

A gift for the future

Your guide to remembering
the Arboretum in your Will.

It's all
about
trees...
It's all
about
you.

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A lasting legacy

Once you have taken care of your family and loved ones, leaving a gift to the Friends in your will is a wonderful way of helping to ensure a sustainable future for the National Arboretum.

Whether you come to the Arboretum to marvel at its beautiful landscape, appreciate rare and ancient trees or to play your part in preserving the planet for the future, leaving a legacy is a lasting way to ensure it has a sustainable future.

Your gift will help us to care for the Arboretum for many years to come. It's an investment in the future of our trees and the future generations who will benefit from them.



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The Holfordiana Society Lifetime Recognition

We'd really like to thank those making a commitment to the future of the Arboretum.

We have created the Holfordiana Society to do just that. Anyone who lets us know their intention to remember the arboretum in their Will will be invited to become a member of the Holfordiana Society.

As a member you will be invited to an exclusive annual tour of the arboretum, and anyone hoping to leave a legacy of £10,000 or more will be invited to choose a 'Holford original' tree that will be dedicated to their memory.

We very much hope that you will wish to become a member of this valued group supporting the Arboretum.

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Your pledge to us

If you decide to leave a legacy to Westonbirt Arboretum we would be grateful if you could let us know by completing a Legacy Pledge Form and sending it to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum.

This is not legally binding but is a statement of your present intention. Informing us means we're able to plan for the future of the Arboretum with greater confidence.

We'd be more than happy to talk to you about the different ways your gift could help the Arboretum as a whole or with a specific aspect of our work that is close to your heart.

The charity advises that you seek guidance from your own legal advisor regarding the nature and terms of your bequest.



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Our pledge to you

A Living Legacy is a pledge made during your lifetime to give a proportion of your estate to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum.

In return you can be assured that:

- We will ensure that your gift is applied only to the fund or project you care most about.
- If you would like, you can become a member of the Holfordiana Society and will receive invitations to periodic Holfordiana Society events.
- We will publicly acknowledge your generosity as a society member unless you prefer to remain anonymous.
- If applicable, we will dedicate your chosen 'Holford original' tree to your memory.



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Writing your Will

There are various ways to leave us a gift in your Will. Here you'll find a brief explanation and some suggested wording.

A fixed sum of money (Pecuniary Will):

Suggested wording: *'I bequeath to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum, registered charity number 293190, the sum of £.....'*

A share of your estate (Residuary Will)

Suggested wording: *'I bequeath to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum, registered charity number 293190,% of the residue of my estate.'*

A valuable item (Bequest in Kind)

Suggested wording: *'I bequeath to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum, registered charity number 293190, the gift of*

A legacy left to us in your Will would be free of Inheritance Tax. If your assets are worth more than £325,000 then your loved ones would pay 40% tax on any of their inheritance over this amount.

If you already have a Will you can make a simple addition to your existing Will called a codicil.

We recommend seeking professional advice from your legal advisor to ensure that your wishes are complied with.



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What to do now

Leaving a gift in your Will, whatever the size, really is a wonderful and lasting way to support us.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your wishes, please don't hesitate to contact us.

0300 0673303 or email fundraising@fowa.org.uk

Once you have arranged to leave us a gift in your Will, please let us know by completing our Pledge form.

Thank you.

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