



Leaving a gift to charity

Leaving a Will is one of the most important legal documents you can make. Many people think writing a Will is a daunting prospect, but they can be straightforward, and it doesn't have to be complicated or frightening. Along with some plain-speaking legal advice from your solicitor, our brief guide should help to get your Will sorted in no time at all.

There are three main ways that you can leave a Gift in your Will:

Residuary - This is when you leave a percentage of the remainder of the value of your estate in your Will (after all named loved ones, money owing etc. has been considered)

Pecuniary - This is when someone leaves a specified sum of money in their Will

Specific - A specific item of value. Some people choose to leave a named item in their Will. This could vary from a vase to a house

Do you already have a Will?

Great. If you already have a Will and want to leave a gift to African Revival – Investing in Education, all you have to do is make a *Codicil*. It's a bizarre little Latin word that means 'amend'. And that's all you have to do. Speak to your solicitor about making a simple amendment to your existing Will, and they will guide you.

The following steps will help guide you through the process and save you time at the solicitors:

Step 1: Work out the value of your estate

Your estate simply means the value of all you own, minus any money you owe.

Step 2: Decide who you'd like to provide for

There's no limit to the number of different gifts you can make. Once you have provided for your loved ones, you could also consider making a gift to charity to transform the lives of those the charity supports. Even a very small percentage of your estate could make a big difference.

Step 3: Guardians for young children or pets

If you have children under 18 or pets, it is important to choose and ask a guardian to look after them in the event of your death.

Step 4: Choose your executors

An executor is someone you nominate and entrust, after your death, to carry out the instructions in your Will. You can nominate a partner, close friend, or solicitor. People usually choose two. There is no restriction on an executor being a beneficiary of your Will but do remember to ask them first.

Step 5: Make notes of any questions

It's good to have them all in one place, to talk through with your solicitor.

Step 6: Approving your Will

When drafted, your solicitor will send your Will to you to look over for approval. Any changes can be made at this point. Once you are happy with the document your solicitor will ask you to sign it in the presence of two witnesses who must not be beneficiaries.

Step 7: Keeping your Will safe

You can keep your Will at home, or your solicitor may offer to hold it for you. Don't forget to let your family know where it is and make sure it is safe.



Taking a little time to work through this Will Planner guide before seeing your solicitor will help you collect your thoughts and relevant information.

Your Name and Address

Your Partner's Name & Address

(If different from your own)

Your executors – the people who will make it happen

You can have up to four executors to deal with your wishes. These could be friends, family, or a professional such as your solicitor. Whoever you choose, make sure you ask their permission. Make a note of your executor(s) below:

Children's Full Names & Addresses

(If different from your own)

Appointing guardians

If you have children or pets, this is probably one of your major motivations for writing a Will in the first place. Discuss your wishes with the people you want to appoint to make sure they agree. Again, note down their names below:

In this section, make a list of everything you own and make a note of the approximate value. Making a list of your assets can help you work out the value of your estate and helps Executors to identify assets after you have gone. In the second section make a note of your liabilities.

Deduct total B from total A and the result is the total net value of your estate.

What Is The Value Of Your Major Assets?	£
Your home (or share in it)	
Other property and land	
Cars and other vehicles	
Home contents including furniture and fittings	
Items of particular value (eg jewellery/art)	
Money in banks and building societies	
Shares, investments, national savings, premium bonds	
Other savings and assets, Insurance and pensions	
A Total Assets	£

You can make a list of what you owe using the following table. This may include:

Outstanding mortgage	£
Other loan repayments	
Overdraft	
Credit card balance	
Other monies owed	
B Total owed	£

Deduct total **B** from total **A** to calculate the net value of your estate:

Total A	£
Total B	£
Net value of your estate	£

Notes:

Now that you have an idea of the total net value of your estate, you can speak to *your solicitor*.



Choose a solicitor

The best way to find a reliable solicitor is word of mouth. A recommendation from a friend is always useful. Or take a look online. There are lots of websites that will list solicitors in your area.

Review periodically to amend in the event that a beneficiary / guardian predeceases.

The Law Society is a very good place to start. You can find a link to their website [here](#). Enter your postcode into the form, and then Wills and Probate from the drop-down list of 'specialisms'.

We would be happy to provide you with appropriate wording for you to discuss with your solicitor if you decide to leave a gift to African Revival.

If you would like us to call you to talk more about our work and find out how a gift in your Will could help transform communities in some of the poorest countries in sub-Saharan Africa, please email mandy.crandale@africanrevival.org with your telephone number, or call on 07809 670 519 and we'll call you back.

Don't forget...

Please let us know if you have made a pledge in your Will to African Revival, or intend to do so, as we would like to thank you properly, and keep you informed of our work if you so wish

A little bit about us...

Our vision is an **Africa where every child has equal access to quality education** as we believe education is the key to overcoming poverty. We don't just build infrastructure and provide livelihoods and education projects; we empower whole communities – pupils, teachers, and parents – to transform nursery and primary schools, and the communities in which they are based, into thriving learning environments that build brighter, better futures.

To date, African Revival – Investing in Education has raised over £10million to fund various health, infrastructure, livelihoods, and education projects throughout sub-Saharan Africa - including Burundi, Botswana, Ethiopia, Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.

In recent years we have focused our efforts on South Sudan (ARSS), Uganda (ARU) and Zambia (ARZ). We support education projects at around 70 schools annually. Thousands of children benefit from our projects, and Gifts in Wills play a vital part in funding projects for generations to come. More information can be found on our website www.africanrevival.org



There are many ways your gift can help others in perpetuity, and we would be happy to discuss this with you in more detail. For example:

A Gift of any amount to support any of our work.

Make a donation in your Name: You might even choose to state a preference for the type of project which you would like to benefit from your donation. *Whether it be water, sanitation, building classrooms, teacher training, lively-hoods, or literacy programmes.*



We can work with you now to determine the changes you want to create after you have gone, and devise a strategy to realise those goals, matching them to community needs on the ground that you care about most.

Our pledge to you...

Give a gift with confidence: With over 15 years' experience, African Revival has strong due diligence procedures to ensure donations are well spent and make the greatest possible impact in the local community. We want to give peace of mind to everyone involved in the funding process. This means our teams' in-country working closely with schools and the local community to ensure they are committed to the project, accountable, transparent, and well managed. Our pledge to you is peace of mind. We will assess the projects, management structures, accountability, policies & procedures as well as providing continued monitoring and evaluation for long term impact.

Please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

With best wishes



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