



Leaving a Legacy to the Anna Plowden Trust

If you would like to leave a legacy to the Anna Plowden Trust we would be enormously grateful: your generosity will make a lasting difference to the conservation profession in the UK.

The notes below give you a little information on how to go about it and where to seek additional advice.

I do not have a Will, how do I leave a legacy?

If you have not made a Will it is very sensible to do consider doing so. Putting your wishes in a Will ensures that you can make provision for your family and friends in exactly the way you wish to.

Making a Will also enables you to leave a legacy to a charity that you support, such as the Anna Plowden Trust.

Your legacy should state the full name of the charity – *The Anna Plowden Trust* – and also the Trust's Registered Charity number: 1072236.

It is best to consult a solicitor who can help you draw up your Will to ensure that it is clear and exactly reflects your wishes. If you do not have a Will then your estate will be distributed under the rules of intestacy and not according to your precise wishes.

The [Direct.gov website](#) has lot of useful information about how to leave a gift to a charity.

I already have a will, how can I add a legacy to it?

You can make changes to your Will – such as adding a bequest to the Anna Plowden Trust - by adding a 'codicil'. This should be drawn up by a solicitor; it needs to be signed and witnessed just like a Will, but it is a much simpler process.

What are the options?

Your solicitor can advise in detail, but when you draw up a Will there are a number of ways you can leave a legacy to the Anna Plowden Trust:

- You can leave a specific amount of money

Or

- You can leave a percentage of your residuary estate (residuary estate is what is left after all the gifts set out in your will have been paid).



Can I specify what I would like the Anna Plowden Trust to use my gift for?

Yes you can, for example you could state that you wish your legacy to be used to support *Conservation Bursaries* or *Continuing Professional Development Grants*. However, if you do not specify how you wish us to use any gift that you may generously leave us then this allows us to apply it to where it is most needed.

Inheritance Tax

If you leave a legacy to a charity that legacy is exempt from inheritance tax.

Also, since April 2012 any estate that leaves at least 10% to a charitable cause will be able to take advantage of a cut in inheritance tax from 40% down to 36%.

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