



“ A society grows great when old men
plant trees whose shade they know
they shall never sit in. ”
(Greek Proverb)

Leaving a gift in your Will



This booklet explains why a gift in your Will is so important, how it could be used, and the practical details of how to go about including one.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Legacy Officer directly on **020 7549 0251**, or at **legacy@greenparty.org.uk**

For more than 30 years the Green Party has been campaigning on social and environmental issues, working tirelessly to build a fairer, more sustainable society.

A simple vision for a better future

Our vision is of a healthy, democratic society where people can live free from discrimination, where we measure success not just by narrow economic indicators but by taking account of personal freedom, social equity, health, happiness and human fulfillment.

We believe that humankind depends on the diversity of the natural world for its existence. To tackle the environmental challenges before us we need to build a more equal, resilient society. Humankind's long-term future depends on fair and limited use of the finite resources available to us.

We look for non-violent solutions to conflict situations and believe our actions should take account of the well-being of other nations, other species, and future generations.



Give a gift to the Green Party in your Will, and you'll help make sure our work continues, enabling us to realise our vision of a better future.

After you have met the needs of your family, you might like to include a gift in your Will to the Green Party.

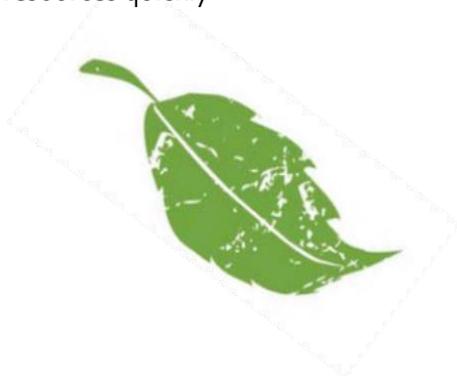
How a gift in your Will can help

We rely overwhelmingly on donations from our members to carry out our work. By leaving a gift to the Green Party in your Will, you can enable us to be bolder in meeting our aims, safe in the knowledge that funds will be there in the years to come.

A gift in your Will could help us to plan, grow, and sustain our long-term development without compromising our ability to react quickly to unforeseen circumstances (such as snap elections).

By remembering the Green Party in your Will, you can help affect change after you are gone.

Unless you request otherwise, your gift will be used where it is most needed. This enables us to respond to the greatest need of the party at each moment and gives us the flexibility to move resources quickly and efficiently.



What legacies have helped us achieve

Even in his passing, long-standing Green Party member David Gillett continues to champion environmental and social justice through his legacy gift.

The gift David left to the Green Party has had an outstanding effect, providing a strong financial foundation for a wide range of activities.

David's gift enabled us to provide essential support to key constituencies during the most recent general election, and made possible a significant upgrade of our computer systems and website to strengthen our communications capabilities. These have had a direct and measurable impact on the growth and development of the party.



"David would have been absolutely delighted that his legacy funds had been put to such good use and that a Green MP had been elected for the first time at the last election. He felt that leaving a legacy to the Green Party was a real investment in the future for his grandchildren"

Bevis Gillett, David's brother

The benefits of having a Will

Having a Will is one of the most important things you can do to ensure that your loved ones are cared for and your wishes carried out. A Will gives great peace of mind and provides assurance for the future.

A Will is your chance to ensure your estate is distributed as you wish and is also a great opportunity to ensure the causes you care about are given the support they need.

Leaving a gift to the Green Party is now more beneficial than ever. Not only will you help support the Party's efforts to achieve a better future, but it can also lower the amount of inheritance tax liable on your estate. Because the Green Party has a sitting MP and received over 150,000 votes at the last election, gifts to the Green Party are now free from inheritance tax.

What type of gift can I leave?

There are two main types of legacy that you can include in your Will:

A share of your estate (residuary gift)

A residuary gift is a percentage of your estate once all cash gifts, debts, taxes and expenses have been paid. Residuary gifts are probably the most beneficial to the Green Party as they are protected from losing value through inflation.

A cash gift (pecuniary gift)

A pecuniary gift is a fixed sum of money. Inflation will reduce the value of a pecuniary gift, so you can revise them from time to time according to your wishes.

How do I leave a gift in my Will?

If you are having a Will drafted for the first time, or having a replacement Will drafted, your solicitor will include your gift directly in the Will (suggested wording overleaf). You can also add a gift to an existing Will with a codicil. A codicil can add, amend or revoke provisions of an existing Will. Inform your solicitor of your wishes and they can draft a codicil for you.

Give a gift in your Will to the Green Party and help make our shared vision of a fairer, more sustainable world a reality.

Suggested wording for your gift

If you chose to include a gift to the Green Party in your Will, we recommend the following wording:

"I give **x%** of the residue of my estate" *or* "I give the sum of **£x**". Continue with: "to The Green Party of England and Wales, of Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London, EC2A, Registered Political Party 7145609, for its general purposes."

If you wish your gift to benefit a particular local party, simply add these words:

"with the request that it be used for the purpose of its local party, [local party name and address]"

Finally add:

"I further direct that the receipt of the person who professes to be the Treasurer or other proper officer of the Party shall be full and sufficient discharge for said legacy."

All gifts to the Green Party are covered by English law. Always have a solicitor draft your Will to ensure legal compliance. Donations over £500 require the donor to have registered on the electoral role at some point in the preceding 5 years. Donations over £7,500 to the national party and £1,500 to local parties must be disclosed to the Electoral Commission. No disclosure is made until receipt. All other information will be held in the strictest confidence. Expressing an interest in or pledging to donate does not constitute a legal contract nor place an obligation upon you.

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Feedback form

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It helps us greatly to plan ahead if we know that future funds will one day be available.

If you have decided to leave a gift in your Will to the Green Party, and would like to let us know, you can use this form.

This is not legally binding in any way and puts you under no obligation whatsoever should you change your mind. If you are intending to leave a gift to the Green Party in your Will, please accept our warmest thanks.

The information you provide will be treated in the utmost confidence.

I am including a gift in my Will to the Green Party of England and Wales.

Name:

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Address:

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Postcode:

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Email:

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Telephone:

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I would like a member of staff from the Green Party to contact me.

Please email this form to legacy@greenparty.org.uk or post to: **Fundraising and Membership Officer, The Green Party, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT**



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