

Leave a legacy for owls and birds of prey



In some cultures, owls are said to be the souls of our departed. The sight of a Barn Owl gliding silently over a field at dusk certainly captures a spiritual moment.

Sadly, we can no longer take such sights for granted.

Hawk and Owl Trust works tirelessly to secure an understanding of, and a future for, these magnificent birds.



Thank you for considering leaving a bequest to the Hawk and Owl Trust. As a charity we rely heavily on legacy income to enable us to continue our conservation work. As well as running our three reserves, our work includes practical research and education for children and adults. All these efforts benefit our wild birds of prey and owls. Hawk and Owl Trust is the UK's only national charity that works solely to conserve these precious birds whose numbers are under continual threat.

Any gift you make, no matter how large or small, will make a lasting difference towards conserving these magnificent, iconic birds and their habitats. You can rest assured that whatever you leave will be used wisely and effectively for the sake of birds of prey.

Naturally you will wish to provide for your loved ones before considering leaving a charitable bequest. If you are not sure about what to leave, this leaflet explains the various types of bequest you can make. We do recommend that you consult a legal professional so that your intentions are spelt out correctly and unambiguously. Having this ensures that your loved ones do not have to deal with any disputes at a difficult time.

We have in the past been fortunate to have been gifted parcels of land. If you are considering leaving land to Hawk and Owl Trust, do please get in touch with me personally so that we can discuss your intentions.

I do hope that you find the information in this leaflet will be of help as you consider how to dispose of your estate.

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Making a Will

Deciding on how to dispose of your estate and writing a Will is one of the most important personal tasks that we undertake. Leaving clear instructions means that you can be sure that your estate goes to the people you intended. The best way to ensure that this happens is to consult a solicitor or professional Will Writer. The Law Society website provides a list of solicitors near you if you do not already have one:
www.solicitors.lawsociety.org

Types of Bequest

Pecuniary bequest

This is when you decide to leave a specific sum of money.

Residuary bequest

This is when you leave a proportion, usually expressed as a percentage, of your estate having accounted for family and friends. A popular option for many as it means the value of the bequest will not go down over time.

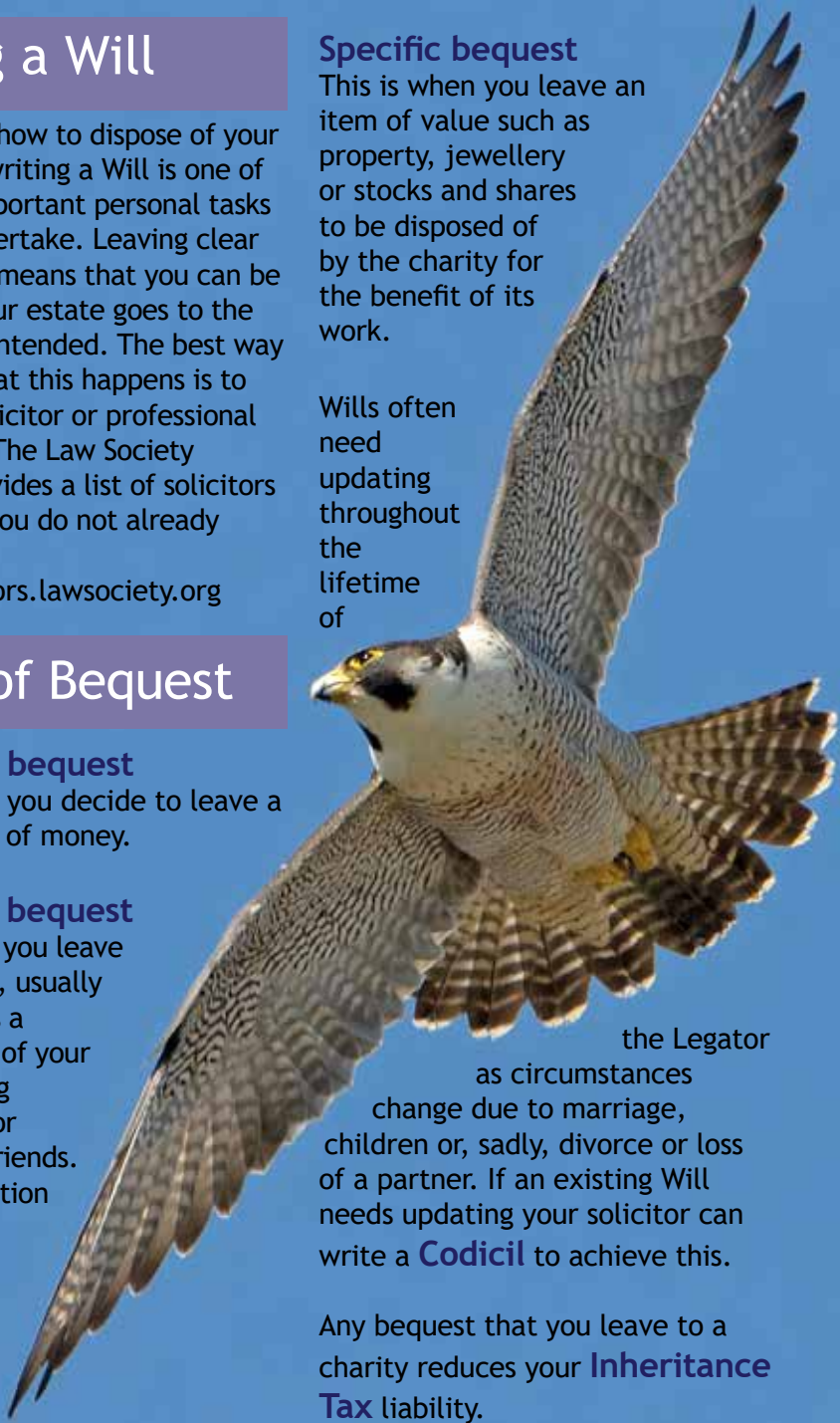
Specific bequest

This is when you leave an item of value such as property, jewellery or stocks and shares to be disposed of by the charity for the benefit of its work.

Wills often need updating throughout the lifetime of

the Legator as circumstances change due to marriage, children or, sadly, divorce or loss of a partner. If an existing Will needs updating your solicitor can write a **Codicil** to achieve this.

Any bequest that you leave to a charity reduces your **Inheritance Tax** liability.



Hawk and Owl Trust was founded in 1969 to help save birds like the Peregrine, whose numbers had been devastated by the effects of DDT pesticides.

Hawk and Owl Trust manages three nature reserves:
Sculthorpe Moor in Norfolk
Shapwick Moor in Somerset
Fylingdales Moor in North Yorkshire

How we use your legacy income

We offer **advice** about land management to farmers and landowners who wish to create a better future for birds of prey, providing and siting nest boxes. We carry out practical **research** to improve our understanding of these special birds and their habitats.

We provide opportunities for children, young people and adults to **learn** about and experience wildlife. By introducing people to the wonders of birds of prey and owls we increase understanding of these fascinating birds, their environment and what needs to be done to help them to flourish.



We harness the enthusiasm and experience of over 200 **volunteers** who give up their time in the service of this wonderful charity.

If you still have questions after reading this guide, or would like to talk your thoughts over, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Legacy Team on 01328 850590 or email info@hawkandowl.org

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