

# The Lasting Impact of a **Legacy Gift**



A plan for the future.  
A profound gesture of support.

## Glossary of terms

**Administrator:** The person appointed by the court to arrange your affairs if you don't leave a Will.

**Beneficiary:** Any person or organisation you leave a gift/legacy to in your Will.

**Bequeathe:** To leave something in your Will.

**Codicil:** A legally drawn up and witnessed document, which details a change to your original Will.

**Estate:** The total sum of your possessions, property, and money, after any debts have been settled.

**Executor:** A person responsible for carrying out the instructions in your Will.

**Guardian:** A person legally responsible for your children's welfare if they are under 18 and both parents have died.

**Inheritance Tax:** A tax that is charged if the value of your estate is above a certain limit.

**Legacy:** A gift of money, land, property, or possessions left to a charity, an organisation or person in your Will.

**Nil-Rate Band:** The amount of your estate which is free from inheritance tax.

**Pecuniary Bequest:** A fixed sum of money left as a gift in your Will.

**Probate:** The legal procedure which decides if you have left a valid Will.

**Residue:** The remainder of your estate once all debts, charges and gifts have been deducted.

**Residuary Bequest:** A gift consisting of the residue, or part of the residue of your estate.

## Contact us to discuss your legacy



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## Your gift matters

Devon Air Ambulance Founder, Ann Ralli, turned personal tragedy into a beacon of hope for her community and the county of Devon: the legacy of her beloved son, Ceri.

18-year-old Ceri died tragically when knocked from his bike. At the hospital, Ann asked what could have been done to save her son's life. She learned that the speed at which a patient is treated could make a significant difference to their chance of survival.

Out of her grief emerged Devon Air Ambulance, a lifeline for those in urgent need of time critical medical assistance. Ann spent six years holding countless fundraisers, liaising with council, health, and aviation officials, and gaining vital support of those in her local community and across Devon before the charity, and its services, were officially launched in 1992.

As we continue our mission to serve the community, legacies left by our generous supporters have a huge impact on the service provided.

Please help continue the story of DAA and consider leaving a lasting legacy of your own, by leaving a gift in your Will to Devon Air Ambulance.

Leaving a gift to our service in your Will is an incredibly special kind of giving and a wonderful opportunity to do something positive in your lifetime.

Not only are you helping us to plan for the future of our service, but you are making a significant difference to the lives of others for generations to come.





## How will my gift make a difference?

Whatever the size or type of gift you choose to leave us, it will go directly into supporting our lifesaving work and those who need our help.

Your support enables us to plan for the future so we can continue to provide our trusted services for decades to come. Will my gift make a difference?

## Leaving a legacy

You can leave anything to charity, whether that is a cash sum or an object of value, such as a house, a car or other artefact. There are different names for different types of legacy gifts.

## Types of legacy

### Pecuniary

These are the sums of money you leave as a legacy: for example £1,000.

### Specific

These are specific items of variable value left as a legacy: for example a watch or an heirloom.

### Residual

This is what remains after all other costs and legacies are deducted. A residual legacy gift could be the entirety OR a percentage of the remaining estate.

**In 2023, one in three of our missions were funded by legacies.**

## When is the right time?

There comes a point in all our lives when we must look to the future. This may feel confusing and perhaps overwhelming.

Creating your Will helps you to ensure your wishes are carried out after you die. If you don't leave a Will, the law will decide how your estate is passed on.

By creating your Will, your decisions are recorded and you can also reduce the inheritance tax that may be payable on the value of the property and the money you leave behind. This forward planning is especially helpful if you have children or others who depend on you financially, or if you want to leave something to someone outside your family, or to a charity close to your heart, such as Devon Air Ambulance.

If you haven't already made your Will, the information in this booklet will help you to begin this process to ensure your estate is handled exactly as you would like it to be.

**"I would like to thank the Devon Air Ambulance crew; without their dedication and hard work I would not be here to tell my story. I will forever be indebted to them all."**



## Daisy's Story

On Friday 30 September 2022, 9-day old Daisy became unwell during a routine midwife visit. Presenting with cold and flu like symptoms, Daisy's parents, Rich and Becky, also noticed her breathing had become quite shallow with long pauses between each breath. Upon undressing her they found that her feet were beginning to turn blue and their midwife immediately called 999.

Two land ambulances arrived and immediately began treating Daisy but initially, it didn't seem like she was responding. When our crew arrived, the decision was made to transport Daisy to Plymouth's Derriford Hospital via a land ambulance accompanied by our doctor.

