

How your Will can help the HSA

The HSA depends on legacies and donations to continue its work. The HSA's projects and programmes are rarely accomplished in a short time-span. Over the many years of its history, legacies from supporters concerned to safeguard the well-being of animals have given the HSA the resources to be able to undertake long-term projects. Without those gifts, no long-term projects could have been started, let alone completed. Such security is a precious gift indeed.

Ways to leave a legacy to Charity

Here is suggested wording for various ways of leaving a legacy to a Charity:

LEAVING A FIXED AMOUNT

'I give to the Humane Slaughter Assoc & Council Of Justice To Animals (Registered Charity No 209563) of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN, the sum of (*in figures and words*) to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge for such legacy.'

LEAVING ALL OR A PROPORTION OF THE RESIDUE

'I give (*all/a % share of*) the residue of my estate to the Humane Slaughter Assoc & Council Of Justice To Animals (Registered Charity No 209563) of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge for such legacy.'

CHANGING A WILL YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE

A typical Codicil:

'I (*name*) of (*address*) declare that this is a (*first/second/etc*) codicil to my Will dated the (*date in words*).

1. I give the sum of (*amount in words and figures*) to The Humane Slaughter Assoc & Council Of Justice To Animals (Registered Charity No 209563) of The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge for such legacy.

2. In all other respects I confirm my said Will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this (*date in words*). Signed by the said (*name*) as a (*first/second/etc*) codicil to (*his/her*) Will dated the (*date*) in the presence of us both being present who at (*his/her*) request in (*his/her*) presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses (*signature of Testator and signatures, names and addresses of two witnesses*).'

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Making a Will



The HSA's quick guide to why and how...

...WHY?

We all delay making a Will – it seems to be asking Fate to do something nasty to us! But making a Will gives us peace of mind that we have provided for our loved ones to the best of our ability and ensured that our wishes will be adhered to.

...AND IF YOU DON'T MAKE A WILL?

The intestacy laws decide how your possessions will be distributed. As an example of how the law may not work as you might wish it to, if you are married with children, your spouse would inherit your personal belongings (everything except property, land, money and shares) and the first £125,000 only. The rest is divided in two. Half would go into a statutory trust with the interest going to your spouse, the other half divided between your children. (The law is slightly different in Scotland.)

...NOT WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND?

It's easy and usually not expensive to make a Will. A solicitor should be able to give you an idea of the cost over the phone.

...HOW?

The checklist over the page is a useful way of thinking through what you would like to include in your Will. Complete this before you visit the solicitor to make the process as quick and straightforward as possible. Don't forget, too, that Wills can become out of date – family circumstances change over the years and you may change your mind about other bequests you would like to make. You probably won't need to rewrite the whole Will: your solicitor will advise you on how to add a suitable addition (or Codicil) to your existing Will. A suggested wording is on the back page.

Before you visit your solicitor...

DETAILS OF YOUR CHILDREN:

• Name _____ Date of birth if under 18 _____

Address _____

Name of intended guardian _____

Address of guardian _____

• Name _____ Date of birth if under 18 _____

Address _____

Name of intended guardian _____

Address of guardian _____

• Name _____ Date of birth if under 18 _____

Address _____

Name of intended guardian _____

Address of guardian _____

EXECUTORS:

• Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

• Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

ESTIMATED VALUE OF THINGS YOU OWN:

Home and other property £ _____

Household contents (furniture, clothes, etc) £ _____

Antiques £ _____

Jewellery £ _____

Car(s) £ _____

Other valuable items (eg boat, caravan, etc) £ _____

YOUR MONEY:

Bank accounts £ _____

Building society accounts £ _____

Other savings (National Savings, Premium Bonds, etc) £ _____

Pension benefits £ _____

Life insurances £ _____

Stocks and shares, unit trusts £ _____

Cash and other financial assets £ _____

Business assets £ _____

YOUR DEBTS:

Mortgage £ _____

Bank loans £ _____

Overdraft £ _____

Hire purchase agreements £ _____

Credit card debts £ _____

Tax owed £ _____

Other debts £ _____

MONEY OWED TO YOU:

• Name of debtor _____

Address _____

Amount outstanding £ _____

• Name of debtor _____

Address _____

Amount outstanding £ _____

BENEFICIARIES:

• Name _____

Address _____

Full details of bequest _____

• Name _____

Address _____

Full details of bequest _____

• Name _____

Address _____

Full details _____

BEQUESTS TO CHARITY:

• Name of Charity _____

Address _____

• Name of Charity _____

Address _____

• Name of Charity _____

Address _____

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SOLICITOR:

List on separate sheet.