

**HELP YOUNG
PEOPLE SEE
A POSITIVE
FUTURE.**

Leave a gift in your will
to Scouting



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**'It's people like you
who can make all
the difference.'**

**YOUR
WILL**

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL HELPS

- keep the cost of Scouting low
- Scouting reach into new communities and enables more young people to live healthier lives and get outdoors
- train volunteers and improve facilities
- recruit more leaders for the 30,000+ young people on our waiting lists.

Who else offers challenge and adventure to boys and girls aged 6-25? Who else offers the unique mix of a strong values system with such a wide range of adventurous activities?

There's very little you can't do in Scouting. Who else helps 400,000 young people learn how to abseil one week, take a trip in a glider another and plant trees the next? The generosity of our 100,000 volunteers coupled with our young people's enthusiasm is a powerful combination.

A DIVERSE, GROWING MOVEMENT

From spending a night in the woods to rebuilding a school in West Africa, Scouting makes a positive difference not only to young people's lives but also to the wider world. In 2007 we celebrated our worldwide Centenary and in 2008 we recorded our strongest growth for over 20 years here in the UK. Scouting is proud to be a diverse Movement and in the last ten years, Sikh and Muslim communities in particular have embraced Scouting to help young people reach their potential.

PROUD TO OFFER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Each week, thousands of children find out what it means to take a risk, lead a team, make a friend and discover that life is as much about possibilities as it is about challenges. Scouting also helps broaden minds and build bridges between communities. In a time when many young people are portrayed as inactive and anti-social, Scouting chooses to believe in them. We not only take young people outdoors but out of themselves.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING SCOUTING AFFORDABLE TO EVERY FAMILY IN THE UK

Scouting doesn't just happen. It takes resources, organisation and commitment from our adult volunteers (none of whom are paid). Each receives support and ongoing training to keep their skills up to date. We work hard establishing commercial partnerships and other business opportunities to subsidise the cost of Scouting and are proud that our membership fee is currently less than £20 a year per person.

In Scouting we have some remarkable people. Our Members support each other while making a difference locally, nationally and internationally.

THE OLYMPIAN

In the 2008 Paralympic Games, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Matt Walker, 30, clinched five medals. In the 4x100m relay he also helped Team GB achieve a new world record. Matt, who has mild cerebral palsy, still managed to balance his volunteering commitment with his sporting calendar.



1st Marple Arkwright Scout Leader, Mark Statham, said, 'Even as Matt's training schedule intensified in the build up to the games, he still kept his commitment to Scouting.'

THE YOUNG LEADER

Kirstie, 15, not only takes part in activities herself but supports younger Scouts in their development as a volunteer Young Leader. 'Helping out at Beavers only takes up an hour and a half,' she says, 'so I can get my schoolwork done beforehand. Sometimes during exams I won't go to Explorers or Beavers. Scouting is flexible enough to allow me to do that. I use my map reading skills in Geography and Geology. And teamwork helps in all subjects.'

THE GROUP SCOUT LEADER

The 3rd Whitton (St Edmunds) was a Catholic Scout Group which had operated out of a run-down church hall for 70 years. The 6th Whitton (Ibn Battuta) was a fledgling Muslim Group operating a community based Cub Pack. They had a meeting place with good facilities, but few leaders, little experience and practically no management in place. The answer? To merge the two Groups. 'It could have gone any number of

ways,' says Phil Hunt, a Group Scout Leader. 'Fortunately it went the right way. As part of a bigger, united Group, the sections now have access to more resources through sharing equipment, materials, an experienced leadership team (as well as a Group Executive team), helpers, Young Leaders and of course, parental support. By sharing Scouting experiences, the young people now have the opportunity to learn respect for other cultures. They explore their differences as well as understanding their similarities.'

OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ADVENTURE

Scouting began in 1907 on Brownsea Island, Poole, in Dorset with a camp for 20 boys of different backgrounds. Convinced that young people could benefit from an active, outdoor programme, its Founder, Robert Baden-Powell planned eight days of woodcraft skills, life saving, 'campfire yarns' and team games, designed to encourage initiative and responsibility. In 1908, he outlined his scheme in his best selling book *Scouting for Boys*, and a Movement was born.

Its beginnings heralded the optimism of a new era - a nation of healthy young people who wanted to take to the outdoors and prevail against the 'seen but not heard' attitude of the 19th century. 'The open air is the real objective of Scouting,' said Baden-Powell, 'and the key to its success.' Over 100 million members have followed B-P into the open air since that first camp. It is one of our nation's proudest achievements.

The story of Scouting is in many ways also the story of the 20th century. Young people played a part in all its significant events from prominent roles in both World Wars, to supporting health and education products in India and Africa.

Today The Scout Association is the largest co-educational youth movement in the United Kingdom. With 400,000 young people and 100,000 adult leaders it is a powerful force for good and brings about positive social change. Providing opportunities and adventure for over 100 years, it is as relevant as ever, inspiring young people in over 7,000 Groups in every part of the country.



WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Scouting may be widespread but there are still over 30,000 young people who are unable to join due to a lack of leaders, equipment or resources. Scouting takes place locally and in some of the UK's most deprived areas. We are open to people of all backgrounds who accept our principles and we are strictly not-for-profit. We are non-political, non-denominational and do not receive formal government funding.

**FUND
FOR THE
FUTURE**

If you choose to leave a gift in your will to The Scout Association your legacy will go towards the 'Fund for the Future'. This fund will split any monies received between local Scouting projects and national projects including training, programme and development.

WORDING YOUR WILL

If you would like to include a charity in your will, The Scout Association recommends that you use the following wordings, although of course your solicitor may adapt it according to your individual needs.

Specific legacy to The Scout Association (Pecuniary legacy)

“I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to The Scout Association of Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW (Incorporated by Royal Charter) the sum of £ _____ for the General Purposes of The Scout Association’s ‘Fund for the Future’ AND I DECLARE the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer for the time being shall be a good discharge to my Executors”.

Residue of Estate for The Scout Association (Residuary legacy)

“Subject as foresaid I GIVE AND BEQUEATH The whole (or a _____ share of the residue) of my Estate whatsoever and wheresoever both real and personal to The Scout Association of Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW (incorporated by the Royal Charter) absolutely for the General Purposes of The Scout Association’s ‘Fund for the Future’, AND I DECLARE that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer for the time being shall be a good discharge to my Executors.”

Other types of gift are possible so if the above wording does not suit your requirements please contact us for further help.

We realise that some people may wish to give a gift to a specific Scout Group with which they have been associated. Generally, in these cases we recommend that the legacy is given to The Scout Association with the request that it is used for that particular Group. When we receive a legacy with this wording we automatically send it on to the Scout Group concerned.





Making a will is a simple process, however you are bound to encounter some unfamiliar legal terms. Here are some of the most common.

LEGAL LANGUAGE EXPLAINED

Administrators

The people appointed to deal with your Estate according to the law if you don't leave a will

Beneficiary

An individual or organisation who is to receive something from your will

Codicil

A separate document that makes a change or addition to an existing will

Crown or Treasury

If you leave no will and have no relatives, all your possessions or property may pass to the pool of taxation which makes up a large part of government income

Estate

The total of your possessions which you leave when you die

Executor

The person you appoint to administer your affairs according to your will

Intestacy

When a person dies without leaving a valid will

Legacy

A gift of money or possessions specified in a will

Probate

The procedure by which it is formally established that a will has been left and the Executors are given the power to carry out your wishes

Residue

What is left of an Estate after all debts, tax, costs, pecuniary and specific legacies have been paid

Testator/testatrix

The person making the will, that is, you

Trustee

The word for an executor who has to look after any part of your Estate that you leave under a continuing trust

Witness

The person who signs your will as a witness but cannot benefit from it

As Scottish Law varies to the law in other parts of the UK, seek the advice of a solicitor familiar with the Scottish legal system.

CODICIL FORM

A codicil allows you to make minor changes to your will, including adding a gift to a charity. It is very easy to make those changes using a form like this. If you would like to add a gift to The Scout Association to an existing will please complete the form below. There is no limit on how many codicils you may make but a codicil is only suitable for straightforward alterations. The form will need to be signed and witnessed in the same way as your will. The form must be kept in a safe place along with your will.

I, (name) _____

of, (address) _____

declare this to be the first / second / third / other _____

codicil to my will, dated ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___ (please detail date of existing will).

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OR

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In all other respects I confirm my said will.

Signed _____ (Testator/testatrix)

Date ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___

Signed by the testator/testatrix in our presence and then by us in his/her presence:

(Both witnesses need to sign the codicil having witnessed you doing so)

1st witness name _____

2nd witness name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___

Date ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___

Thank you for supporting The Scout Association Registered Charity Numbers 306101 (England and Wales) and SC038437 (Scotland).

Don't forget to keep this codicil in a safe place along with your will. Please do not attach the codicil form to your will as this could render your will invalid.

RETURN FORM

Leaving a gift to The Scout Association in your will enables us to train new leaders, open new Scout Groups and reduce the amount of young people we have on our waiting lists. We can purchase new equipment and develop better resources to support those who need it most.

We have enclosed the wording for your will in this brochure so that it is easy for you to take action and we are not asking you to tell us your intentions because we also recognise this is a private issue. However if you could complete the form overleaf and return it freepost it will let us know how to contact you in the future. Also if you do decide to leave a gift in your will to The Scout Association it would be nice to be able to thank you.

When completed please cut this page out, fold it in half along the dotted line, seal the edges with a little water and put in a postbox – you don't even need a stamp.

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Please tick the boxes below which relate to you:

I am a current Member of The Scout Association - Membership No. _____

I am no longer a Member of The Scout Association

I have never been a Member of The Scout Association

Someone in my family is a Member of The Scout Association

Yes, I will be leaving a gift in my will to Scouting

The time is not yet right but I will consider Scouting in the future

Not sure, please contact me to discuss in more detail and help me make an informed choice

No, please don't contact me again with regard to my will

Thank you very much for considering a gift in your will to The Scout Association
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**With your support
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