



How to leave a gift in your will

How to make a new will

Making a will isn't complicated and should cost you around £100:

- First, appoint a professional adviser - usually a solicitor or bank.
- Next, work out how much you have to leave, including the total sum of your property, money and possessions, less any outstanding mortgages or loans.
- Decide who you want to benefit from your will. For example, your family, friends and favourite charities or good causes.
- Choose executors to make sure your wishes are carried out. These can be professional advisers, friends or family members - or one of each.
- Finally, keep your will safe and make sure your executors know where to find it. Give one copy to your solicitor or bank.

How to update an existing will

It's vital to review your will at intervals to ensure it still reflects your wishes and circumstances. For instance, if you move house or get married, or someone mentioned in your will dies, you may need to change it. Speak to your solicitor or bank about the simplest way to revise your will quickly and cost-effectively.

Further advice and information

If you have any questions or require further advice, [please contact the National Churches Trust legacies advisor](#), who will be happy to help you. We have also provided [the answers to frequently asked questions](#) about leaving a gift in your will.

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Suggested legacy wording to take to your solicitor

"I bequeath to the National Churches Trust of 31 Newbury Street London EC1A 7HU Registered Charity Number 1119845, the sum of £_____ (for a pecuniary bequest), or: the residue of my estate (for a residuary bequest) to be used by the National Churches Trust at its discretion."

To make a property-specific gift add: "for or towards the upkeep, maintenance or improvement of _____ (church, chapel or meeting house)."

To make an appeal-specific gift add: "for or towards the purposes for which _____ (appeal) was established."

To make a project-specific gift add: "for or towards the _____ work (e.g. the photographic archive) of the National Churches Trust."