



Registered Charity No: 274756

Guildford 566 635

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

TRUSTEES AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Officers:	Chairman	Linda Smith
	Vice Chairman	Vanessa Green
	Treasurer	Denise Hilton
	Secretary	Alison Harris

Trustees: Zita Delaney, Rosanne Bond, Chris Kay and Philip O'Dwyer

The Officers and Trustees listed above were Trustees throughout 2025.

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Linda J Smith

Linda Smith – Chairman

ORGANISATION AND GOVERNANCE

Care for Guildford undertakes voluntary work and associated charitable activities for the benefit of people living within the area of the old Guildford borough, principally providing transport to medical appointments and shopping for housebound clients.

Care for Guildford is an unincorporated association. In accordance with its Constitution, it is managed by an Organising Committee of Trustees. The Committee has four officers, who are each elected for a period of one year, and up to eight other members each elected for a period of three years.

Elections are held at the Annual General Meeting. Individuals are eligible for re-election. The Committee may co-opt up to six non-elected members for a period expiring at the next AGM.

Day to day operations are managed by Section Leaders who may, but need not, be members of the Committee.

For Charity Commission purposes the principal address of Care for Guildford is: Box 509, 14 London Road, Guildford, Surrey. GU1 2AG

SUMMARY OF MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Transport				
Hospitals within Guildford boundary	797	819	700	446
Hospitals outside Guildford boundary	113	95	70	67
Clinics, doctors, dentists, other medical	2246	2275	1568	1467
Clubs, day centres, etc.	408	316	205	186
Other (incl Care Homes 154)	167	203	174	15
Odd Jobs	5	1	0	2
	3,736	3,709	2,717	2,183
Shopping				
Groceries	529	578	549	478
Total Number of Jobs	4,265	4,287	3,266	2,661
Clients				
New clients who joined within the year	130	181	138	155
Listed in our records at 31st December	563	550	490	467
Volunteers	111	106	111	107
Duty Officers at year end	16	18	19	20

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

This is the Report for the 50th AGM of Care for Guildford.

Our client numbers this year have increased to 563 and our volunteer numbers stand at 111.

We welcomed 15 new volunteers this year: 5 from the Farmers' Market, 4 from volunteer recommendation, 1 each from Surrey Community Care, a returner volunteer, the volunteer agency, through a Trustee; and 2 from the Christmas stall.

We have done 529 shops. We had 14 clients at the end of 2025. We are grateful to Rosanne Bond and the team of shopping volunteers she manages. This is a valuable service, providing shopping for those unable to shop for themselves and a valuable point of contact which can contribute to their wellbeing.

Sadly Laura our administrator resigned and in early October we appointed a new Administrator, Jo Sellers.

There have been considerable developments in managing the operating of booking clients' requests and allocating drivers. John Morris has been invaluable with the contribution he has made to making this a success.

The trustees and I are grateful to the way the Duty offices [now to be called Telephone Operators] have embraced the changes. We thank all volunteers, the Shoppers, Telephone operators and Drivers, many who do multiple jobs each week, offering an excellent service to our community.

I personally thank my fellow trustees for questioning, supporting and ensuring we keep up to date with ideas for moving Care for Guildford forward and, keeping us up to date with necessary requirements to ensure we continue to provide a good lasting service to our community.

Linda Smith

FINANCE

In 2025 we incurred an expected deficit of £2,780. This included a loss of £943 due to the cancellation of the Share holding of AVIVA by its Board of Directors in May. At the time the redeemed sum was favourable as £2,500 higher than its market valuation in December 2024. A special dividend was received and the £36,000 was immediately invested into Coif Charities Fund. Income for the year was £34,839 compared with £34,643 in 2024. Investment income in 2025 was lower at £12,667. Client contributions totalled £20,756 compared with £20,440 in 2024. A donation of £500 was received from Onslow Village Residents' Assoc. Volunteers' claimed expenses at £14,068 were lower than 2024 of £14,239.

Total expenditure in 2025 was £36,676, compared with 2024 total of £35,071. No donations were made to other charities, as Trustees were mindful of the expected deficit at year end. The bank balance started with £5,575 in our current account. At year end it was £3,738.

All invested funds are held at cost, but market values are monitored by the Committee regularly. Overall market values at year end 2025 were £375,744, which is £9,308 more than year end 2024. The average income rate on investments for the year was 3.37%.

In 2025 the Committee planned its strategy for 2026 and adhering to Policy, will draw on Invested funds in 2026, as anticipated expenditure will increase, not least the Charity's 50th Anniversary Celebration. An easy access cash deposit account (int.3.5%) was opened in early 2026.

Denise Hilton, Hon Treasurer

8th April 2026

POLICY ON FINANCIAL RESERVES

1. To establish and maintain investments at a level whereby the interest received meets routine and anticipated future expenditure, as determined on an annual basis.
2. To keep cash on deposit for expenditure agreed by the Trustees.
3. Thereafter, to consider making donations to local charities within the old Borough of Guildford with similar objectives to Care for Guildford from surplus income, agreed annually.
4. To monitor this policy tri-annually, or more frequently if invested funds need review
5. To determine the requirement during any year, when cash on deposit may not fund planned or unplanned expenditure; to transfer necessary amounts from Reserve Funds, agreed by the Trustees.

ACCOUNTS - For the year ending 31st December 2025

1. Receipts and Payments Account

	2025	2024
<u>Receipts</u>		
Income from assets		
Net dividends received	12,667	13,087
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Other income		
Client Contributions	20,756	20,440
Miscellaneous	1,416	1,116
	22,172	21,556
Total Receipts	34,839	34,643
<u>Payments</u>		
<i>Direct charitable expenses</i>		
Volunteers' claimed expenses	14,068	14,239
<i>Service delivery costs</i>		
Administrator	14,753	13,107
Insurance	291	258
Telephone/Website	3,159	2,813
	18,023	16,178
<i>Governance costs</i>		
Post, stationery, printing	327	567
Prepayments		69
Publicity	488	525
Official Costs/Miscellaneous	1,273	3,493
**	2,317	
	4,405	4,654
Total Expenditure	36,676	35,071
Deficit on activities for the year	-1,837	-428
Deficit on Redemption of Investment	-943	
<u>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>-2,780</u>	<u>-428</u>

2. Statement of Assets as at 31st December

	2025	2024
Funds as at 1st January	218,477	218,905
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(2,780)	(428)
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Funds as at 31st December	215,697	218,477
Comprising:		
<i>Monetary assets</i>		
Bank current account	3,738	5,575
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Total Monetary Assets	3,738	5,575
<i>Non-Monetary Assets</i>		
COIF Charities Investment Fund at cost	167,166	131,166
(Value as at 31st December 2025: £255,422)		
Other quoted securities at cost	44,793	81,736
(Value as at 31st December 2025: £120,322)		
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Total Non-Monetary Assets	211,959	205,902
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Total Funds as at 31st December	215,697	218,477

3. Notes

- The accounts are kept on a 'receipts and payments' basis.
- 2025 expenses claimed and contributions received after 31st December 2025 are not included.
- There are no restricted funds.
- The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the appropriate legal requirements.
- The Trustees approved the accounts on 8th April 2026

Denise Hilton, Honorary Treasurer

8th April 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Members of Care for Guildford

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent Examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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.

M. L. Hammond FCA

8th April 2026