Gifts in Wills Guide

A few kind words in your Will can give others a gift of expert care
Over the six days my mum Jane was in the Sue Ryder hospice, she went from being afraid of dying to being prepared. It was just as if she was at home. When she died my tears were a mixture of losing mum but also for her leaving us in such a dignified and beautiful way.

Vicki, whose mum Jane was cared for at a Sue Ryder hospice.

Please help ensure that in years to come, people who are dying have the care they need. Remember Sue Ryder in your Will. It only takes a few kind words to give someone a gift of expert care and compassion.

The Will-making information in this booklet applies to England and Wales. If you live in Scotland, the rules regarding gifts in Wills are different, so please do contact your solicitor for advice.
Caring

Having an up-to-date Will is one of the most caring things you can do for your loved ones.

Having a Will is so important. Without one, there’s no guarantee that your money, home or treasured possessions will go where you want them to. It could cause great heartache and stress for those you love.

A valid Will removes all uncertainty. And whether you’re making your first Will, or updating it to reflect new wishes, we’re very grateful for your interest in remembering Sue Ryder.

With just a few kind words in your Will for Sue Ryder, you can give someone a gift of expert care in the future.

Your gift would help us stay where we are needed: caring for people in communities like yours, throughout the UK.
Supporting

Gifts in Wills to Sue Ryder help support people at the most difficult times of their lives.

Every day of nursing for someone with a life-limiting condition, every hour of physiotherapy or counselling, every moment of respite for loved ones, and every second of end-of-life care. Gifts in Wills help make it all possible.

Your kind words and gift could help so much.

Your gift might grant someone their wish to be cared for in the familiar and comforting surroundings of their own home. It might alleviate someone’s pain.

It might help someone to keep finding the joy in life – perhaps by supporting a befriending volunteer to take them out to enjoy a favourite activity.

A lasting legacy

Your gift would deliver care with dedication, compassion and dignity. Values that our founder, Lady Ryder, established from the moment she opened the UK’s first care home over 60 years ago. Values that we are proud to keep alive today.
Anne, whose husband Mark passed away from a brain tumour at a Sue Ryder hospice.

“I believe everyone should receive the same incredible care as my husband did, which is why I’m choosing to leave a gift in my Will to Sue Ryder.”
You can trust Sue Ryder to turn your words into great kindness, whenever your gift arrives.

Many more of us are now living to an age where we need care. And thanks to medical advances, people of all ages are able to live for longer with complex conditions.

So you can see why the need for Sue Ryder, and the personalised help and support we give to people, will grow. However far in the future your gift may arrive, there will be someone who will need the touch of kindness it provides.

And you can feel confident writing a gift into your Will, whatever your situation.

It’s a gift that costs you nothing now.

Gifts of every size make a difference, each one is needed and appreciated.

And you are always free to change your mind. If your circumstances change in the future, and you feel you can no longer afford your gift, we will understand.

A gift of just 1% of your estate could help provide incredible care at your nearest Sue Ryder hospice, or for someone in their own home or community, in years to come.
Giving

If you’d like to remember Sue Ryder in your Will, here are suggestions for three different kinds of gifts you can give and the few words it takes to phrase them.

Please note that the rules that apply to Wills can be different depending on where you live in the UK. So do show these wordings to your solicitor or professional Will advisor — they’ll know precisely the right way to use them.

You can give a share of the remainder of your estate

This is a gift of money or assets left after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. It’s easy to put this gift in your Will without affecting any other gifts you have left. You can express it as a percentage — anywhere from 1% to 100%.

I give to Sue Ryder, registered charity numbers 1052076 (England and Wales) and SCO39578 (Scotland), First floor, Kings House, King Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2ED, a X% share of my residuary estate, free of inheritance tax, for its general charitable purposes.

You can give a sum of money

If you’d like to give a specific amount of money, this is also simple to do.

I give to Sue Ryder, registered charity numbers 1052076 (England and Wales) and SCO39578 (Scotland), First floor, Kings House, King Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2ED the sum of £X, free of inheritance tax, for its general charitable purposes.
If you’re worried that time will erode the value of your gift, please ask your solicitor for advice on how you might arrange it to keep pace with inflation.

**You can give an item**

Leaving something of value that can be sold to fund our work, such as a piece of jewellery, some stocks or shares, or property, is another gift you can consider.

I give to Sue Ryder, registered charity numbers 1052076 (England and Wales) and SCO39578 (Scotland), First floor, Kings House, King Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2ED my [description of item], free of inheritance tax, for its general charitable purposes.

**You can give to a particular hospice**

You can specify that your gift goes to a hospice that is close to your heart, should you wish. This can be done by leaving your gift in the usual way, but including the words:

I express the wish for the money to be used for the benefit of the (insert name of hospice/care centre)
Sharing

Here we share some answers to the questions we’re most often asked about gifts in Wills.

Are there tax benefits?

There can be. The inheritance tax threshold changes from time to time, but the basic principle to bear in mind is that any gift you leave to a charity like Sue Ryder will help to reduce any tax liability. In other words, if when you die your estate is £10,000 over the tax-free amount, and you’ve left £2,000 to Sue Ryder, then inheritance tax will only be paid on £8,000.

I’ve already made my Will. Is there a simple way to add a gift?

Yes, it’s possible to do this using a document called a Codicil. You can find out more, and download a Codicil form, at www.sueryder.org/giftsinwills

If I leave a gift, do I have to let you know?

No, not at all. We completely respect and understand people’s desire for privacy. But if you’d like to share this information, we would be pleased to know and be able to thank you properly. Simply complete and return the card opposite, or contact us by phone or email. We will keep anything you tell us confidential.

I have further questions - who can I speak to?

We would be delighted to help. And please rest assured you can contact us with no commitment.

e-mail us: giftinwill@sueryder.org

call us: 0808 164 4572

visit us: www.sueryder.org/giftsinwills
Our promise to you

1. We know that family and loved ones come first when you make a Will.
2. We are honest and open about our fundraising activity and costs.
3. We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively to help people living with life-limiting conditions.
4. We respect the rights, privacy and dignity of our supporters and beneficiaries and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.
5. We will not put pressure on you to make a gift and if you do not want to give or change your mind in the future we will respect your decision.
If you’d like to help others by including a gift to Sue Ryder in your Will, we’d love to hear from you so we can thank you for your support. We will keep anything you tell us confidential.

- I have already made my Will and included a gift to Sue Ryder.

The gift is in memory of (optional):

- I firmly intend to leave a gift to Sue Ryder when I make or update my Will.

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Local Hospice:

Thank you so much. Please detach and post this card to the Legacy Team, 183 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BU.

We’d love to keep in touch with you to tell you about our work and how you can support it.

We will only contact you electronically if you agree to be contacted in this way. Please tick the relevant box if you’d like to receive emails [ ] texts [ ]

We may contact you by post or by telephone unless you have asked not to be contacted. If you would prefer not to be contacted in this way please tick the relevant box: I do not want to be contacted by post [ ] telephone [ ]

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We would love to say thank you
There when it matters

Sue Ryder supports people through the most difficult times of their lives. Whether that’s a terminal illness, the loss of a loved one or a neurological condition – we’re there when it matters. Our doctors, nurses and carers give people the compassion and expert care they need to help them live the best life they possibly can.

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