

Your Guide to Gifts in Wills

Support us in
your Will today
to help us care for
patients and families
in the future

**St
Catherine's
Hospice**

Together With Compassion



Gifts in Wills

cover the cost of caring for
1 in 5 patients

Many of the services we provide are only possible thanks to the generosity of our community. Yvonne has supported St Catherine's for several years and has chosen to leave a gift in her Will to help ensure future generations can continue to receive the care and support they need.



Yvonne has supported St Catherine's for many years. When she first made her Will, she chose to include a gift to the Hospice, a decision she says felt natural because of the difference St Catherine's makes to local people and families.

Over the years, her connection to St Catherine's has grown even stronger. She regularly supports our Yellow Ribbon campaign, taking time each year to remember loved ones and honour their memories.

Yvonne said: "I've supported St Catherine's financially throughout my life, and I'd like that support to continue once I'm gone. I know how important hospice care is to local families and the comfort it brings when people need it most."

Leaving a gift in her Will is Yvonne's way of helping ensure future families can continue to receive the care and support they deserve.

"I hope my gift would allow people to access a high-quality support service. I've supported St Catherine's financially throughout my life, so I'd like that to continue once I'm gone."

Yvonne

Gifts in Wills make a significant difference to our charity,
and enable us to help patients and families achieve what is important
to them in the precious time they have together.



Our promise to you

**If you decide to leave a gift in your Will
to the Hospice, we promise:**

- 1** We understand how important your family and friends may be and that you may want them to be your first consideration when you are writing your Will. We will treat everyone with sensitivity and respect.
- 2** We will spend the money you have donated where it will have the most impact. If you have specified where you would like the money to go to, we will ensure your wishes are carried out.
- 3** Any information you share with us will be kept confidential and secure; it will not be passed on to anyone else.
- 4** We will answer any questions you have honestly and quickly.
- 5** We will keep you up to date about our important work and how we're making a difference to local people.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I make a Will?

Writing a Will now can make life much easier for your loved ones later. Having a Will is the only way you can ensure that your family, friends and any good causes you care about, are provided for in the way you wish.

I don't have much to leave. Will my gift still make a difference?

Gifts of all sizes make such a difference to St Catherine's Hospice.

We are extremely grateful for any donation received.

How will my legacy gift be spent?

Every year, we need to raise around £6 million to continue providing hospice care across our community. As we are only part-funded by the NHS, gifts left in Wills are vital, helping to cover the cost of care for 1 in 5 patients.

By choosing to leave a gift in your Will, you could help ensure local people and their loved ones receive expert care, comfort and support when they need it most.



Do I need a solicitor?

It's important to consider, we generally recommend seeking legal advice from an independent professional.

Is there someone to talk to about this?

Our team would be pleased to answer your questions impartially, sensitively and quickly.

Call us on **01772 695279** or email giftsinwills@stcatherines.co.uk

You can arrange to come to the Hospice for a chat if you wish.

Courses and groups to help people discuss death, dying and grief are held throughout the year

Contact Gifts in Wills team:

Call 01772 629171 or email giftsinwills@stcatherines.co.uk

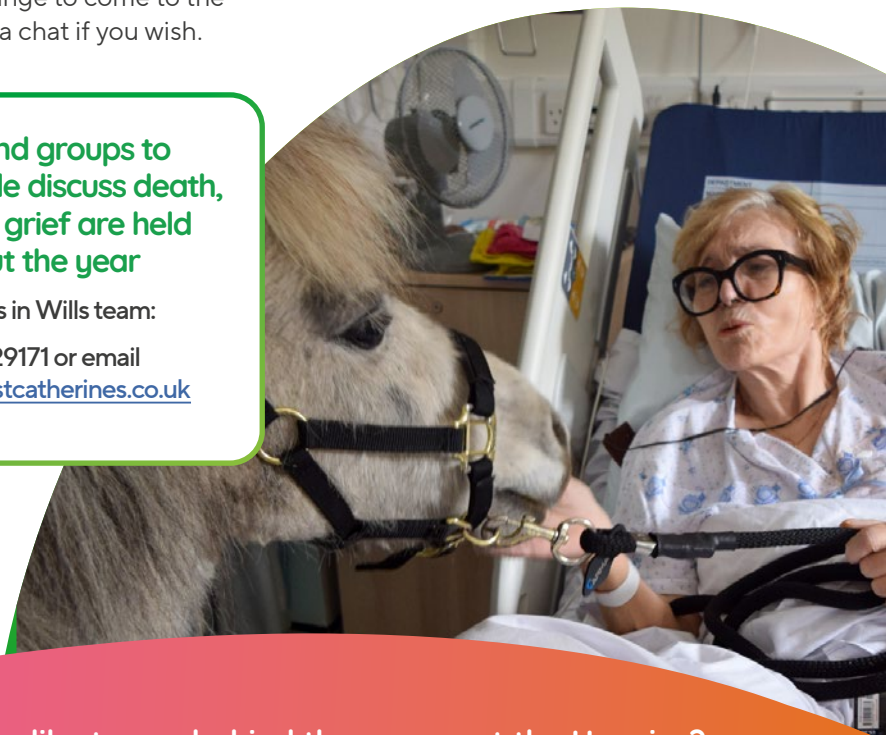
What information would they need?

To include us in your Will, this is what your solicitor needs to know:

Charity name: St Catherine's Hospice, Lancashire

Charity address: St Catherine's Hospice, Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston, PR5 5XU

Registered Charity Number: 512186



Would you like to see behind the scenes at the Hospice?

We offer Talk & Tour sessions to enable you to see how donations and legacies are spent, go behind closed doors on the In-Patient Unit and chat to Hospice staff.

Email: giftsinwills@stcatherines.co.uk

Glossary of terms

Beneficiary

A person who benefits from a gift in your Will.

Bequest/legacy

A gift in your Will.

Estate

Total sum of all your assets, including possessions, property and money.

Executor

A person you ask to make sure the wishes expressed in your Will are carried out. Executors can also be beneficiaries.

Will

A legal document that declares the intention as to what should happen to your estate after your death.

Lasting Power of Attorney

This a legal document that allows someone to make decisions for you, or act on your behalf, if you are no longer able to make your own decision.

Testator

The person who is making the Will.

Witness

A person present at the signing of your Will. They will also need to sign the Will. A witness cannot be a beneficiary.

Inheritance Tax (IHT)

The tax levied on your estate if it is more than an amount specified by HM Revenue and Customs. A gift to charity is exempt from inheritance tax.

Intestacy

If you die without a Will in place, your estate is distributed under intestacy rules. There is a strict order of who would inherit your estate. Please visit gov.uk/inherits-someone-dies-without-will for more information.

Pecuniary Gift

A gift of a specified sum of money.

Residuary Gift

A gift of all or part of what is left of your estate after all debts, taxes, costs and pecuniary gifts have been paid. This can be a percentage, fraction or part of an estate.

Specific Gift

A gift of a particular item in your Will e.g. a car, jewellery, painting, etc.

Thanks to your
wonderful support
we can continue
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There's no obligation to do so,
but if you choose to remember
St Catherine's in your Will, it's
helpful if you can let us know your
wishes so we can plan our care
and continue to be there for the
people who need us in the future.

If you would like to see how we
spend gifts in Wills and other
donations, please contact us to
arrange a visit to the Hospice to
chat to our team.

Call 01772 695279

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