

A Guide to Gifts in Wills

Help hospice care live on.
For all, for now, forever.





**“It’s reassuring to know that
leaving a gift in our Wills will help
care for others – it’s our legacy
to our community.”**

**Joanne and Chris Hinds,
Willow Wood Hospice supporters and volunteers**



Caring for local people

Since 1999, Willow Wood Hospice has been here for people across Tameside and Glossop, caring for local families when someone they love is living with a serious or life-limiting illness. Every day we support people in our community with compassionate hospice care, from medical support to counselling, physiotherapy and dementia care.

More people than ever are turning to Willow Wood for help, and we want to be there for everyone who needs us. At the same time, the cost of running the hospice continues to rise, but our commitment remains the same: to provide expert care and comfort for local people, close to home.

Many people don't realise just how important Gifts in Wills are for the care we provide. In fact, one in five of the people we support are cared for thanks to someone who chose to remember us in their Will. Without these gifts, it would be much harder for us to be there for everyone who has been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness.

Hospice care is always free for patients and their families. But unlike the NHS, hospices aren't fully funded by the government. We do receive some support, but around three quarters of what it costs to run our hospice comes from the kindness of people in our community.



Caring for local families

Each year we support our patients, their families and those closest to them during illness and bereavement.

Over 200 patients
are cared for in our
Inpatient Unit



Our Nurses and
Therapists make over
1,000 home visits



More than 650
people attend our
support groups



Our Complementary
Therapists provide
nearly 700 sessions to
patients and carers



Who funds hospice care?

Actually, it's people like you.

A gift in your Will helps protect the future of the Hospice so we can continue to care. It's simple to leave a gift in your Will, or to update the one you already have, but the difference it makes is extraordinary. It means we can keep being there to care for everyone who needs it, when they need it most.



A gift in your Will could:



Help us buy specialist equipment to provide pain relief on our Inpatient Unit



Pay for 24-hour nursing care



Allow us to run patient support groups, like our Dementia Café



Help provide one-to-one and group specialist counselling to patients and their family members



Allow our clinicians to offer tailored care at a patient's home, for example physiotherapy or occupational therapy





Everything you need to know

Below are the answers to some frequently asked questions. If you have a question that isn't answered here, please get in touch with our Legacy team: email giftsinwills@willowwood.org.uk or call 0161 330 7788.



Why do I need a Will?

An up-to-date Will ensures that your loved ones and a charity like Willow Wood Hospice are provided for after your death.



How do I leave a gift in my Will to Willow Wood?

To leave a gift to Willow Wood, you need to make a Will or amend your existing Will.



Where can I find a solicitor to write or amend my Will?

There are several local solicitors who can assist with your Will who can be found through the Law Society (www.lawsociety.org.uk). Alternatively, you can make use of our partnership with the National Free Wills Network. To have your simple Will drawn up for free, visit www.willowwood.org.uk/giftsinwills where you can find out more information.



Ian Wicks
Director of Finance,
Willow Wood Hospice

"Being involved at Willow Wood from the beginning has been a privilege. By leaving a gift in my Will, I know I'm helping to ensure the hospice can care for future generations."



What if I already have a Will?

It's a good idea to review your Will regularly. An up-to-date Will is one of the most important things you can have to protect your loved ones and ensure your wishes are carried out. It is easy to update your Will to include a gift to Willow Wood. Just ask your solicitor.



How big should a gift in my Will be?

You can leave a gift of any size to Willow Wood. It's worth leaving a gift in your Will even if you don't have much to give. Gifts of any size can make a real difference, and we are so grateful for any amount we receive.



What type of gift can I leave?

You can leave:

- A share (%) of what is left of your estate after your friends and family have been taken care of
- A fixed amount of money, specified by you
- An item such as jewellery or property



Everything you need to know



How will my gift be spent?

Your gift will help us to continue delivering compassionate palliative and end of life care to the people of Tameside and Glossop.



To leave a gift to Willow Wood Hospice, what important information must I include in my Will?

If you want to leave a gift to Willow Wood Hospice, you need to include our charity name, address and charity number:

Charity name: Tameside and Glossop Hospice Limited, trading as Willow Wood Hospice.

Address: Willow Wood Close, Mellor Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6SL.

Charity number: 1029318



What about inheritance tax?

A gift to Willow Wood and other charities is often 100% tax free. A gift in your Will may also help reduce the inheritance tax paid on your estate. To find out more visit www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax



Martin Willescroft

*President and trustee,
Willow Wood Hospice*

"We have been part of Willow Wood Hospice since its very beginning, and have seen first-hand the compassion and care it provides for the community. For my wife and I, leaving a gift in our Will feels like a natural way to help ensure that support continues for generations to come."



Can I specify where I want my gift to go?

The short answer is yes. But as we don't know what the future holds, we encourage you to leave a gift that allows us to use it however it is needed most at the time we receive it. If there's a particular area of the hospice or care you would like to support, please contact our Legacy team to discuss it: call **0161 330 7788** or email **giftsinwills@willowwood.org.uk**.



Can I leave a gift in memory of a loved one?

Supporting Willow Wood Hospice in your Will is a wonderful way to remember the life of a loved one and a positive way to make a real difference.

"Gifts in Wills are a deeply meaningful way of supporting the hospice. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who chooses to leave a lasting legacy, which helps to ensure that we can continue providing compassionate, dignified care to local people."

Tracy Minshull,
CEO of Willow Wood Hospice



Including Willow Wood Hospice in your Will is easy to do and our team is here to support you. Please get in touch with us for an informal chat. You're also very welcome to visit the hospice for a tour and a cup of tea. Please contact the Legacy team on **0161 330 7788** or email **giftsinwills@willowwood.org.uk**.



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