

Will wording



How to leave a gift in your Will

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to the Macular Society and for downloading more information. This document includes **suggested wording to include the Macular Society in your Will.**

Can we help you?

We're here to help, so if you have any questions please contact:

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We can also provide this information in a large print booklet and audio.

Thank you

We understand that family and friends come first. But if ever the time is right to include the Macular Society in your Will, we would be very grateful. Gifts in Wills enable us to increase our investment in ground-breaking research and ensure no one has to face the condition alone.

So if you plan to remember us in your Will, thank you. Gifts of all sizes play an important role in our work. We'd be privileged to hear more about why you have chosen to remember us. We can keep you informed about aspects of our work that particularly interest you. But if you'd rather not, that's fine too.

We know it's very personal to you, so we'll just say a very big thank you now for thinking of us.

Making or updating your Will

Everyone's circumstances are different so we recommend that you consult a professional advisor.

You can find a solicitor who deals with Wills, Probate and Estate Planning on the **Law Society's** website:

solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk in England and Wales

www.lawscot.org.uk/find-a-solicitor in Scotland

www.lawsoc-ni.org/solicitors in Northern Ireland

Solicitors for the Elderly also has a database of solicitors and other legal professionals experienced in working with older clients. Many solicitors will offer a home visit if required.

www.sfe.legal/public/search

We do not endorse any firms but can send you a large print list of solicitors in your area.

Our details

To include the Macular Society in your Will, you'll need our **name, address and registered charity number:**

Macular Society

Crown Chambers

Andover

Hampshire SP10 2BN

Registered charity numbers: 1001198 in England and Wales, SC042015 in Scotland and 1123 in the Isle of Man.

Suggested wording to leave a gift to the Macular Society in your Will

To leave a simple cash donation:

“I give to the Macular Society, Registered Charity Number 1001198 (SC042015 in Scotland), Crown Chambers, South Street, Andover, Hants SP10 2BN the sum of £ [amount in figures and words] and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that the money be used for the general purposes of the Macular Society.

The receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of the Macular Society shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.”

To leave a share in your residuary estate

(e.g. if you want to split the remainder of your estate between two or more charities or a mix of charities and individuals. To do this, you split your residual estate into equal parts, then decide how many of those parts each recipient should receive).

“I give all the residue of my estate (out of which shall be paid my funeral and testamentary expenses and my debts) to my trustees ON TRUST to divide it or treat it as being divided into [number] shares of equal value and shall hold them ON TRUST absolutely

- i) as to [number] such equal shares for the Macular Society, Registered Charity Number 1001198 (SC042015 in Scotland), Crown Chambers, South Street, Andover, Hants SP10 2BN and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that the money be used for the general purposes of the Macular Society.
- ii) as to [number] such equal shares [specify other beneficiary]. (This wording is repeated for each new beneficiary).

I declare that if the share in the residue of my estate of any beneficiary named above does not qualify for exemption from inheritance tax, that share shall bear its own inheritance tax so that the amount received by each beneficiary named in that clause before the payment of inheritance tax is the same.

The receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of any charitable body to which any gift is made by (or under provision of) this Will shall be a good discharge to my trustees for the gift.”

What else?

We understand that you may want your gift to go towards research or to provide support in your local area. Just get in touch with our Legacy Team for more information on restricting your gift.

It's worth discussing your intentions with close family if you can, so that they understand and respect your wishes. It's also useful to tell your solicitor why you wish to support your chosen charities.

We also have a **Codicil Form** available to download if you already have a Will.

Inheritance Tax

Gifts to UK charities such as the Macular Society are free from inheritance tax, so every pound you give comes directly to us. Find out more at [**www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax**](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax)

Disclaimer:

The information contained on our website relating to Wills, estate planning, inheritance tax and similar matters is outline information of a general nature only. The Macular Society cannot and does not provide financial or legal advice as such, for which you should consult a solicitor or accountant before making a Will or planning your financial affairs.