

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND

A gift in your Will can help us to protect the places you love most

Scotland has a wonderful heritage. Our historic places and beautiful landscapes inspire people all over the world and have brought about many treasured memories and meaningful moments in people's lives.

Scotland is characterised by such richness – by our historic properties, their wonderful collections, and their history that has helped shape our nation's story; by footpaths and trails that beckon us to explore; and by our beautiful gardens and dramatic mountainous landscapes. All provide solace and inspiration. But every day our awareness of the fragility of these places and the need to care for their future grows.

We are indebted to the generosity of those who have gone before us in helping us to keep on caring for and protecting our places. Continuing that work long into the future will depend on the generosity and foresight of those who make the kind and thoughtful decision to include a gift to the Trust in their Will.

If you would like to play a vital part in caring for Scotland's precious heritage so that future generations may experience and enjoy our places as we do now, remembering us in your Will is one of the best ways to do so.

We would be very grateful indeed if you would consider including a gift in your Will to the National Trust for Scotland. We're always here to help, so if you have any questions or would like to speak to us, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Philip Long
Chief Executive

Your gift will make a real difference

From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wilderness – as a conservation charity, we encourage people to connect with the things that make Scotland unique while protecting them for future generations.

We simply couldn't do the work we do without gifts in Wills. The generosity and foresight of those who support us in this way helps us to continue our important conservation work and ensure we can protect the many special places in our care today.

Your gift will help us to care for the places
that make Scotland special including:

100+
historic places

46
Munros

76,000
hectares of
countryside

38
gardens

300,000
precious objects

8
National Nature
Reserves

Memories that last a lifetime

💞 We became Life Members of the Trust back in 1976, after some persuasion by Elaine's parents, who were also Life Members. Looking back, I'm not quite sure how we found the funds at such a young age, but it was certainly a brilliant decision which we've benefited from for almost 50 years now.

There are so many Trust properties and places that we have a lifetime's worth of connections to. I have fond memories of visiting Inverewe Garden on a coach trip with my mum back in the 1950s. It's also a place Elaine and I have enjoyed exploring and admiring for many years together (as well as avoiding the midgies!). Another special place is Culloden Battlefield; again I have childhood memories of cycling over to the battlefield with my friends. A place full of history and adventure, we still love to visit Culloden whenever we get the chance. There are many more places to list, each holding memories of time spent together.

We decided to support the Trust with a gift in our Will some time ago now. We've rewritten the Will a few times since, but our gift to the Trust always remains. We wanted to give something back, almost as a 'thanks' for the good times and memories. It's a worthy cause indeed. It's important to protect the buildings, estates, landscapes and wild areas of Scotland – to maintain them for future generations. Our future gift connects us to Scotland and these magnificent places. 💞

Gordon and Elaine, Life Members and legacy supporters of the Trust

Culloden Battlefield



How do I leave a gift in my Will?

Having an up-to-date Will is the best way to ensure your wishes will be carried out properly after you die.

We always recommend that you speak to a solicitor or legal advisor when preparing your Will. You can find a registered professional through one of the below organisations.

- * In Scotland: lawscot.org.uk/find-a-solicitor or call 0131 226 7411
- * In England and Wales: solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk or call 020 7320 5650
- * In Northern Ireland: lawsoc-ni.org or call 02890 231614

There are a few different types of gifts in Wills that you can leave to the Trust:

RESIDUARY GIFT

This is when you leave a portion of your estate, after all fees, taxes, debts and other gifts have been paid.

Many people leave residuary gifts to ensure that loved ones are taken care of first; you don't need to worry if your financial situation changes later in life.

PECUNIARY GIFT

This is when you leave a fixed sum of money.

SPECIFIC GIFT

This is when you leave a specific item, for example a property or a piece of art.

Please visit nts.org.uk/gifts-in-wills for more information.

Useful information

How do I leave a gift in my Will to the National Trust for Scotland?

Including a gift in your Will to the National Trust for Scotland is a straightforward process. The most important information to include is our name, address and registered charity number. This makes it clear that you intend your gift to be received by us to fund our future work.



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How much will make a difference?

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference; we're so grateful for every gift that we receive.

Can I choose what my gift is spent on?

The majority of the gifts we receive are unrestricted and support our vital conservation work. However, if you would like your gift to fund a particular project or property, we will always strive to accommodate individual wishes. We do ask that you describe restrictions on gifts as 'wishes' in your Will.

I already have a Will and wish to change it. What should I do?

You can update your Will using a Codicil or by re-writing your Will with a professional. We advise that you speak to your solicitor about how best to do this.

How can I find out more information about leaving the Trust a gift in my Will?

We'd love to hear from you and are always happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact our team on 0131 458 0430 or legacy@nts.org.uk

Gifts in Wills make incredible things possible

Since the Trust was founded in 1931, gifts in Wills have supported our work in protecting Scotland's natural, built and cultural heritage. In fact, some of the Trust's most iconic places were gifted to the Trust in Wills. Did you know that Hill of Tarvit Mansion, Branklyn Garden, St Kilda and Brodick Castle were all left to us in this way?

Each year, gifts in Wills protect and enhance the places in our care. A recent conservation project that wouldn't have been possible without a gift left in a Will was the re-imagination of House of Dun near Montrose. Dr Sheila Bain's generous support, as well as her foresight and passion for the area, has enabled us to create a new home for the Angus Folk Collection. House of Dun now proudly tells the story of Angus – both its people and its landscape – in a fresh and innovative way, for visitors to experience and enjoy.



"It is so wonderful to see Sheila's wishes come to life at House of Dun, and it's a comfort to know that her legacy lives on"

Laura and Stuart, relatives
of legacy supporter
Dr Sheila Bain

House of Dun

Gifts of all sizes help to make sure that Scotland's much-loved places remain cared for and protected. Your future support will mean that more people will be able to experience and make memories at the magnificent places in our care, for many generations to come.



CONTACT US

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**Protecting the places you love,
now and forever**

For the *love*
of Scotland



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