

South Central

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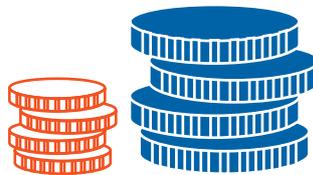
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Leaving a gift to the South Central Ambulance Charity in your Will would make a lasting difference to the vital work we do to help your local ambulance service help you. It is one of the best ways that you can say thank you to the staff and volunteers who work so hard to save lives 24 hours a day and 365 days a year across Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

The South Central Ambulance Service does much more than send an ambulance when you need it, and it relies on the generous support of local people and local businesses for its charity, to enable it go above and beyond what the NHS funds it to do. All the funds we raise through the South Central Ambulance Charity are invested in services that are additional to the core NHS services provided by SCAS.



A gift left to us in your will would:



Help enable us to train and equip our volunteers

The South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is supported by over 1000 volunteers who provide a life saving service in their local community and who help drive frail and vulnerable patients to and from vital medical appointments.

We rely 100% on donations to the charity to recruit, train and equip these volunteers.

Help enable us to train and equip local communities to save lives

The South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust works closely with local communities to provide and maintain life saving public access defibrillators in schools, sports clubs, pubs and shopping centres, and to run training and education projects that help give people of all ages the confidence to step in and help in an emergency.

We rely 100% on the support of partners in the local community to fund every public access defibrillator we install and for the lifesaving education and training we deliver to schools and communities across our region.

Help us to develop and enhance the care we give

The South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust is at the forefront of developing innovative new ways to provide emergency care such as connecting local care homes to paramedics and doctors by video link. Developing the 999 care of the future means investing in research, development projects and training.

Investing in state of the art equipment, research, training and innovation is only possible with the generous support of the public and local businesses for the South Central Ambulance Charity.



How to include a gift to the South Central Ambulance Charity in your Will



Making or changing your Will

Whatever your age, an up to date, professionally written will is incredibly important. It is the only way to ensure that your wishes are carried out after you die and that you provide for your loved ones in a way that you intend. However, 50% of adults in the UK haven't written a Will and 50% of those who have will never update it after the first time it has been written.

If you are one of the 50% of adults who already have a valid Will then you would need to include a 'Codicil' in your Will in order to include a gift to our charity.

If you are amongst the 50% who don't yet have a Will you can get help to make your Will from a solicitor, a Will writer or even your bank.

A Solicitor - If you do not have a Solicitor you can find one in your area by contacting The Law Society on 0207 242 1222 or visiting www.lawsociety.org.uk

A Will Writer - there are a lot of companies who write Wills and this is another option. To find a reputable company you can check with the Institute of Professional Will Writers - www.ipw.org.uk

Your Bank - a lot of the larger banks now offer the opportunity to write your Will in your local branch. Contact your bank to find out if they offer this service.

Inheritance Tax

Did you know all gifts in Wills left to registered charities are free from Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax? You will be saving future lives and saving tax by leaving a gift to our charity.



How to leave a gift to a charity in your Will

The two most common ways to leave a gift to a charity in your Will are:

1. To leave a fixed sum in your Will – this is known as a Pecuniary Gift.
2. To leave a percentage of your Estate – this is known as a Residuary Gift. The exact amount you are leaving the charity through a Residual Gift would be decided after all debts and taxes have been paid. A percentage means that you won't have to keep changing your Will as circumstances change. This tends to be the preferred option when leaving a gift in your Will.

Alternatively you might want to consider leaving:

3. A gift of property, shares, jewellery or other items to a charity – this is known as a Specific Gift.
4. A gift to someone for their use over a period in time and when this time is ended, specifying that this gift is to be passed on to a charity. This is known as a Gift in Trust.

How should I word the gift in my Will?

Your Solicitor or other professional advisor will help you with the words you should use when drafting your Will, but you might want to discuss the wording ideas below with them. It contains the information they will need about our name, charity number and address .



If you are leaving a Residual Gift (a percentage of your estate), you should consider wording your document as follows:

I give% of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to the South Central Ambulance Charity, (Registered Charity No.1049778) of Units 7 &8 Talisman Business Centre, Talisman Rd, Bicester, OX26 6HR and the receipt of the Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of South Central Ambulance Charity shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

If you are leaving a set amount in your Will, you should consider wording your document as follows:

I give the sum of pounds to the South Central Ambulance Charity, (Registered Charity No.1049778) of Units 7&8 Talisman Business Centre, Talisman Rd, Bicester, OX26 6HR and the receipt of the Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of South Central Ambulance Charity shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

Contact us



If you would like to talk to us about leaving a legacy to the charity in your Will, then please contact our Chief Executive who will be delighted to have a completely confidential conversation with you, and to answer any questions you might have. Just call 01869 365000, email us at info@sca-charity.org.uk or write to us at the address below.

If you decide to remember us in this way, please do let us know when you have made or updated your Will. Again we guarantee to keep any information you share completely confidential, but it gives us a very welcome opportunity to thank you in your lifetime.

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet – your support for the South Central Ambulance Charity is hugely appreciated.

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