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# How to leave NRAS a gift in your Will

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## How to leave a charitable gift to NRAS in your Will?

To include a gift to NRAS in your Will, please ask your solicitor to use our charity details, including our address details listed below, to ensure your kind gift reaches us.

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## Making a Will

Preparing for your meeting with a professional advisor. By making a Will, you can be certain that your wishes are understood and will be carried out in the way you would like in the future, after your death.

NRAS recommends you seek professional advice from a lawyer to ensure your Will is created in a way which minimises the risk of complications. The below is not intended as legal advice.



## How to make a Will??

1. Gather the information you'll need for your Will – we have put a list together of the information you will need, below.
2. Write your Will – to ensure your Will is legally valid use a professional legal service.
3. Update your Will – you should review your Will every 5 years and after any major changes in your life. For example, having a child, moving to a new home or a change in relationship status.

Please see [here](#) to download a copy of our free NRAS Guide to Writing or Updating your Will.

## What are the different types of gifts in Wills?

You can leave a gift in your Will in different ways. The most popular are pecuniary or residuary sums:

1. Residuary gifts – the whole of or a share of the remaining value of the estate after the payment of funeral tax, testamentary expenses and pecuniary gifts.
2. Pecuniary gifts – a fixed amount itemised in your Will. It can be any size but cannot exceed the total value of the estate.
3. Specific gifts – A particular item, such as property, antiques, jewellery and shares

## What information is needed for a Will??

1. Your personal information?– full name, date of birth, current address, relationship status and the names and dates of birth of any children you have.
2. Your estate – this refers to all the money, property and possessions you own. It is also important to include any debts you have, so the net value of the estate can be calculated.
3. Your executors – The people who you want to carry out your Will when you die.
4. Legal guardians for children – If you have children under 18, you'll need to name someone who'll be legally responsible for them.
5. Your trustees – The people who you want to manage any Trusts you leave behind. A 'Trust' is where someone holds an asset for the benefit of someone else.
6. Other wishes – You can specify in your Will if you have any specific funeral arrangements. You can leave a 'Letter of Wishes'. This explains the motivation behind the decisions in your Will and can be useful for your executors.

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