



St Peter & St James Hospice  
Hospice care in the heart of Sussex

# Make a Will Guide

A short introductory guide to help you on the path to making your Will

Collaborating closely with Colemans Solicitors, we proudly present the Make a Will Guide.

If you are considering the important step of creating a Will, Colemans Solicitors invites you to a **complimentary initial consultation** where you can speak with a legal expert who will provide personalised guidance on securing the future for your loved ones. To speak with a legal expert today, contact them on **01444 459 555** or explore further details on their website **[www.parfittcresswell.com](http://www.parfittcresswell.com)**. Your peace of mind and your loved ones' security begin with a simple conversation.



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# Making Your Will

## Why is it so important to make a Will?

To ensure your money, property and any other assets (your Estate) pass to the people you would like it to and in the proportions you decide. Without a Will, you have no control over who inherits your Estate or how much they inherit.

If you die without a Will, only your blood relatives can inherit your Estate. This is determined by a strict order specified under the rules of intestacy and in the absence of any surviving blood relatives your Estate would pass to the Crown.

## Who should I speak to about making a Will?

Whilst it is possible to write your own Will, it is recommended that you consult with a Solicitor / Lawyer who will be able to guide you through the process.

Alternatively, you could use Farewill, an online Will writing service which enables you to write your Will entirely online, for free. The Will is then checked by a Will writing specialist.

Farewill can only be used for very simple Wills, however Solicitors / Lawyers can advise on and prepare both simple and more complex Wills to suit your particular needs.

## What are the differences between simple Wills and more complex Wills?

An example of a simple Will would be where the whole of an Estate is left to one person (usually a Spouse or Civil Partner) and on the second death, the combined estates then pass to any children or grandchildren.

More complex Wills include the use of Trusts.

Examples include:

- a. Where you may wish to financially provide for an individual, without handing over control of your assets to them;
- b. A married couple may wish to protect their assets from being assessed and potentially all spent on Care Home fees.

## What sort of gifts can I leave in my Will?

There are three main types of basic gifts which you can leave in your Will, namely:-

**Pecuniary gift** - a specified amount of money.

**Specific gift** - a particular item (e.g. jewellery, or a painting).

**Residuary gift** - a share, or the remainder of, your Estate (calculated after all liabilities, such as Inheritance Tax, have been paid).

A Letter of Wishes can also be placed with your Will, if you wish to gift any low value items.

## What is an Executor?

An Executor is the person you would like to carry out the wishes specified in your Will.

It is very important to appoint someone you trust to carry out this role and deal with your affairs in a responsible way.

You can appoint between 1 and 4 Executors in your Will.

Your executors could be friends, family members or a professional such as a Solicitor or a Trust Corporation.

Once your Will has been finalised, it is a good idea to tell someone close to you where your Will is stored and to also notify your chosen Executor(s).

# Leaving a gift to the Hospice

## Why are legacies important to St Peter & St James' Hospice?

Gifts in Wills fund the care of 1 in 4 of our patients.

It costs £6 million a year to fund the Hospice so any gift left to the Hospice makes a profound difference to all those cared for by the Hospice.

## What are the benefits of leaving a gift in my Will to St Peter & St James' Hospice?

Any gift left to the Hospice, or in fact any Charity, is exempt from Inheritance Tax.

This is the case whether you leave a pecuniary gift, or a share, or the whole of, your residuary estate to Charity.

## How do I leave a gift to the Hospice?

You can speak to your Solicitor / Lawyer, or one of our Fundraising team on **01444 471 598**.

In order to leave a gift to the Hospice, you or your Solicitor / Lawyer will need the following information:

**Name:** St Peter & St James Hospice

**Address:** North Common Road, North Chailey, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 4ED

**Registered Charity Number:** 1056114



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# WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

**A Gift in your Will ensures  
more people can receive  
our care, thanks to you!**

St Peter & St James Hospice.  
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