

## Leaving a Legacy

Everyone who remembers Beverley Community Lift in their will is making sure that an elderly or disabled person— sometime, somewhere – will get the helping hand they need. Donations in wills (Legacies) contribute to our voluntary income and the need for our services is set to rise dramatically.

In the coming years Beverley Community Lift will be needed more than ever; because as a nation we are growing older. In just 30 years' time the UK population aged over 60 will have increased by 50%, so Beverley Community Lift's services will be even more vital in the future. The lives of elderly and disabled people could be transformed by remembering Beverley Community Lift in your will.

For instance, in your will, some people like to divide whatever they leave between more than one of their favourite charities, so they could include Beverley Community Lift too.

People obviously need to make sure their families and those near and dear to them are looked after first, before thinking about making a charitable gift of what remains – this is called a 'residuary legacy'. Others choose to leave a specific sum of money, which is known as a 'pecuniary legacy'.

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## Beverley Community Lift

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## A lasting way to be remembered

It is wise to plan ahead to ensure your wishes will be carried out when you are gone. So, although you may have written your will, you may want to consider how you would like to be remembered at your funeral. The same thought may also occur if you are arranging the funeral of a friend or loved one.

Instead of flowers, have you thought about a more lasting donation? Flowers are beautiful, but within days they have faded. Thankfully, there is another more enduring way for friends and family to pay tribute. All you need to do, if you believe in the work we do at Beverley Community Lift, is arrange for donations to be made towards our work, instead of flowers, at the funeral.

You can do this for your own funeral by leaving instructions in your will or expression of wishes. Discuss your intentions with the funeral director and ensure family and friends are notified by making a note in your funeral plan as well as in your will. It would also be helpful to let us know, so that we can thank you now for your generous gesture.

In this way, you can keep on helping others long after you are gone and those nearest to you will feel they are doing something really worthwhile in your memory.



## Why and how you should leave a will

It is important to make your will, otherwise there is no certainty that your wishes will be followed.

As legally binding documents, we recommend wills should be drawn up by a qualified solicitor. It makes good sense to ask for a quote first.

Although simple will forms can be bought from stationers, we do not recommend writing your own will. A simple error, or something left out, might cause a great deal of confusion and unnecessary upset to those left behind.

But making a will isn't the end of the story. It's important to keep your will up-to-date, too. Event like marriages, births and deaths, or changes in property value, can quickly alter how you might want to arrange things. For instance, if someone who is single makes a will and then gets married, that will becomes invalid – just one example of how changes in your circumstances could result in your intentions not being carried out as you wished.

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