

Leaving a gift in my will



Willen Hospice
always there to care

Your promise of a gift

We know that leaving a gift in your Will is a big decision and we promise that your trust in us will make a very real and lasting difference to the lives of individuals and families that we support.

Once you've looked after your loved ones in your Will, leaving a gift to Willen Hospice will help us continue with the vital care and support that we provide within our community.

Our mission is to be the lasting and thriving provider of free care to those who need us, driven as we are by our values of Compassion, Ambition, Respect and Excellence.

Please let us know if we can support you in helping you create your important gift



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Trust in us because...

Our care touches thousands of people every year, whether they are treated on our In-Patient Unit, visited in their own home by one of our specialist community nurses, take part in alternative therapy in our Wellbeing Centre, or receive physiotherapy or lymphoedema care.

We can't do this without you, and this is exactly why we need your support more than ever.

You may not know someone who has been supported by Willen yet, but sadly, the chances are you will do at some point in your life. Your gift will help us make a vital difference.





Leaving a gift in your Will

Gifts in Wills transform the lives of countless people who are living with illnesses that can no longer be cured. Just as each patient is unique, so is the illness that brings them to the end of their life. When they need the specialist, individual, professional care that we freely provide, Willen is there.

And at every step, our doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals bring comfort to our patients, giving compassionate support to family members, friends, colleagues and loved ones too.

A gift in your Will can help Willen Hospice continue such important care. By making a choice to help us, with whatever you decide to gift, know that you are making a difference that will last far into the future.

*“I’m glad I could
contribute. You took
such wonderful care
of my friend that
you’ve left a lasting
impact on all of us”*

“This was the least I could do; myself and my wife will forever be indebted to Willen Hospice and the staff there, we were amazed how well patients and their families were looked after when her dad was there for his last days.”

What a gift in your Will means to Willen Hospice

A gift of any size, once you have taken care of all those closest to you, will make a big difference to us. We receive less than a quarter of our funding from the NHS, so all the rest needs to be raised from our local community. That's where you come in.

Without your help we simply cannot plan for the months and years ahead. With a growing population, we would like to know that anyone who needs our care, can access it when they need it.

For this to happen, we need funding of more than £4.7 million each year so that patients and their families can experience the love, care and compassion we can give them at such a difficult time.





“The only way I could explain it to other friends and family was that you move heaven and earth to try and fulfil their dreams, awe inspiring to say the very least! Thanks should really go to you and everyone who puts the monumental efforts in making every day feel so very special, for those who truly need it.”

Choosing the right gift for you

What type of gift can I leave in my Will?

A gift of any size will help us provide care to patients and their families at the most difficult time of their lives. There are three types of gift that you could choose to leave.

- **Residuary gift** - is a percentage of your estate left to Willen Hospice after all debts, bills and taxes have been paid ('Estate' simply means 'the total value of all property and assets'). You can choose to leave us a percentage of what remains from your estate after all other gifts and deductions are made.
- **Pecuniary gift** - a fixed gift of money to Willen Hospice.
- **Specific gift** - this could be any specific item or items that you own and where you would like Willen Hospice to benefit from (this could be a property, furniture or jewellery for example).

Perhaps you have something different in mind? We'd be so grateful for any size of gift, so please speak to one of our team if you would like to explore any other options.

"My mum passed away last year at Willen. My son is also raising funds for Willen and we will continue to do so as much as we can. I myself am a registered manager of a care home, and I can tell you your staff were brilliant."



How to include us in your Will

Writing or updating your Will gives you peace of mind. It ensures that those closest to you are looked after and it puts you in full control. It's also easier than you may think so please remember Willen Hospice in your Will.

We recommend that you contact a solicitor to carry out your wishes.


If you need help finding a solicitor, please visit The Law Society at www.lawsociety.org.uk

"Everyone at Willen Hospice, not only the medical staff, is welcoming, friendly, proficient and efficient. At a time of despair, staff and volunteers at Willen bring comfort. I'm so grateful for your help, a simple thank you seems inadequate"









Here are some things that we hope will be helpful to you in making your decision

Do I have to be wealthy to leave a gift in my Will?

Not at all. A gift of any size can make a real difference. Whatever size or type of gift you decide to leave, it will help us improve the lives of our patients and their families.

What wording do I need to include in my Will?

Your solicitor can advise you as it depends on the type of gift you wish to leave. It is vital to include our full name, registered address and charity number (on the back of this brochure).

Can I leave my gift to a specific service?

Of course you can – we'd be happy to talk through options with you. What may be of interest to you is that most people leave their gift to the charity without condition, so it can be used to fund the greatest need at that time to ensure the greatest effect. Please trust in us to do that.

Can a gift to charity help me pay less tax?

Yes. Gifts to UK-registered charities can help reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax that needs to be paid on your estate. We strongly recommend you speak to a solicitor or tax accountant for advice on tax issues.

How can I change my Will to include a gift to Willen Hospice?

The easiest way to make a change to your Will is to use a Codicil. This will instruct your solicitor to make the changes you would like.





Our promise to you

- We will offer support to help you, but never put you under pressure because we understand this is an important decision for you.
- You do not have to tell us of your decision. We would love to hear from you if you leave a gift, and we will always respect and honour your privacy.
- We will use your gift carefully and effectively, and where it will have the most impact.
- We will answer your questions as quickly and honestly as we can.
- We will be there for your loved ones and family if they should need us in future.

"My husband passed away under the wonderful care of Willen Hospice. He was given love, care and dignity by every member of staff at all times. We found it a place of calm, rest, warmth and comfort."



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