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How to leave a gift in your will

There are a number of different types of gifts (bequests) that can be left in your will, including:

Pecuniary: a fixed sum of money – an amount in £.

Sample wording: "I give the sum of £_____ (amount in words) to ... free of tax."

Or you can index-link the gift to ensure it retains its value over time. We can supply suitable wording.

Specific: a particular named item - for example, property, jewellery, books or any other personal possessions

Sample wording for a gift of assets: " I give _____."

Sample wording for the sale of assets: "I instruct my executors to sell for the best possible price the following: _____ and to give the net proceeds free of all tax to ..."

Residuary: the remainder of the estate after all your debts, taxes and specific gifts have been paid.

Sample wording: "I give XX% of the remainder of my estate to ..."

Wording to describe the beneficiary

"I give to Bristol Civic Society (Charity Reference: 244414) care of Treasurer, Bristol Civic Society for its general purposes and direct that a written receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Bristol Civic Society shall be a complete discharge to my Executors. If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this will and any codicil has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my Executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made."

Specifying how the gift is used

You can leave it up to Bristol Civic Society how to use your gift, so we can take advantage of opportunities at the time. Or you can specify an area of work you would like to support. We want to be able to fulfil your wishes, so please get in touch to talk this over.

Sample wording: "... and I express the wish, but without creating any legally-binding obligation, that the said charity use the said bequest for (intended use)."

Please contact our treasurer for more information or send us an email at giving@bristolcivicsociety.org.uk.

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How to add a codicil to an existing will

If you have already made a will and wish to amend it to include a gift of a fixed sum of money to Bristol Civic Society, you may want to write your own simple codicil, using the form below.

Codicil to will of of [address].....

This is the [first/second/other] codicil to my last will dated

I give the sum of pounds to Bristol Civic Society (charity No. 244414) free of tax, and I direct that a written receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Bristol Civic Society shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

In all other aspects I confirm my will (and codicil/s).

Date Signature Signed byin our presence and then by us in his/hers:

Signature of first witness Name Address

..... Occupation

Signature of second witness Name Address

..... Occupation

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