

# Guide to leaving a gift in your Will



**Country  
Trust**

Connecting children with  
the land that sustains us all





**The Country Trust is the leading national educational charity that connects children from areas of high social and economic disadvantage with the land that sustains us all**



**Thank you for considering leaving a gift  
in your Will to The Country Trust and making  
a lifelong difference to children's lives.**

This booklet should have all the information you need but  
if you have any questions please email the team:

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**The children certainly had a lot of fun.  
They loved trying to grind down the  
corn, and they love trying the bread.  
And I think it's given them a better  
understanding because, for many  
children, I guess they think bread  
grows on trees or something.**

Teacher ~ Ark Primary School, Ilford

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**The land is vital to our daily lives now and in the future. But most of us don't realise it.**

**When we don't understand where food comes from, how it's grown, or have the chance to spend time outdoors there is a significant knock-on effect for our health and the environment.**

Our programmes open up a world that enriches children's lives, builds a rich bank of experiences which fuels imagination and vocabulary, increases self-esteem and resilience, enables children to ask questions and make informed decisions about food and the world they live in, and allows them to experience the fun and freedom of being a child playing outside.

The children with the most to gain from a connection with the land are those least able to access it. That's why we work most with children facing disadvantage. With the help of generous supporters like you, we bring life changing opportunities to the least advantaged.

## **Gifts in Wills enable us to do so much more**

**Making a Will is an incredibly personal matter as you consider how best to look after family and friends, and perhaps how you would like to continue to make a difference in the world through a charitable legacy.**

For nearly half a century we've developed and honed our programmes alongside teachers, farmers and children so they have a strong impact. We believe every child should discover first-hand the connections between the food they eat, their own health and the health of the planet.

It's only thanks to gifts in Wills that we are able to plan ahead to increase the number of children we will reach over the next five years.







# Ways you can support

There are several ways in which to include The Country Trust in your Will. You may wish to discuss the different options below with your solicitor.

## **Residuary legacy**

A gift of the remainder of the estate after all other bequests have been made.

## **Reversionary legacy**

This gift leaves all assets to a named beneficiary. A whole or specified proportion is passed to The Country Trust.

## **Pecuniary legacy**

A gift of a fixed sum of money. The real value of the gift can be protected if you link to the Retail Price Index.

## **Specific legacy**

A particular item left as a gift; property, stocks and shares or named items.

## **Conditional legacy**

This involves leaving all or part of your estate to another person, but in the event that they die before you, then the legacy would pass to The Country Trust.

## **If you already have a Will**

You can make small changes by completing a Codicil Document. Your solicitor will require our registered address and charity details (included on the next page) to complete this form.

## **If you are a beneficiary of a Will**

You can transfer all or part of your inheritance to The Country Trust under a Deed of Variation. Gifts transferred in this way are free of Inheritance Tax.

## The next steps

If you would like to leave a gift to The Country Trust, we strongly recommend that you consult a solicitor to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you would like them to be.

### Sample wording for your Will:

I leave .... % of my residuary estate or £ .....  
to The Country Trust, Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford CM2  
7PX, registered charity number 1122103 (England and Wales),  
for its general charitable purposes and I further direct that the  
receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being  
shall be sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

Gifts in Wills to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. If you would be liable to pay Inheritance Tax on the remainder of your Estate, giving a gift to charity equal to 10% of your Estate could mean you pay a reduced rate of Inheritance Tax. For all Tax advice, please speak to a solicitor.

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift to The Country Trust in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact us. Anything you tell us will be confidential and not legally binding.

**Please tell us about your pledge so that we can thank you and make plans for how we recognise your support.**

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We were looking at tiny holes in sprigs of rosemary with magnifiers and talking about photosynthesis. One boy said, ‘it’s like a perfect circle, with plants giving out oxygen and taking in carbon dioxide, and animals doing it the other way round. We all depend on each other’. I could see that it was a total lightbulb moment for him.

Tango Fawcett, Farmer Host and Trustee

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## We’re here to help

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