



Leaving a gift in *Your* Will



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Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will for WMUK.

Leaving a gift in your Will can make a huge difference in the lives of people living with WM, now and in the future.

It means we can plan, increasing our funding into research, support and information, and ensuring we can help even more people .

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WM has affected my life in ways I never have imagined. But the support of the WM community gives me hope for finding a cure for this disease. One of the best ways to help this become a reality, is to leave a gift in your Will. It helps the charity commit long-term to projects that have the potential to save lives.

A gift in your Will is your legacy to the WM community – ensuring patients now, and in the future get expert information, access to the latest and most effective treatments and personal support so that they can live well with WM.

Leaving a gift in your **W**ill

Leaving a gift in your Will is a very personal decision. You may have family and friends who you want to ensure are looked after. If, after you have done this, you decide you would like to make a gift to WMUK, there are three ways you can do this:

1. A pecuniary gift

A specific amount of money. It's worth bearing in mind that the effects of inflation mean that this type of gift is likely to lose value over time and may end up being less than you initially intended.

2. A residuary gift

A percentage of your estate once any specified gifts have been made to friends and family. Many of our supporters choose to leave this type of gift because its value will be dependant on the value of your estate at any given time, rather than a set amount.

3. A specific gift

An item – such as a personal possession, land, buildings or stocks and shares.



No matter the size of the gift you choose to leave, your generosity and kindness will help WMUK empower people affected by WM to live well with their disease.

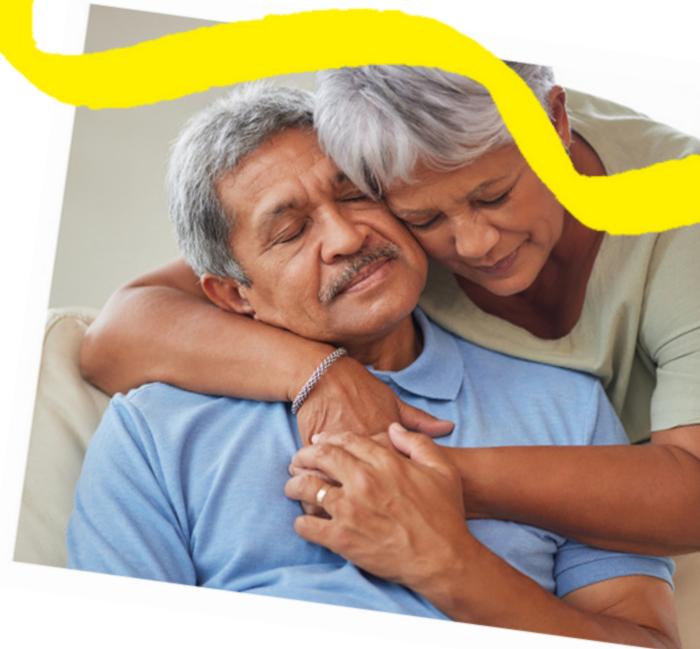
Making or updating a Will

We strongly recommend that you use a solicitor to make a Will. A solicitor will charge a fee to draw up a Will, but it is worth the expense for your peace of mind and to ensure your wishes are respected.

Find a solicitor

To find a solicitor in your area, you may wish to contact the Law Society who will put you in contact with a reputable solicitor, who will incorporate your wishes in your Will.

- [England and Wales](#)
- [Scotland](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)



Updating an existing Will

A solicitor will be able to update your Will for you, but you can also add in a pecuniary or specific legacy gift yourself by making an amendment (known as a codicil).

As a general rule, if the change you wish to make is quite small or simple, you can use a codicil, but if the change is more significant or complex, you should make a new Will.

Wording your Will

To help you discuss your wishes with a solicitor, we've included some recommended wording for the different types of gift.

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I give ...% of the residue of my estate to WMUK (registered charity: 1187121) of Foden House, 47 London Road, Alderley Edge, SK9 7JT for its general charitable purposes.

or

I give £... (or the item specified) to WMUK (registered charity: 1187121) of Foden House, 47 London Road, Alderley Edge, SK9 7JT for its general charitable purposes.

I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other appropriate officer of the said charity for the time being shall be full and sufficient discharge for the said gift.

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Charity details

To ensure your gift goes to the right place, you need to include our full name and address, and registered charity number:

WMUK	Charity number
Foden House	(England and Wales):
47 London Road	1187121
Alderley Edge	
Cheshire	
SK9 7JT	

Let us know your intentions, so we can share our thanks and keep you up to date with the charity's work.

Email us:
info@wmuk.org.uk

Key terms

- Codicil.....** a document that you can add to your Will that will change, modify, delete, extend or add to the original document.
- Estate.....** the property and assets of the person who is making the Will.
- Executor.....** the person who ensures your estate is administered as per your wishes. You choose this person. It could be a solicitor, a family member or close friend.
- Intestacy rules.....** govern how a person's estate is split up if they die without making a Will. If you want to ensure that your estate is managed in the way you want, it is very important to write a Will to avoid intestacy rules.
- Pecuniary gift.....** a fixed sum of money.
- Residuary estate.....** after all your specific requests are handled, whatever assets are left form your residuary gift.
- Residuary gift.....** a percentage of your estate as a gift.
- Solicitor.....** a person qualified to give legal advice. They will often specialise in one specific area.
- Specific gift.....** a specific individual possession or possessions. The charity would then need to sell these to recoup their value.
- Testator or testatrix..** the person (male/female) making the Will.

Thank you

Leaving a gift in your Will is a generous and powerful way to leave a meaningful legacy. We are touched that you're thinking of WMUK in this way and know that, with your support, we can continue improving the lives of people living with WM.



Have questions?

We hope this guide has helped you understand how to leave a gift in your Will. We're here to help if you have any questions.

A Will is a private decision, but we would love to thank you for your pledge. You can let us know about your intentions by contacting us.

0300 303 5870 or info@wmuk.org.uk.

Empowering people affected by WM to live well

Our Support Line is there for anyone with questions about WM – patients, families, friends and carers. You can call or email any time. Whether you're looking for answers, are feeling worried or need a listening ear, our nurse will be there for you.

0300 373 8500 – support@wmuk.org.uk

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