



**Communist Party**

John Franks  
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The Electoral Commission  
3 Bunhill Row  
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15 April 2015

Dear Mr Franks,

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN**

I enclose a Statement of Accounts for 2014 for the Communist Party of Britain, form RP8 and a cheque for £50 to cover the fee for the Communist Party of Britain and for the Unity for Peace and Socialism electoral alliance. Please acknowledge receipt to the e-mail address below.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Martin Graham.

Martin Graham  
National Treasurer

Communist Party of Britain

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# **COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2014**



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### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

1. The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis employing the historical cost convention and conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The format of the accounts is that specified by the Electoral Commission.
2. Fixed assets have been written down to their recoverable amount. There were no movements in the year.
3. Stocks of literature and merchandise are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2014**

	2014	2013	Notes
	£	£	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership fees and subscriptions	94,853	97,708	
Donations	24,379	35,569	
No 2 EU Appeal	14,468	-	
Fundraising	-	-	50 The Communist Party does not hold 'fundraising' events
Bank Interest	-	-	
Notional Income	-	-	
Other	4,462	7,651	
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,162</b>	<b>140,978</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Campaigning	115,956	120,319	Campaigning is not confined to election activities
Registration Fees with Electoral Commission	25	25	
Transfers	25	25	Unity for Peace and Socialism.
Donation to No 2 EU	15,000	-	
Cost of Fundraising events	-	-	See comment above on 'fundraising'
Administration costs	14,523	13,879	
Notional Expenditure	-	-	
Other	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,529</b>	<b>134,248</b>	
<b>Deficit for year (2013 surplus)</b>	<b>7,367</b>	<b>6,730</b>	

**BALANCE SHEET at 31 DECEMBER 2014**

	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2013
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Stocks of literature and merchandise	759	552
Bank deposits and cash in hand	8,824	7,240
Debtors and Prepayments	21,575	25,976
	<u>31,158</u>	<u>33,768</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>31,159</b>	<b>33,769</b>
<b>Less Creditors falling due within one year:</b>	<b>20,131</b>	<b>15,374</b>
<b>Less Creditors falling due after one year:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>11,028</b>	<b>18,395</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Accumulated fund b/f	18,395	11,665
Suplus/deficit for the year	7,367	6,730
Accumulated fund c/f	<u>11,028</u>	<u>18,395</u>



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### Treasurer's Report

I confirm that the information provided in this Report and Accounts is, to the best of my belief, true and accurate.



Martin Graham  
National Treasurer  
14 April 2015



## 2014 REVIEW

### 1. General

The Communist Party was founded in 1920 as the Communist Party of Great Britain and was re-established in 1988 as the Communist Party of Britain. Its activities are based on the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism and its organization on democratic centralism combining the democratic participation of the membership with an elected, centralized leadership capable of directing the Party's activities. For information on the Party, its history and activities see [www.communist-party.org.uk](http://www.communist-party.org.uk).

2. National Officers at 31 December 2014 with individual executive responsibilities, all of whom were elected, were:

General Secretary	Robert Griffiths
Chair	Liz Payne
National Secretary	Ben Stevenson
Editor of Communist Review and Election Nominating Officer	Martin Levy
National Treasurer	Martin Graham

The principal office of the Communist Party is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] e-mail office@communist-party.org.uk. The Party's website is [www.communist-party.org.uk](http://www.communist-party.org.uk).

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

	2014	2013
Number at 31 December	917	924

Since March 2013 members' dues have been held at the levels agreed at the 52nd Congress in 2012. They are based on members' self-declared gross income.



## 4. Review of Financial Activities

The deficit for the year was £7,367 (2013 £6,730 surplus). With net assets at 31 December 2014 of £11,028, the underlying financial position of the Party remains sound and the budget for 2015, approved by the Executive Committee in March 2015, is expected to impact favorably on the future financial position.

### 5a. Activities in the year: extra-parliamentary

The Party organised successful mobilisations for the June 2014 People's Assembly demonstration in central London, the October 2014 TUC 'Britain Needs a Pay Rise' marches in London and Glasgow and the series of protests in solidarity with Gaza in July and August 2014. Special editions of Unity! were also produced on each occasion as well as for the August 2014 anti-NATO demonstration in Newport and the days of co-ordinated industrial action by unions in the public sector (when Party branches were supplied copies for to use at local pickets and demonstrations).

The Party centrally has continued to assist district committees organising local CP involvement in annual national labour movement festivals (Tolpuddle, Burston, Durham Miners and the Chainmakers). This has included the production and distribution of special editions of Unity! bulletins and mobilising teams of comrades to enhance the presence of the Party, the Morning Star and the Country Standard at these events

The Party continues to support the work of trade unions and to win them over to progressive policies. Unity! bulletins were published and distributed at major union conferences. The Party continued to promote the Peoples Charter and support the People's Assembly. Marxist Leninist political education was given prominence with another successful 21st Century Marxism conference and sponsorship of local Communist Universities. Communism amongst young people was encouraged and supported through the work of the Young Communist League (YCL). The Party continues to support the work of the National Assembly of Women.

The Party supports the Morning Star, the world's only English language socialist daily newspaper and continues to deplore the efforts of the mass media, including the BBC, to ignore its existence. The Party and its branches continue to encourage local readers and supporters groups and to hold regular collections for the Fighting Fund. Four editions of the Party's theoretical journal, Communist Review, were published. The Party supports the work of the Marx Memorial Library and jointly organizes with it the annual Marx Oration at Highgate Cemetery.

### 5b. Activities in the year: electoral

The electoral system in the England, Wales and Scotland starves the Communist Party of media



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coverage, effectively fines it for participating in parliamentary and regional elections by the imposition of election deposits and fails to provide the free use of public buildings for public election meetings as required under the Representation of the People Act 1983. These distortions of the electoral process together with press ownership in the UK favors the large established parties, enabling them to rely on mass media to get their message across. While the growth of social media is beginning to undermine this advantage, it still remains intact. Nevertheless, the Communist Party stood six candidates in four separate local authorities in the local government elections in 2014 and supported No2EU in the European Elections, raising £14,468 with an appeal and donating £15,000 to support their campaign.

The Communist Party does not engage in politics in Northern Ireland and encourages communists in Northern Ireland to join the Communist Party of Ireland.

### **6. International Activities**

The Party is part of the international communist and workers party movement, information on which can be found at [www.solidnet.org](http://www.solidnet.org). Priority was again given to solidarity work with the peoples of Palestine, Cuba and Venezuela, to campaigning to oppose further foreign adventures, whether in the Middle East or elsewhere, and to draw attention to and oppose proscriptions against communist parties anywhere in the world including the European Union and Ukraine. Support was given to a number of progressive women's organisations, including the Iraqi Women's League and the Democratic Organisation of Iranian Women.