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Welcome



Many of us like to plan in life, but some find it difficult to think about what might happen at the end of their life, or even after death. Putting our affairs in order can help us to stay in control and ensure our wishes are carried out. This booklet is designed to help you think about your plans for the future to give you and your loved ones real peace of mind.



When, or if the time is right, and you wish to remember a charity in your Will, please do think about Beaumont House.

Every gift in a Will, however large or small, will make a difference to the lives of local people living in Newark and Sherwood.

A gift of **1%** of your estate, once you have provided for your loved ones, will help keep Beaumont House at the heart of the local community.

Did you know?

As a small, local charity, around **70%** of our funds come from our community, either through donations, taking part in fundraising events, supporting our shops, and leaving gifts in Wills.



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Your Will tells people who should have your **money, property, and possessions**

when you die and who will be the 'executor' – the person in charge of following the instructions you leave in your Will and organising your estate.

You can also use your Will to tell people about any other wishes you might have, like instructions for your burial, cremation, or funeral.

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FAQs



What is a Will?

A Will is a document that sets out who you want your assets to be passed on to when you die. It is a legally binding document and can be made by anyone over the age of 18.

Why make a Will?

A Will is vital for parents, homeowners, and people in long term relationships. Without a Will, you have no control over what will happen to your money, your home, and your belongings when you die. Making a Will is one of the most important things you can do to safeguard your family and ensure that after death, your wishes are carried out. It makes things much easier for your family and friends to sort everything out when you die. Without a Will the process can be more time consuming and stressful. Many people assume their

estate will pass automatically to their next of kin but without a Will, there is no guarantee this will happen.

Is making a Will difficult and expensive?

Making a Will is easy, quick, and inexpensive. Solicitors will send you a list of things that you need to think about before you meet with them.

Do I need a solicitor?

You don't have to use a solicitor to write a Will, but we strongly advise using one to make sure your Will is viable and to avoid complications later.

How often should I update my Will?

It is a good idea to regularly review your Will regularly so that it continues to reflect changes in your life. Ask your solicitor about making changes to an existing Will or writing a new one.

Who should I include in my Will?

Make a list of all the family and friends you want to remember and consider the types of gifts you want to leave them. For example, you may want to leave a specific amount of money or an item of financial or sentimental value.

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Leaving a gift in your Will



Q. Are there different ways I can leave a gift to Beaumont House Hospice Care?

Yes. We receive all kinds of gifts in people's Wills and we're grateful for all types of support.

You can leave a specific gift such as personal possessions (a piece of jewellery for example), land, buildings, or specified items such as shares or the contents of a bank account. You can leave a pecuniary gift, which is a cash lump sum. You might like to ask your solicitor to index-link any cash gift to ensure its relative value stays the same over time.

You can leave a residuary gift which is the remainder of your estate after all other gifts and debts have been paid. We understand that caring for your family is a priority. This ensures that your family and loved ones are looked after first and what is left over can then be donated.

Q. What if I want to amend an existing Will?

There is a quick and easy way to add a gift to Beaumont House in your existing Will. If you already have a Will, you can make changes at any time by adding a codicil. A solicitor can advise you on this and make you aware of all the options. Don't make changes to your existing Will without first seeking professional advice, as you could accidentally render it invalid and void.

Q. What information will my solicitor need?

We recommend you contact a professional solicitor or will writer about writing or editing your Will. If you choose to leave us a gift, you will need to state the following information:



- Our full charity name, Beaumont House Community Hospice, trading as Beaumont House Hospice Care
- Our registered charity number, 1025442 and
- Our full address, Beaumont House Hospice Care, 32 London Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1TW



Beaumont House
Hospice Care



Terminology



Beneficiaries

The persons or organisations who will be given a specific gift from your estate, such as money, land, or property.

Executor

The persons who will be responsible for the legal and financial aspects of your estate, appointed by you to make sure the instructions in your Will are carried out.

Pecuniary gift/legacy

A gift of a fixed sum of money. To prevent its 'real value' decreasing over time, the amount can be linked with inflation.

Residuary legacy

A share, or sometimes all, of an estate after all the other payments have been made. One of the advantages of a residuary legacy is that it doesn't lose value over time, and if you leave a proportion to us, you can still ensure other beneficiaries are provided for first.

Specific gift/legacy

A gift of a particular item, such as property, antiques, jewellery, and shares.

We, at Beaumont House know that in the future the need for local hospice care will grow, as will our need for funds. Each gift, regardless of size, makes a difference, and all donations will help our patients and their families to make the most of the time they have together. Please remember that Beaumont House depends on people like you. A gift in your Will costs you nothing today but will help to secure the future of Beaumont House.



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Our support begins from the moment someone is diagnosed, through to palliative care and then ultimately end of life care. We also support families and carers, from helping them to cope with the pressure and strains of illness, to coping with bereavement and helping them move forward.

A gift beyond your lifetime



This is only made possible by the continued support and generous donations of our community. Beaumont House is a charity, and all of our services are provided free of charge. We are commissioned through the End of Life Care Together Alliance with monies from the Integrated Care Board, however,

around 70p of every £1 we spend on care is funded by donations and fundraising.

Of course, we understand that when making a Will the needs of your family and loved ones will always come first. However, once you've looked after those closest to you, leaving a gift to Beaumont House will help us to be here for future generations. Beaumont House offers personalised care for you and your family, when every moment matters. Our services give patients, their families and loved ones the chance to spend precious time together, to remember, to love, to laugh and of course to prepare and to grieve.

Our pledge to you

- Your Will is completely personal to you. We appreciate that your Will is made in confidence, and we will always respect your privacy
- We respect your right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to the hospice
- We promise you that whatever gift you leave us will be used to care for our patients and their families in the best way possible
- We promise to use your gift wisely
- We realise you might want your gift used in a special way. We can arrange that
- We acknowledge that those closest to you come first
- We will never put pressure on you to leave a gift in your Will
- We will treat you and your next of kin sensitively and with respect and gratitude

Thank you



We respect that leaving a gift in your Will is a very personal decision. Please be assured that the information you choose to provide will be treated with strict confidentiality. Likewise, we remain equally grateful for the legacy support of those who choose not to advise us of their gift.

If you feel that it is appropriate for you to advise us of a gift in your Will, please complete and return this form to:

**Beaumont House Hospice Care,
32 London Road, Newark,
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I have left a gift to Beaumont House Hospice Care in my Will:

Title:

Full name:

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If you do feel able to provide the following information, it would help Beaumont House to plan for the future.

My bequest to Beaumont House Hospice Care is:

- A specific sum of money (pecuniary bequest)
- A specific item (assets, shares)
- All, or part, of the residue of my estate

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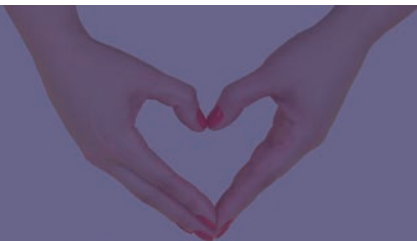
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