Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1st	January	2025	**To**	31st	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Cocoon – Care After Care
Other names charity is known by	Cocoon
Registered charity number (if any)	1197058
Charity's principal address	Oriel House
	26 The Quadrant
	Richmond Upon Thames
	Postcode TW9 1DL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ewen Mitchell	Secretary		
2	Florida Yacob			
3	Zoe Sargent			
4	Whitney Clark			
5	Joyce Akpogheneta			
6	William Hoyle			
7	Sharon Eyre	Treasurer		
8	Nicholas Alexander Turk			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Adriana Thomas

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustee Board

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity became a registered charity, number 1197058, on 13 December 2021. The Charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) and governed by a CIO foundation model constitution dated 12 December 2021.
The trustees met six times during the period. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. During the period, no new trustees were appointed. New trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Charity's trustees. Trustees are eligible for reappointment at the end of their current term.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purpose of the Charity is to provide support to and relieve the hardship of young adults who are, or have been, in local authority care, particularly in the south-east of England, and especially in the London Boroughs of Richmond Upon Thames, Kingston Upon Thames and Hounslow. The Charity provides support by a) providing items that will improve living conditions, support aspirations and contribute to their (and their children's) well-being; b) offering practical assistance via volunteers; c) providing guidance and support to access other services; d) social events to reduce isolation including the annual Christmas Day Event.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustee's carry out the above charitable objects by:

- Providing items and covering costs to contribute to care-experienced young adults' personal and educational development. This year we have financed vocational courses, driving lessons, study equipment, musical instruments and sports clothing and equipment.
- Improving the accommodation of care-experienced young adults by providing new flooring, white goods, furniture, household appliances and home repairs.
- Providing bicycles, baby or child essential items, basic essential winter clothing.
- Hosting an annual Christmas Day Event and a Summer Picnic in the borough of Richmond Upon Thames for more than 70 care experienced young adults.
- Providing short and long-term practical help with tasks they find challenging to do alone including making applications, liaising with agencies, dealing with debt, accessing additional services to support their health and wellbeing and making home improvements.

Applications for assistance are granted on a case-by-case basis in line with our application policy.
The trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits when planning the Charity's activities and reviewing applications.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity has an application sub-committee who are responsible for reviewing applications against our applications policy. The sub-committee report back regularly to the full board of trustees.

The trustees would like to thank all our volunteers who have helped make our work possible this year, and all individuals and businesses who donated items throughout the year.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2025, Cocoon - Care After Care continued to deliver practical, financial and social support to care-experienced young adults connected to the London Boroughs of Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow. Our activities focused on reducing hardship, combating isolation and helping young people develop the confidence, stability and resources needed to live independently and thrive.

We fulfilled 304 individual requests for support during the 2025. This included the provision of furniture, white goods, flooring, household items and emergency assistance, helping young people establish and maintain safe and comfortable homes. We also responded to urgent needs through the provision of supermarket vouchers, referrals to food banks, hygiene banks and baby banks, and other crisis support measures.

Removing financial barriers to education, employment and personal development remained a key priority. During the year, 7 vocational courses were completed with Cocoon's support, including qualifications in areas such as British Sign Language, personal training, sports massage, security and nail technology. We also enabled 25 young people to access essential equipment for study and work, supported 19 learner drivers, of whom 10 had passed their driving test by the end of 2025, and helped young people pursue interests and aspirations including art, horse-riding, singing and fashion design.

Practical support provided by volunteers continued to be an important part of our work. A team of 29 year-round volunteers provided 223 hours of practical support, assisting young people with challenges such as completing forms, accessing benefits and services, managing debt, attending appointments and improving living conditions. Our support is designed not only to address immediate needs but also to build skills and confidence for the future.

Reducing isolation and strengthening community connections remained central to our mission. Throughout 2025, we organised social activities including meals, creative workshops and events for young parents and their children. These activities provided opportunities for care-experienced young adults to build supportive relationships and participate in a community of peers with shared experiences. A total of 78 people attended social events during the year.

Our flagship Cocoon Christmas Day event was successfully delivered for the ninth consecutive year, welcoming 50 care-experienced young adults who might otherwise have spent Christmas Day alone. Supported by hundreds of volunteers, donors and community members, the event provided a traditional Christmas meal, gifts, entertainment and opportunities for connection in a safe and welcoming environment.

During 2025, Cocoon also undertook significant impact evaluation work through the development of a Theory of Change with an independent consultant. Feedback from beneficiaries demonstrated that the charity's responsive, person-centred approach helped young people overcome practical barriers, complete education and training, move into and furnish homes, improve wellbeing, strengthen social connections and feel more hopeful about the future. Beneficiaries consistently highlighted the speed, reliability and non-judgemental nature of the support provided.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the period, the Charity had reserves of £115,048, of which £2,181 were restricted, this compares with reserves of £92,674 at the end of 2024.

The Charity did not review its reserves policy in 2025 as it was last reviewed in October 2024. The reserves policy sets out that reserves must be maintained at a minimum of £30,000 throughout the period, to ensure the Charity can meet all commitments. As the charity continues to grow, the flexibility of its cost base reduces, this year we employed an Operations Assistant in September, initially on a 12-month fixed term contract. The level has been set to ensure the charity's running costs can be covered for a six month period as well as a contribution towards charitable activities.

The Charity's actual level of reserves was £115,048 at the end of the period far exceeding the target level due to a very successful fund-raising strategy facilitated by the first full year of having an employed CEO in place. Also, much of the funding tends to come in at the end of the year as part of the Christmas Day Event campaign. This level of reserves will allow the Charity to fund more charitable activity in 2026.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

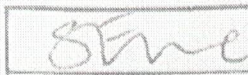
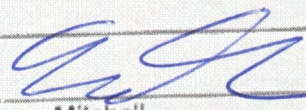
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sharon Eyre	Ewen Mitchell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	26/10/2026	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Cocoon Care After Care	1197058

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	96,528	-	-	96,528	69,386
Grants	111,000	4,250	-	115,250	51,500
Fundraising events	4,259	-	-	4,259	2,389
Other receipts	1,800	-	-	1,800	298
	-	-	-	-	
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	213,587	4,250	-	217,837	123,573
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	213,587	4,250	-	217,837	123,573
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities (excluding Christmas Day Event)	127,667	3,238	-	130,905	108,905
Christmas Day Event Prior Year	6,369	-	-	6,369	4,925
Christmas Day Event Current Year	8,542	-	-	8,542	8,296
Overhead and Administrative Expenses	7,206	30	-	7,236	4,680
Employment Costs	42,411	-	-	42,411	10,745
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	192,195	3,268	-	195,463	137,551
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	192,195	3,268	-	195,463	137,551
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,392	982	-	22,374	-13,978
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	91,475	1,199	-	92,674	106,652
Cash funds this year end	112,867	2,181	-	115,048	92,674

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Bank Account	112,867	2,181	-
	Total cash funds	112,867	2,181	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		SHARON EYRE	14/10/26
		EWEN MITCHELL	26/10/26

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Cocoon Care After Care

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2025

Charity no (if any)

1197058

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

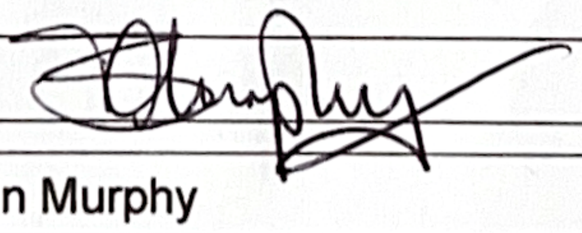
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 5/10/2026

Name: Bryan Murphy

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA, ATII

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