



Want to know more?
We're here to talk when you're ready

We know you'll want to take time to think about your family, loved ones and others you care for as you consider your Will, but when the time is right, you can call us for an informal conversation about what a lasting legacy gift could mean.

Thank you.

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You remember...

sticklebacks in a jam jar climbing a tree (and falling out again) that iridescent feather that must have been from a tropical bird kicking autumn leaves of every shade of orange the fox that always enjoyed the Sunday roast leftovers the first time you ever saw a kingfisher sand in your toes that never washed off in the rock pool butterflies crowding the buddleia in the yard next door the crackling buzz of dragonfly wings on a summers day the stripes of a badger disappearing under the fence in the garden the first time blue tits made a home in your nest box bats flickering against the moon in the summer



I'm sure that, like me, you're concerned about the future of our planet. You too share a belief that it is important that we leave a thriving natural world for future generations to know and enjoy. That is why making a Will is one of the most important jobs any of us has to do.

Sir David Attenborough, President Emeritus of the Wildlife Trusts





A forever gift...

Imagine leaving a gift that could truly last for generations, a gift that means your generosity can allow others to enjoy Cheshire's wildlife and wild places for the future - just like you did.

Leaving a legacy in your Will to Cheshire Wildlife Trust could make that difference.

Every single gift in your Will, however large or small, counts. At Cheshire Wildlife Trust we've been dedicated to looking after wildlife locally for more than 50 years, so you can be sure that every penny you choose to leave in our care will be well spent.



A legacy can make a startling difference to the Trust. We could secure additional land to protect it for the future, safeguard threatened species or give young people the chance to enjoy the countryside in a way they've never had the chance to before.

Charlotte Harris, Chief Executive, Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Leave a memory Leave a smile Leave a legacy

Naturally, you'll want to make sure your loved ones are looked after in your Will.

Then, you may want to think about leaving a proportion of what's left to charities close to your heart.

Even a small percentage can make a big difference.

What a legacy to Cheshire Wildlife Trust could do:

- Help us acquire important wildlife sites, saving them from future development
- Manage our nature reserves, and help connect them to the wider countryside and a Living Landscape
- Work in partnership with farmers to improve their land for wildlife
- Inspire young people about the natural world - tomorrows conservationists
- Provide a voice for wildlife to manage the effects of planning and development and secure the best outcome for wildlife



Your gift, safe with our knowledge

Why should you entrust Cheshire Wildlife Trust with your legacy for nature?

The Cheshire Wildlife Trust has been taking action for nature here in the North West for more than 50 years.

Across the UK, the Wildlife Trusts are one of the largest groups looking out for all wildlife and habitats, with a collective membership of more than three quarters of a million people.

From those early days we were campaigning for wildlife and continue to do so today influencing policy and decisions that affect our natural world at the highest level, both locally and nationally.

In the Cheshire region we have the support of more than 12,000 members, and work from the tip of the Wirral to Macclesfield Forest and south to our own wildlife-friendly Bickley Hall Farm near Malpas.

We manage more than 40 nature reserves with a rich variety of wild places safeguarding rare wildlife and habitats from barn owls to bluebells. We also advise others across thousands of acres of the Cheshire countryside to secure A Living Landscape.

We see young people as the future and welcome children from all backgrounds to our farm and nature reserves, and inspire countless others in the classroom.

Our dedicated teams continue to help species return to the region like the hazel dormouse and water vole, the small pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly, the white-faced darter dragonfly and the iconic otter.

Your legacy could help us continue this work.



Some questions answered...

I'm not wealthy and I want to leave money to members of my family. What if there's not enough left to leave to charities as well?

It's important remember your family and friends, but once you have given consideration to the needs of your nearest and dearest, you could consider leaving a small percentage of the 'residue' of your estate to causes that are closest to your heart. The Trust will receive the proportion of your estate that you intended, regardless of aspects in the future like inflation.

What other types of legacy can I leave?

As well as a '**residuary gift**' (above), you could leave a cash gift known as a '**pecuniary gift**', this is when you leave an exact sum of money to a charity of your choice. You can also leave a **specific item**, such as land, jewellery or equipment. A '**gift in trust**' is a gift for someone to use over a period of time. When the time has ended, the money can be allocated to other causes, such as a charity.

Wouldn't you rather have money now than wait, possibly for decades?

Support for the work the Trust does will always be needed, probably even more so in the future. Consequently, we are especially grateful to those who make a provision in their will.

If I want to leave a legacy to Cheshire Wildlife Trust what information does my solicitor need?

Your solicitor will need to know our **full name** and **address**, our **Registered Charity Number** (on the back page of this booklet) and the percentage of the residue or the amount of money you would like to leave to the Trust. We would also like to know if you are thinking of leaving us a gift so we can acknowledge your generosity, if you wish.

