How to make a start

Your Will provides your opportunity to decide who you would like to receive your assets and possessions after you have gone. In order to write a Will we suggest you contact a local solicitor who can draw up your Will and ensure that there will be no complications.

The Law Society’s website can help you to locate a solicitor in your area if you need help: www.lawsociety.org.uk

Before you visit the solicitor

Before your meeting it is a good idea to list your assets and any liabilities. For example: bank accounts, property, insurance policies, specific items of value and any debts, mortgages or loans you may have.

You also need to decide who you would like to be your Executor. This is the person that ensures that your wishes are carried out properly. You could appoint a family member, friend or your solicitor, and it does not matter if the Executor benefits from a gift in your Will.

A legacy for the future

As a long standing volunteer at the National Churches Trust I’m extremely touched by the thoughtfulness of the many people who, in a world of competing charity requests, have recognised the pressing needs of places of worship.

Andrew Smyth,
Legacies volunteer

Many of the UK’s historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are fighting a battle against the ravages of time.

Today we need to ensure that they get the funding they need to carry out repairs, maintenance and renovations to remain at the heart of local communities.

In 2021 of our total fundraising income of £2,619,074 legacies comprised 23%. We are very grateful to all our legators for their generous bequests, which have ranged from £200 to over £1.2million, since our income comes from individuals and charitable bodies – not government or church authorities.

Thank you.
In the old days the churches used to worry about saving us. Now we have to worry about saving them. I am delighted that the National Churches Trust will be taking on the task for the future.”

Ian Hislop, writer & broadcaster