



Leaving a Gift in your Will

Wildlife in the UK is declining at an alarming rate. But leaving a gift to Sussex Wildlife Trust in your Will is a great way to make a lasting contribution to wildlife locally. These gifts, no matter how small, can play a vital role in securing the future of wildlife across our county, so that local species can thrive for generations to come.

How will my gift be used?

Legacies are usually unrestricted gifts, allowing us to use the funds wherever the need is greatest at that particular time. If you have a particular area of interest that you'd like to benefit please contact us to discuss your intentions.

I would like to include a gift to Sussex Wildlife Trust in my Will. What information do I need?

When including a legacy to charity it's important to specify the charity's registered name, address and charity number. For Sussex Wildlife Trust these are:

- Registered name: *Sussex Wildlife Trust*
- Registered address: *Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9SD*
- Registered charity number: *207005*

Suggested wording

For a residuary gift to the Trust: "I give to Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9SD (Registered Charity Number 207005) (1% - 100%, or stated portion) of the residue of my estate for its general charitable purposes and I further declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Sussex Wildlife Trust for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

For a pecuniary gift to the Trust: "I give the sum of £X to Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9SD (Registered Charity Number 207005) for its general charitable purposes and I further declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Sussex Wildlife Trust for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy

Ensuring your Will is valid and accurate

It is always best to have your Will drawn up by an experienced solicitor. A Will is a legal document and trying to write your own can be difficult. One error could cause the whole document to be invalid.

I've already made my Will. How can I change it to include a gift to the Trust?

You won't need to rewrite your Will unless you want to. A qualified solicitor can draft an amendment (called a codicil). It is a simple and inexpensive way to make a change to benefit wildlife. Do ask your solicitor about this.

Telling us about your intentions

Your Will is a private document and you're not under any obligation to tell us anything about it. But it would be lovely if you felt comfortable sharing your intentions with us. By doing so, we would be able to thank you in person for your amazing kindness, and look forward with confidence to a future that will protect more habitats and enhance their biodiversity.

Contact us

If you have any questions or to let us know you've included a gift to Sussex Wildlife Trust in your Will, please contact Gemma Pratt (Legacy & In Memory Gifts Officer), by email: gemma.pratt@sussexwt.org.uk or phone: 01273 497566.