

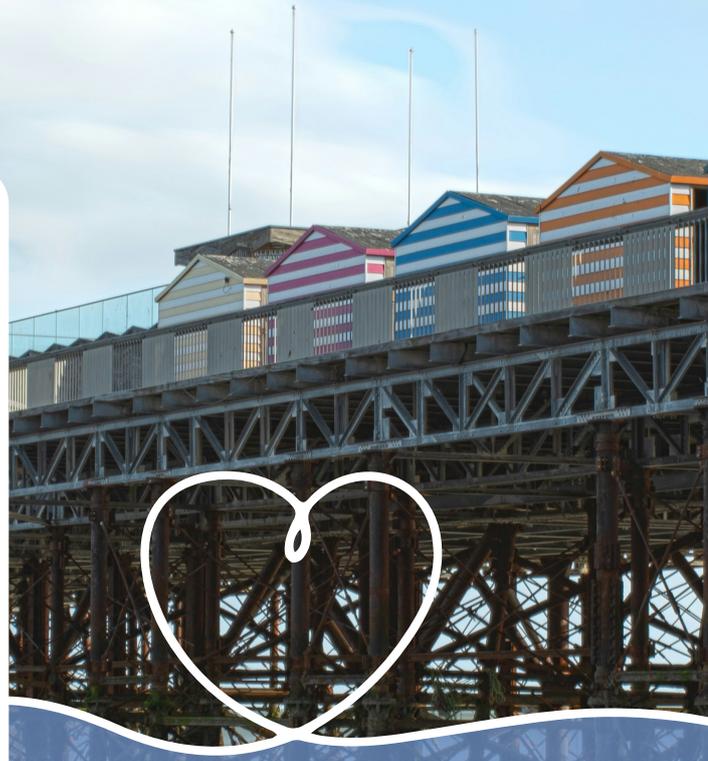
**Your guide to
leaving a gift in
your will to
St Michael's
Hospice**



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This guide is here to help you leave a gift in your will to St Michael's Hospice.

It explains why gifts are vital to the future of local hospice care, practical tips for getting started or updating an existing will, the different types of gifts you can leave to the Hospice and some useful information you'll need to give to your solicitor.



A lasting gift to care for your community in the future.

Thinking about a time when you're no longer here can be difficult, but writing your wishes in a will makes sure your family, friends and your favourite charities are looked after.

Did you know that **1 in 3 of our patients** are supported by the generous gifts people leave in their wills? These gifts are so important to the Hospice and make a big difference to the care we can give to patients and the people closest to them.

While we know your family and friends are your priority, if you are able to leave a gift to the Hospice, no matter how big or small, it



“The care here is personal and I feel much better than I did before. (The Hospice) allows you to spend what time you have left in a positive and good way.” - Denise

will help us continue to make a difference, so patients and the people who matter to them are supported through dying, death and loss.



Jane's story

Hospice care is special. What we do is made possible by the generosity and kindness of supporters like Jane, here's her story.

In 1991, the Hospice cared for Jane's father during the final 19 hours of his life. Following his death, Jane became an active volunteer for the Hospice, running stalls at the coffee mornings, hand-delivering newsletters, and offering her time at many Hospice events.

Sadly, Jane was diagnosed with cancer and in January 2022, was admitted to the Hospice and died nine days later.

Jane had written a will, remembering her family and friends, but also several important charities she supported during her lifetime, one of which was St Michael's Hospice.

She left a share of her estate to the Hospice, to be used to bring comfort and support to future patients and people who are important to them. Just as the Hospice did for her father in 1991, and herself 31 years later.

Types of gifts you can leave to St Michael's Hospice

There are three main types of gifts you can leave in your will.

A cash gift

You may hear this referred to as a pecuniary gift. This is a specific amount of money. Please note the value of this type of gift is likely to be reduced by inflation.

A specific gift

This is a specific, named item and can be anything, e.g, a house, an item of jewellery, painting or a car.

