



A guide to leaving a gift in your will

You are helping to secure the future of mental health: thank you!

First and foremost, thank you for being incredibly thoughtful, selfless, and considerate. Should you commit to leaving a legacy to Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind, you will help to continue to break down barriers of mental health, improve the lives of people living with mental health and project a louder voice. Your support is imperative to the future of mental health.

Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind is proud to deliver pioneering services for nearly 60 years. We have supported hundreds of thousands of people since we launched in 1966. Our core belief is that no one should have to face a mental health problem alone. Children, young people, and adults all deserve the right to access mental health support and to take preventive steps to improve their wellbeing.

We have created this guide to help you understand the significance of legacies and how your legacy will make a difference. You may have questions and are unsure on the process. It's a big thing to do and we hope this guide provides the information you need. We also have a team at hand to provide additional information and support; whether it's via email, phone or face-to-face, we are here to help.

Please be aware there is no obligation to leave a legacy for Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind. We are touched that you are considering such a caring gesture. This guide can help you make an informed choice. Please take as much time as you need; we understand the significance of this action.

We hope this guide provides a greater sense of the mark you could leave for your community. Your gift can make a difference; together, we can ensure growth and change can continue.

Steven Hill
CEO Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind



In 2024/25:

- 42,490 people reached our services. That's enough to fill the CBS Arena and still have 10,000 people queueing outside
- Of these we supported 31,699 people 93,207 times
- 31,275 people accessed direct support
- 9,516 people were reached through outreach
- 64.59% identified as women
- 34.98% identified as men
- 0.34% identified as non-binary
- 16 identified as trans women
- 11 people identified as trans men

You can help shape the future of mental health.

Your voice matters just as much as ours. You hold the power to shape how a legacy is carried forward. Mental health touches all of us in different ways, and none of us are immune to its challenges. Every year, this openness helps thousands of people find the support they need. And together, we can continue to make an even greater difference.

If you'd like to write or update your will, we can help. We have partnered exclusively with Askews Legal, a Coventry-based solicitors, to help you on your journey. Making a will is the best way to ensure those you care about are looked after when you die. You may also wish to make a gift to Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind as a thank you for helping you or a member of your family. By writing a will, you can make charitable gifts, which may assist in mitigating your inheritance tax liability, as well as benefitting the charity.

Who to contact

For help preparing a will or leaving a charitable legacy, please contact Askews Legal LLP and quote Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind.

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During Make A Will Week Askews Legal LLP are exclusively offering our supporters a reduced rate on straightforward wills:

- **Single will: £135.00**
- **Mirror wills: £225.00**

Frequently asked questions

By thinking through a few important details, you can make writing or updating your will easier than ever.

When should I update my will?

If you already have a will, it's important to keep it up to date. For instance, you might want to make changes if you get married or divorced, start a family, retire, or if one of the people mentioned in your will passes away.

How do I update my will?

To make changes, you can either write a new will or add a codicil to an existing one. Your solicitor can help you draw up this document. It needs to be kept with your will. Writing a new will is often the safer option, as a codicil can easily become separated from your will.

Are there different types of gifts I can leave?

Yes, there are three main types:

- A residuary gift involves giving all or part of what remains of your estate after all other gifts have been distributed. As a residuary gift is a percentage of your estate, it keeps its value over time.
- A pecuniary gift is a set amount of money.
- A specific gift is a donation of a particular item of value, such as jewellery.

What are my options for taking care of a vulnerable loved one after I am gone?

We can't give legal advice, but we suggest you speak to a solicitor to see if a discretionary trust might be a good option for you. A trust can look after someone's best interests, assist with their care costs and make sure they continue to receive any benefits they're entitled to.

Are there tax implications of leaving a gift to Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind?

Including a gift in your will is a tax-effective way to donate to charity. Your donation won't be subject to inheritance tax and it could reduce any tax that needs to be paid from your estate.

What are the first steps I need to take?

1. Before you speak to your solicitor, it's useful to calculate the value of your estate – everything you own minus any debts.
2. You'll need to decide whom you would like to leave gifts to, so it's helpful to spend time thinking that through in advance.
3. Don't forget to choose your executors – they're the people you want to carry out your wishes.
4. You might like to write down any questions you have. Your solicitor will support and guide you at every stage, so there's no need to worry. And we're always here to help if you need us.