



**Do something  
wonderful and leave  
a gift in your Will**

# Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Lymphoma Action in your Will.

Every 26 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with lymphoma – that's just over 20,000 people every year. It is the fifth most common cancer, but for most people their diagnosis is the first time they've heard of it.

We're here to make sure no one has to face lymphoma alone. For more than 35 years we've been making sure that everyone affected by lymphoma in the UK has access to the best possible information, support, treatment and care.

We are truly grateful to everyone who chooses to leave us a legacy. Such gifts have a huge impact, ensuring that we can keep providing our vital services to help anyone affected by lymphoma – now and in the future.

## Your gift will enable us to:



Create high quality information so people can understand their lymphoma.



Make sure people affected by lymphoma can access the treatment and care they need.



Help people feel supported with and beyond lymphoma by others who understand what they are going through.



# How to leave a gift in your Will

You'll want to make sure that your loved ones are taken care of first, but you may also decide that you'd like to leave a gift to a charity such as Lymphoma Action.

Whatever the size of your legacy, it will make a big difference. We are extremely grateful to everyone who chooses to leave us a gift in their Will.

**There are three ways you can leave a gift in your Will to support people affected by lymphoma:**

## **A cash gift**

You can choose to give a fixed amount of money, known as a pecuniary gift.

## **A percentage of your estate**

You can choose to leave a share of what is left in your estate after you have provided for your family and friends, known as a residuary gift.

## **A specific gift**

You can leave an item or items of value such as jewellery, artwork, buildings or land. This also includes investment shares as they don't have a fixed financial value.

Whatever type of gift you choose to leave, please make sure you include our charity name, address and charity number to ensure that the legacy is valid:

Lymphoma Action  
Unit 3, Bell Business Park  
Smeaton Close  
Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire  
HP19 8JR

Charity no 1068395 (England and Wales) SC045850 (Scotland)

## Write your Will for free

We are delighted to offer a free online Will-writing service through Bequeathed.

If you are aged 18 or over the accredited legal professionals at Bequeathed will prepare a fully advised Will for you free of charge.

Visit [lymphoma-action.org.uk/FreeWill](https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/FreeWill) to find out more.



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I've seen how much Lymphoma Action have supported those with a diagnosis, I wanted to make sure that support is always there, so leaving a gift in my Will to the charity made perfect sense.

## Further Information

### Speak to a Solicitor:

We suggest you speak to a qualified solicitor as they will be able to advise on the legal formalities for making a Will. You can find a solicitor in your area and information about probate on the Law Society website: [lawsociety.org.uk](https://lawsociety.org.uk)

### Tax Benefits:

Gifts in Wills to Lymphoma Action are exempt from inheritance tax. More information about this and about legacies can be found on the HMRC website: [gov.uk/Make-will](https://gov.uk/Make-will)

## Letting us know about your gift

If you have chosen to leave a gift to Lymphoma Action in your Will, thank you so much on behalf of everyone we support. You don't have to tell us about your decision, however we would like the opportunity to thank you personally so would love to hear from you if you have chosen to support us in this way.

If you would like to let us know about your legacy, or discuss leaving a gift in your Will, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01296 619400 or at [legacies@lymphoma-action.org.uk](mailto:legacies@lymphoma-action.org.uk).

Please note that we are unable to provide legal advice.

## Carol's story

**Carol Taylor was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma in 1985. The support she received from Lymphoma Action made such a difference to her, and she chose to leave a gift to the Charity in her Will.**

Her sister Lynne tells us more:

“Carol wanted to give something back to Lymphoma Action after the support they had given her for more than 20 years. She got involved in fundraising, taking part in a swimathon, music event, and even writing a poetry book.

In 2019 we both took part in Lymphoma Action's Bridges of London walk. For Carol, this was a tremendous achievement, as she had myelodysplasia (disrupted bone marrow function) at the time, following many rounds of chemotherapy and a failed stem cell transplant. Together, we completed the seven-mile route and it was such a great feeling! Carol went on to remember the Charity in her Will, and she loved knowing that her gift would support other people affected by lymphoma in the future.”



Carol passed away in 2020. Her legacy will help Lymphoma Action be here for everyone affected by lymphoma. In Carol's words:

“I hope my efforts will enable many more people to benefit from their knowledge, care and comfort”.



## Why should I make a Will?

Having an up-to-date Will is the only way to make sure that your loved ones, and any charities or organisations you care about, are provided for in the way that you wish after your death. Without a Will, the law decides who gets what and how much.

## Is making a Will expensive or difficult?

Making a Will need not be expensive or difficult. To find a solicitor in your area, visit The Law Society website: [LawSociety.org.uk](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

If you want to write your Will online, please consider using our free Will writing service through Bequeathed. Visit [lymphoma-action.org.uk/FreeWill](https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/FreeWill) to find out more.

## What if I want to amend an existing Will?

A solicitor can assist in making a change to an existing Will by adding a codicil. This needs to be signed and witnessed in the same way that a Will is. Do not make changes to your existing Will without professional legal help as you may accidentally render it invalid.

## What about tax?

Gifts in Wills to Lymphoma Action are exempt from inheritance tax. Currently inheritance tax on non-charitable bequests above the threshold of £325k is charged at 40%, but is reduced further if you give more than 10% of the net value of your estate to charity. The threshold can vary over time and more information can be found on the HMRC website: [gov.uk/Make-will](https://www.gov.uk/Make-will)

## What if I don't have much to leave?

All gifts make a big difference to our work and are greatly appreciated. Together, we can make sure no one has to face lymphoma alone.

**We are the only UK charity  
dedicated to supporting people  
affected by lymphoma. We  
receive no government funding  
and rely on the generosity of  
supporters like you.**

Visit our website to find out more  
about leaving a gift in your Will:  
**[Lymphoma-action.org.uk/Legacy](https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/Legacy)**



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