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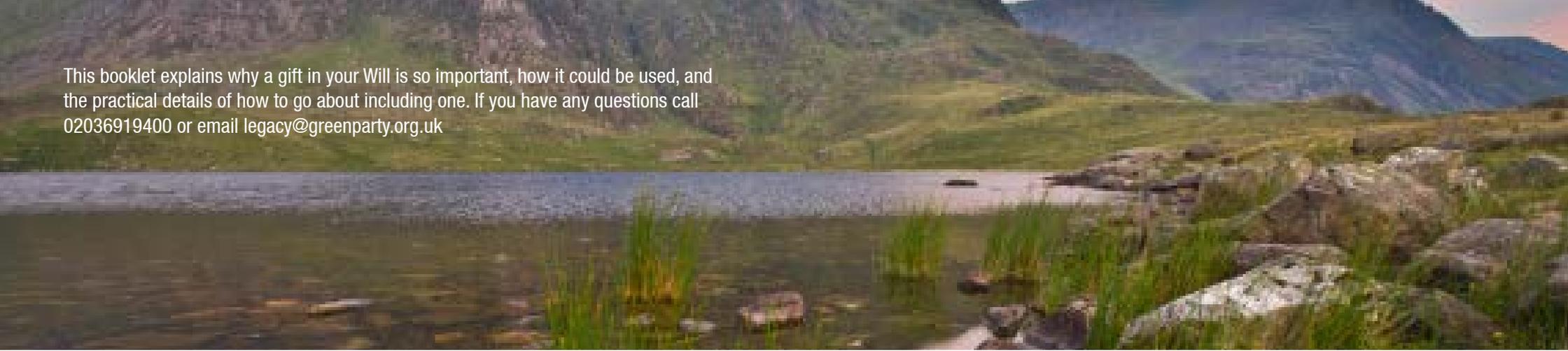
# **LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL**

“What you leave behind  
is not what is engraved  
in stone monuments,  
but what is woven into  
the lives of others.”

**Pericles**



**Green Party**  
for the common good



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 call 02036919400 or email [legacy@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:legacy@greenparty.org.uk)

**For more than 40 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 know 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.

**Leaving a gift in your Will to the Green Party ensures that we can continue to stand for, and deliver, the kind of politics and policies you believe in.**

#### How a gift in your Will can help

You enable the Green Party to be bolder in meeting its aims, safe in the knowledge that funds will be there in years to come.

A gift in your Will would 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).

Your gift would help to provide much needed resources for future campaigns helping us to win more seats and gain more influence.

Every gift makes a difference. Whatever the amount, you can help affect change after you are gone.

You can help the Green Party meet the future with confidence.



## Dave's gift to the Green Party

David Gillett's gift enabled us to provide essential support to key constituencies, 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 gift in Will funds had been put to such good use and that a Green MP had been elected for the first time. He felt that leaving a gift in Will to the Green Party was a real investment in the future for his grandchildren.”

**Bevis Gillett**

## The benefits of having a Will

### Loved Ones

Having a Will is one of the most important things you can do to ensure that your loved ones are cared for.

### Peace of Mind

People report great comfort in knowing that their wishes will be carried out.

### Legacy

A Will is also a great opportunity to support the causes you care passionately about.

Leaving a gift to the Green party can also lower the amount of inheritance tax liable on your estate. Because the Green Party has a sitting MP and received at least 150,000 votes at the last election, gifts to the Green Party are now exempt from inheritance tax and can reduce your overall bill. Speak to a solicitor or an accountant to see what tax planning may be appropriate for you.

[www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax/gifts](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax/gifts)

## What type of gift can I leave?

Here are 3 types of gift that you could 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.

### A specific gift

Tend to be a valuable items like a property, a piece of jewelery or stocks and shares.

## 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, The Biscuit Factory, Block A, 100 Clements Road, London SE16 4DG, Registered Political Party 7145609, for its general purposes.”

**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 five years. Donations over £7,500 to the national party are declared to the Electoral Commission on 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.

## Feedback form

### Leaving a gift in your Will

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 with the utmost confidence.

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

**Name**

**Address**

**Postcode**

**Email**

**Telephone**

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

I would be happy to be asked for a quote to help promote legacy donations.

Please email this form to: [legacy@greenparty.org.uk](mailto:legacy@greenparty.org.uk)

Or post to: **Legacy Officer, The Green Party, Block A, The Biscuit Factory, 100 Clements Road, LONDON SE16 4DG**



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