A share of your estate

You might hear this referred to as a residuary gift. This is a percentage of your remaining estate, once funeral expenses, debts and other gifts have been paid. You can decide what proportions of your estate is shared. Even 1% gifted to the Hospice will make a real difference.



Leaving a gift in your will in memory of a loved one, or simply to help fund hospice care for your local community in the future, will make a big difference to St Michael's Hospice.

How to leave a gift in your will

Not sure where to begin? Here's four simple steps to get started.

Step one: find a solicitor or choose to make a will online

We always recommend taking legal advice when making or updating your will. If you have a complex estate (trusts or foreign assets) or have a large estate above the inheritance tax threshold, or where there's a worry due to medication or dementia related illness we recommend seeing a solicitor face to face. If you need to find a local solicitor, search 'Law Society' online or visit [solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk)

Alternatively, you could consider **Make a Will Online**, a company that make solicitor-checked wills for supporters of St Michael's Hospice. You can make a will using this link:

www.makeawillonline.co.uk/stmichaels

Each will is checked by a qualified solicitor, you will receive feedback and if there are any issues these will be raised with you. You can contact their helpline at no extra charge. Visit [makeawillonline.co.uk](https://www.makeawillonline.co.uk) for more information.

When you make a will through this online service, details of any gifts left to the Hospice will be shared with us. You'll have the option whether to share your name and contact details so we can say thank you. Alternatively if you want to make a will completely anonymously, visit [makeawillonline.co.uk](https://www.makeawillonline.co.uk)

Step two: appoint your executors

Choose who will act as your executors to carry out the instructions of your Will, these can be trusted family, friends or legal advisers.

Step three: consider supporting causes important to you

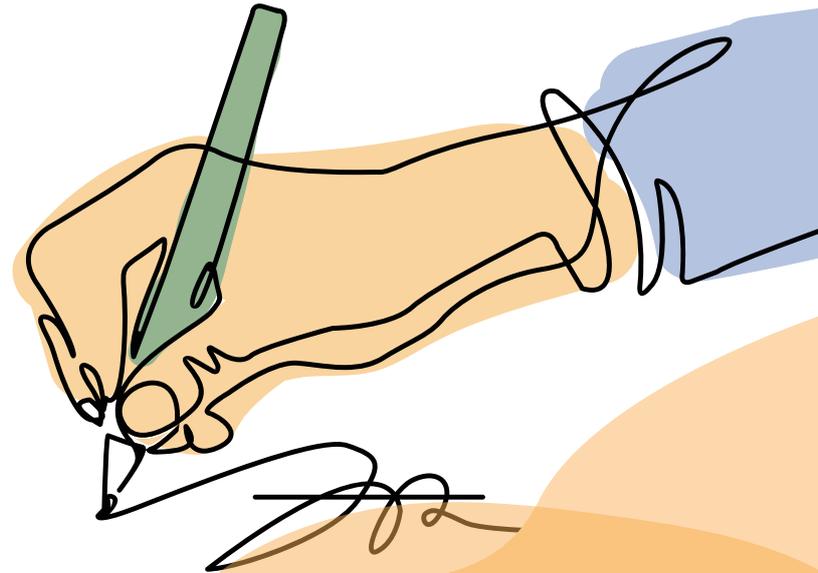
After taking care of loved ones, you may also want to include charities which are important to you. If this includes St Michael's Hospice, thank you very much. If you feel comfortable letting us know, please reach out to our Legacy Team.

Step four: make a copy of your will

Please make sure someone knows where your original will is kept and can find it

when needed. Your solicitor will often store it for you, or you can use the National Wills Register or HM Courts and Tribunals Service.

Important note: St Michael's Hospice is unable to provide legal advice.



Useful information for your solicitor

Here's a few key pieces of information about the Hospice you'll need to give to your solicitor to make sure your wishes are met.

St Michael's Hospice (Hastings and Rother)
25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea,
East Sussex, TN38 0LB

Registered charity number 288462

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will to St Michael's Hospice. If you need any more information, please get in touch with the Legacy Team.



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