtime and will run from 27th March to 3rd April 2027 which coincides with the Easter Weekend. Our confirmed tutors are Paul Jacobs CSNU and Debra Chalmers DSNU. Also for this course our room allocation has been doubled by the College so we will have a lot more availability from when bookings start, so if you cannot join us this year remember to note the dates in your diary and contact our secretary who will be able to help you with your booking requirements. Also 2027 should see the additional en-suite rooms at the AFC become available so why not come and join us and sample the unique atmosphere of the College and Senior

Citizens Week. Our only booking criteria is that you are aged 60 years or over and that you are a Spiritualist.

The board this year remains unchanged and my personal thanks go to Linda Walker our Secretary/Treasurer, Gillian Grimson and Vanessa Follet for their dedication since their respective appointments to support the on-going work of Fund of Benevolence.

All of our meetings are held virtually and day to day operations are handled by email, meaning the running costs of the charity are kept to a minimum allowing us to apply our funds to the benefit of the people we help and support.

We continue to respond when called to any Spiritualist who has fallen on hard times and the trustees are satisfied that the assets of the charity are managed in a way that produces a good return which will ultimately support and fund our work in the future. We deal with a small number of requests each year and always do our best to help where there is a justifiable need. Each time we get a request for help the trustees always undertake some due diligence to ensure when a grant is made it is going to help the person in need.

Should any member wish to support the FOB by way of a donation you can do this via the SNU Website, each donation made is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue helping people in their times of need. Should you wish to make a bequest in your will to support FOB please contact our Secretary who will be able to assist you in this matter.

We are confident that the work of the Fund of Benevolence will continue and we hope that through-out 2026/27 we will be able to continue to build on the foundations laid in the past by many dedicated Spiritualists who recognised the need to be there and help support members of our wider community especially through hard times.

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Elective Auditors' Report

The Elective Auditors role was undertaken by our supplier, Mi-Voice.

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