She was immediately admitted to the High Dependency Unit and was treated for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) - a virus which causes a common cold and in the worst cases can infect the lungs and breathing passages, causing breathing problems in infants and young children.

Just two months later, on Sunday 5 December 2022, Rich and Becky once again rushed Daisy to Derriford Hospital with similar symptoms. Although they were discharged the following day, Daisy's lips and mouth area were still turning blue when sleeping and her breathing was extremely shallow. The worried family returned to the hospital and after a further 2 days, Daisy was once again gaining weight and the virus had subsided, to her parents' delight, she was well enough to go home.

Rich said: 'Thank you so much to the Devon Air Ambulance doctor who travelled in the ambulance with Daisy and Becky. We are forever grateful to all the medical staff that treated our baby girl and made her well enough for us to bring home.'





## A free Will writing service

We have partnered with FreeWills.co.uk to provide our supporters with the opportunity to make their own fully-comprehensive Will for free.

Wills are checked by a practising solicitor and Free Wills is signed up to the Fundraising Regulator and the Will Writing Society.

Creating your free Will is very simple. You can make your personalised Will online in three simple steps, from the comfort of your own home and with live support from their Will specialists.

The service is 100% free, easy to complete and you can update it any time you like, for free. There is no obligation to leave a gift to us, but we do hope you consider doing so to enable us to continue our important work.

## Create your free Will in three easy steps

- 1** Visit the Free Will website and share your wishes
- 2** Print your personalised Will
- 3** Get your Will signed by two witnesses

## How to make a Will & leave a legacy

Anyone aged 18 or over, and mentally capable of doing so, can make a Will.

Firstly, you will need to identify the following important people.

### EXECUTORS

Who do you want to be responsible for the legal and financial aspects of your Will?

### BENEFICIARIES

The people and/or organisation(s) you want to receive a specific gift from your estate, such as money, land, or property.


### GUARDIANS

If you have children, it is important to identify who you want to be responsible for them should both parents die.

### RESIDUE

This is what is left once all specific gifts have been made and any debts paid off, so it is important to state who you want to receive it.

**“The one thing I say to everyone is that Devon Air Ambulance is the one charity you never know that you might need, and that is why it is always our chosen charity.”**



Plan ahead for the future, while making a difference to the lives of others.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Will a solicitor check my Will if I choose to use the FreeWills service?**

Yes. Read more about this at [daat.org/make-your-will-for-free](https://daat.org/make-your-will-for-free)

### **Do I have to leave Devon Air Ambulance a gift in my Will if I use the FreeWills service?**

No, your Will is all about your wishes, so when the time comes you have documented what you want to happen to your estate.

### **Can I leave property/assets?**

You can stipulate in your Will exactly what you want to happen to your assets, your personal keepsakes, and your money. Your Will is your way to ensure your wishes are carried out as you would want them to be.

### **How can I ensure that my family comes first?**

Your Will reflects what matters to you. A gift in a Will to a charity can be left after leaving gifts to family and friends.

### **I can't do my Will online, what are my options?**

You can visit your local solicitor and should you wish to leave a gift in your Will, provide them with our details and registered charity number (1077998). We are currently building partnerships with local solicitors to offer a free in-person Will writing service. Visit [daat.org/make-your-will-for-free](https://daat.org/make-your-will-for-free)

### **Do I have to tell you if I leave DAA a gift?**

You don't have to tell us what you decide, this is a very personal decision, and we respect your right to privacy. If you would like to tell us, all we would want to do is say thank you and keep you informed and inspired by our work as your gift will be helping us in years to come, and we would love to thank you for making that possible.

### **What if I change my mind?**

This is about you, circumstances change, and we understand that. If you ever want to update or change your Will, you can contact a solicitor to make your desired updates.

### **I have heard that if I leave a gift in my Will to a charity, it could minimise inheritance tax?**

If you leave a gift in your Will to charity, you may be able to reduce your inheritance tax liability, but we are not tax experts, so we recommend you speak to a solicitor and/or Independent Financial Advisor for further advice and information.

### **Can I be specific about what I want my gift to fund?**

Most people leave a gift without specific conditions so that it can be used wherever it is most needed and will have the greatest impact. If you wish your gift to be spent in a particular way that is special to you, we would be happy to have a conversation with you to see how we could support your wishes. Email us at [YourWishes@daat.org](mailto:YourWishes@daat.org).



# Leave behind a legacy for Devon

## Our promise to you

**Your gift is a profound gesture of support.**

By including Devon Air Ambulance in your Will, you are helping to secure our lifesaving service for future generations.

*Your gift will benefit the communities we serve.*