

Remembering Severn Gorge Countryside Trust in your Will is a wonderful way to ensure that future generations will be able to continue to enjoy the special and unique landscape of the Gorge.

A gift to us helps us achieve our aim

*'to promote, protect and conserve the living landscape of the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site'*

After providing for those that you care for, please consider leaving a small proportion of what's left over to support the future of the Trust. Small or large, every gift we receive in a Will makes a vital contribution to our work.

Gifts left in wills will enable us to:

- **Manage a wild flower meadow to enable native species to thrive**
- **Create new access routes to allow people to explore more of the Gorge**
- **Fund ecological surveys to ensure we are managing habitats for the benefit of wildlife**
- **Provide inspiring experiences for the next generation to learn to love and care for the places you do**

## Contact us

Your Will is a private and confidential matter. However, if you would like to talk about your plan, we are happy to help discuss it in complete confidence.

## Who we are

The Trust was set up in 1991 to look after 260 hectares of land for the benefit of wildlife, local people and visitors. The Trust is responsible for over half of the land within the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, managing an important landscape with Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and endangered species present. The Trust also looks after 60 historic structures, traditional hay meadows and over 25 kilometres of paths. The Trust is unique in that it has an open access policy on all 260 ha of land it manages. The Trust has a strong volunteer programme, contributing 1000s of work hours each year complementing the work of staff and local contractors.

### Severn Gorge Countryside Trust

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# Leaving a gift in your will



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**Ironbridge  
Gorge**  
World Heritage Site



# A guide to leaving a gift in your Will

**Making a Will is not usually difficult and needn't be expensive. There are a number of ways you can make a Will but we would strongly recommend that you visit a solicitor who will be able to advise you. Solicitors will charge a fee, but you will receive sound professional advice and can be sure that your wishes are accurately reflected.**

## The first step is to talk to a solicitor or professional advisor

If you don't already have a Will, a solicitor will be able to make a draft one for you. By having a proper Will in place you can be sure your wishes will get carried out – from providing for your loved ones through to leaving a gift to your favourite charity. Even if you already have one, it's easy for the solicitor to add your gift by using what is known as a 'codicil'.

## How would you like to make your gift to us?

Once you've made provision for your loved ones, you can then look at how you'd like to make your gift.

## There are three ways in which you can do this:

**Residuary Bequest** – if you want your gift to remain inflation-proof, you can leave a percentage of your estate to a charity. Once you have provided for your loved ones you can then leave the remaining proportion of your estate to your chosen charity.

**Pecuniary Bequest** – if you wish to leave a specific sum of money to a person or charity (e.g. £500)

**Specific request** – if you wish to leave a specific item to a charity (e.g. shares in a company, painting).

## Make sure you are word perfect

In any Will, it's essential that the wording is legally sound and that there is no chance that it might be misconstrued. That's where your solicitor will prove invaluable.

If you want to leave a bequest to Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, the following wording might be helpful:

**Residuary bequest** (a gift of what is left after other specific bequests have been settled)

*"I give to Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, registered charity number 1004508, the residue of my estate absolutely and I direct that: i) the assets comprising such residue may be used for the general purposes of the Trust and ii) a receipt signed by a person for the time being authorised by the Trustees of the Trust shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors."*

**Pecuniary bequest** (a gift of a stated sum of money)

*"I give to Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, registered charity number 1004508, the sum of £..... and I direct that i) such money may be used for the general purpose of the Trust and ii) a receipt signed by a person for the time being authorised by the Trustees of the Trust shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors."*

**Specific bequest** (a gift of an item)

*"I give to Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, registered charity number 1004508 my (shares in XXX company, paintings, jewellery, personal effects, house etc.) and I direct that i) such assets may be sold and the proceeds used for the general purposes of the Trust and ii) a receipt signed by a person for the time being authorised by the Trustees of the Trust shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors."*

## Executors

Your executors are the people who will be in charge of making sure your wishes are carried out. It's worth thinking carefully about who you appoint as executors. They can be friends or family, or professionals like a solicitor.



## Gifts in memory

These days many families decide to remember the life of a loved one by suggesting donations in lieu of giving flowers. These gifts are a special gesture that help further a cause close to the family or loved one.

If you would like more information about organising Gifts in Memory on behalf of a loved one, please contact Kate Chetwood on **01952 433880** or email [staff@severngorge.org.uk](mailto:staff@severngorge.org.uk)

