

Gifts in wills fund one in three patients; find out how your gift can make a difference







Your Hospice Care

Message from the CEO

St Wilfrid's Hospice has proudly served local people since 1981. We provide end of life care for our community in Eastbourne, Seaford, Hailsham, Uckfield, Heathfield, Lewes, Pevensey and surrounding villages - a population of around 245,000.

Our expert community nurses, therapists, Care at Home team and Inpatient Unit staff help people with a palliative care diagnosis to live their best lives as well as support their families and loved ones.

Our vision is of a community where people talk openly about dying, live well until the end of their lives and where nobody dies alone, afraid or in pain. And we need the help of our local community to make it happen.

Your local hospice, funded by the community

More than 70% of the funds needed to provide local hospice care comes from people like you; through fundraising, donations, shops and gifts in wills.

Gifts in wills fund one in three patients

These generous gifts have been the foundation of over 40 years of local hospice provision. They give us financial security and make it possible for us to maintain services in the most difficult times.

We would ask everyone to consider leaving a gift in their will to St Wilfrid's, to help us provide hospice care for all local people for years to come.

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CEO, St Wilfrid's Hospice





Directing your gift

All unrestricted gifts in wills are used to cover the costs of hospice care for one in three of our patients.

You could choose to direct where your gift will make an impact. For example:

Community care: improving patient mobility, independence and enabling people to stay at home as long as possible.

Inpatient care: providing symptom management and end of life care for patients with the most complex needs.

Nursing: salaries for registered nurses, trainee nurse associates and healthcare assistants, so that patients can receive expert nursing care wherever it is needed.

If you wish your legacy gift to be used in a particular way, please speak to our Legacy Manager who can help you decide where and how to restrict your gift.

Contact Roz Bristowe on **01342 434214**, email **hospice@stwhospice.org** or visit **stwhospice.org/wills**



Writing your will

The process of leaving a gift in your will is simple. Having a will in place ensures that those you care about are provided for after your death. With a valid will, the specific wishes you have for your family and loved ones will be carried out.

We recommend that you contact a solicitor to assist you. The Law Society offers a free 'find a local solicitor' database which can be found at www.lawsociety.org.uk

Three main types of gift you can leave in your will

 A residuary gift is a share (percentage) of your estate after you have provided for your loved ones.

This is a gift from your estate once all other commitments have been settled. You could choose to leave the full remainder or a share of your estate. Given inflation, this is a good way to protect your giving in the longer term.

 A pecuniary (cash) gift is a donation of a fixed sum of money, such as £5,000 from your estate. A specific gift is usually chattels, an item of value, or property. It can also be a pension fund or life insurance policy.

Gifts to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax

Gifts in wills to charities are tax exempt and you may qualify to pay Inheritance Tax on your estate at a reduced rate of 36% if you leave at least 10% of your net estate to charity. You can find out more about how inheritance tax works, including thresholds, rules and allowances, at www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax.

Everyone's tax situation is different and there are complicated rules, allowances and thresholds that will apply to you, so please speak to you solicitor or independent tax advisor.

However you choose to support St Wilfrid's Hospice please ensure you include our Registered Charity Number: 283686.

As a charity, St Wilfrid's hospice relies on gifts left in wills to fund one in three patients.

Get in touch

If you would like to speak to a member of the legacy team, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Call us on **01323 434214**, email us at **hospice@stwhospice.org** or visit **stwhospice/wills**

Make a Will Month

Every September we hold a Make A Will Month. If you plan to include a gift to St Wilfrid's in your will, there are local solicitors who will write your will for free. Booking for these appointments takes place in July and August.

Please see **stwhospice.org/make-a-will-month** for details of participating solicitors.

Alternatively you may wish to make a free online will, which you can do at stwhospice.org/make-a-will





Impact of your gift

Leaving the hospice a share of your estate, after providing for your loved ones means that St Wilfrid's Hospice care will continue to exist for the 245,000 people living in Eastbourne, Seaford, Pevensey, Hailsham, Heathfield and Uckfield and all the rural villages in between.

Your support can enable people to live well at the end of their lives, wherever they are living, in their own homes, in our Inpatient Unit and in care homes. It can also support their physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual and practical needs.

"St Wilfrid's gave me the support and comfort to carry on"

Helen Foster's husband, Philip, was cared for by St Wilfrid's Hospice before he died of a brain tumour aged just 47-years-old. Their two children were aged eight and six years old.

"In the spring of 2021 we were told Philip's brain tumour was terminal and our lives fell apart. Sadly, in a very short space of time, Philip deteriorated.

We had multiple appointments at St Wilfrid's and were under the watchful care of the lovely Dr Lucy and Dr David, who visited us at home. I was still able to care for Philip myself with the help of occupational therapists and physiotherapists from St Wilfrid's.

I was then assisted by their Care at Home Team, who were amazing. After feeling like I was falling apart mentally, they provided me with the support and comfort to carry on.

Philip was eventually admitted into the hospice Inpatient Unit where the care and love he received was unfathomable. Nothing was too much trouble. I even managed to spend my last night by his side on Valentine's Day.

The months that followed were hard. But again, the children and I have received amazing care from the hospice, in the form

of counselling for all of us. The children have had to live life without Daddy, and myself without my soulmate and best friend.

However, with the support of the hospice this has been made a little less painful, and we are slowly rebuilding our lives without our lovely Philip."



Thank you

Every gift received from a will is generous and gratefully received, no matter the size.

Enduring Legacy

We commemorate all extraordinary legacy gifts of over £100,000 by adding a new engraved leaf on our Enduring Legacy sculpture in the entrance of the hospice.

There are now 100 leaves on this sculpture, showing how important legacies are to the future of care for local people living with a palliative care diagnosis.

Keeping you informed

If we know about your intentions to leave us a gift in your will, you will be invited to special events throughout the year as well as to a tour of the hospice. You will receive our impact report, our Reaching Out magazine and our eNewsletter.

At the back of this brochure, you will find a detachable form for you to let us know your intentions, if you wish.

There is no obligation for you to inform us of your legacy pledge, but we would love to be able to thank you if you do decide to mention St Wilfrid's in your will.



Letting us know your intentions

You don't need to share your intentions with us, but doing so means we can thank you.

This form is not legally binding and you can change your will at any time.

My intentions I have included a gift in my will to the hospice I intend to leave a gift in my will to the hospice I would like details on make a will month I would consider leaving a gift to the hospice, please contact me My details			
Title	Full first name	Surname	
Address			
			Postcode
Phone	Email		
Can we keep in touch? If you have helped the charity in the past, we like to thank you and keep you informed about our news and events. We feel there is a legitimate interest in keeping you up to date with the work we are doing and letting you know how you can get involved. This would normally be by mail or telephone.			
Tick here if you wish to stop all contact from St Wilfrid's Hospice (Eastbourne) (Please note, you will be removed from all mailings and we will never contact you again if you tick this box)			
Tick here to consent to be contacted by email; please provide us with your email address, above. We will never sell or share your data with a third party. For details about how we use your data, please go to stwhospice.org/yourdata			

Please return this form to:

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