

Frequently Asked Questions

- ◆ **How important is a Will?** Many people make false assumptions about what will happen to their estate if they do not have a Will. Not leaving a Will could result in lengthy and expensive complications for your family to sort out. A Will can help to protect the people closest to you and further the causes about which you feel most deeply.
- ◆ **When should I write a Will?** NOW! If you have not already done so. If you already have a Will, don't forget to review it regularly.
- ◆ **Can I write my own Will?** Yes, but bear in mind that one tiny error could invalidate the entire Will. We recommend that you use a solicitor.
- ◆ **What are the tax advantages of leaving money to charity?** Legacies to registered charities are exempt from inheritance tax. In certain circumstances, especially with larger estates, a charitable bequest can be a useful way to avoid payment of inheritance tax on some of your estate.
- ◆ **What does the jargon mean?**
Your **Estate** is everything you own.
Legacy or Bequest – An amount of money or property left in a Will.
Executors - The people you appoint in your Will to ensure that your wishes are carried out and your estate dealt with according to your Will.
- ◆ **Does the Jane Goodall Institute UK need to know that it is included in my Will?** No, but if you tell us, it gives us an opportunity to acknowledge your generosity, and offers us hope for the future.
- ◆ **Why does the Jane Goodall Institute need my help?** Across the globe, our commitments continue to increase. For example: We run two sanctuaries in Africa for orphan chimpanzees, victims of habitat destruction and the bushmeat trade. This is a long-term commitment on our part as chimps can often live well into their sixties. Through our Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots programme we are educating the next generation worldwide to care for the planet. In Africa, we are providing training in sustainable land use, tree nurseries, primary healthcare, family planning, AIDS education, water projects, scholarships for girls and micro-credit schemes for women.

A Simple Guide to Leaving a Legacy to



For Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation

(Registered Charity Number 327858)

Fostering hope and security for all living things

“Only if we understand can we care
Only if we care will we help
Only if we help shall all be saved”

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Leaving a Legacy

A legacy is one of the most generous gifts you can give to the Jane Goodall Institute, as it provides a secure resource to enable us to continue our vital work. Leaving a legacy to a charity can also reduce the liability of your estate to inheritance tax.

Types of Legacies

There are three main ways to make a gift (or 'bequest') in your Will:

A Pecuniary Bequest: this leaves a specific amount of money to the Jane Goodall Institute UK. You set the amount at the time of writing the Will.

A Specific Bequest: you can leave a particular item to us using a specific bequest. Examples may be jewellery, furniture or a work of art; the important point is that you describe the item very precisely in your Will.

A Residuary Bequest: covers the remainder of your estate, after you have made all your pecuniary and specific bequests. It is important to make a residuary bequest because, if you do not, the law must make a decision on your behalf.

Wording a Legacy to the Jane Goodall Institute-UK

Below are some examples of the wording you can use when writing your Will or changing your current Will to include us. We advise you to ask a solicitor to check the final document.

For a Residual Bequest

I give all (or a % share) of the residue of my estate to the Jane Goodall Institute-UK (Registered Charity No. 327858) of Suite 2, M Shed, The Shipyard, Bath Road, Lyminster, SO41 3YL, to be used for general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of the discharge to my executors.

For a Pecuniary Bequest

I give to the Jane Goodall Institute UK (Registered Charity No. 327858) of Suite 2, M Shed, The Shipyard, Bath Road, Lyminster, SO41 3YL, the sum of £ (in figures and words) to be used for general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of the discharge to my executors.

For a Specific Bequest

I give to the Jane Goodall Institute UK (Registered Charity No. 327858) of Suite 2, M Shed, The Shipyard, Bath Road, Lyminster, SO41 3YL, the following items in my possession at the time of my death, that they or the proceeds from their sale may be used for general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of the discharge to my executors. (List items bequeathed to the Jane Goodall Institute UK)

For a Codicil to Change Your Current Will

I (name) ___ of (address) ___ declare this to be a (first/second/etc) codicil to my Will dated the ___ day of ___ year ___.

(1) In addition to any legacies given by my said Will, I give to the Jane Goodall Institute UK (Registered Charity No. 327858) of Suite 2, M Shed, The Shipyard, Bath Road, Lyminster, SO41 3YL the sum of £__ (in figures and words – or specific item to be given)) to be used for general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of the discharge to my executors.

(2) In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any codicils thereto. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this __ day of __ year __ .
Signed _____ as a codicil to my last Will in the presence of each other.

Witness Name/Address/Signature (Note: Witness cannot be beneficiaries.)

Finally – please let us know your kind intentions so that we can have hope for the future and thank you today. Just write to us or email the address on the front of this leaflet. *Thank you!*