



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

**You'll never
stop caring**
neither will we

**A gift in your Will can
help secure our future**

Leaving a gift in your Will is a great way to invest in your community and help guarantee the future of hospice care for local people.

Why Wills Matter

Nobody wants to talk about dying but it's important to think ahead.

There is no legal requirement to make a Will, but having one means you can be sure your wishes will be fully respected when you're gone. It's an important document that will ensure your savings and possessions go to the people and causes that matter to you the most.

By appointing someone (called an Executor) you can make sure your wishes are adhered to. The Executor can be a family member, friend or the firm of solicitors that helped you with your Will. The choice is yours and like everything in your Will, it can be changed at a future date.

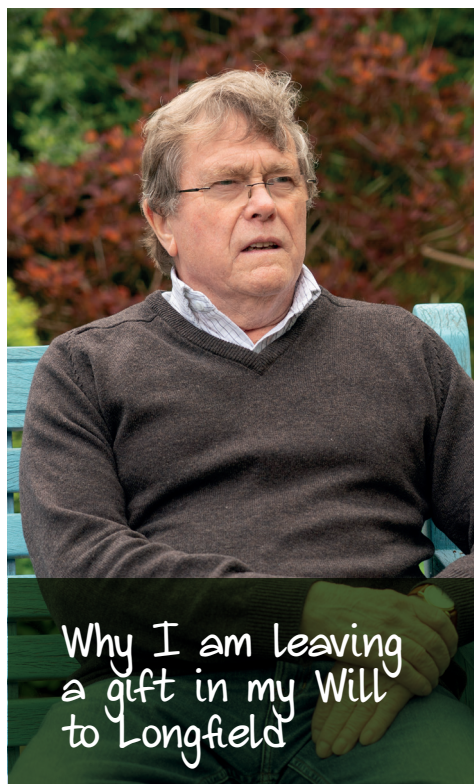


Where do I start?

Most Wills are easy to make; you just need to see a solicitor or another suitably qualified professional. Tell them what you want to put in your Will and sign it once you are happy with the contents - it helps to have thought about things before you go to your appointment. Your Will should be drawn up and witnessed properly for it to be legal and effective. Costs can vary depending on how complicated your Will is.



With your help, no one will have to face a terminal diagnosis alone.



Why I am leaving
a gift in my Will
to Longfield

When John's wife, Fran, was diagnosed with kidney cancer, we were there. John is leaving Longfield a gift in his Will, so we can be there for more families who need us.

"After her diagnosis, Fran came to Longfield for reflexology and art classes. There was always a lovely lunch too. When she came home, she felt better - more energised.

She was well for a few years before her treatment stopped working. Fran's wish was to die at home, so I moved heaven and earth to make that happen.

But at the end, I had nothing left. I was getting up three, four, five times a night. That's when the Longfield care team came in.

They were just wonderful, absolutely wonderful. It gave me a break and a chance to just sit with Fran. I'm so grateful for the support we got.

A few months after Fran died, one of the team called to ask how I was feeling. "I could burst into tears just talking to you now," was my reply. The nurse recommended I come back to Longfield for counselling, so I gave it a go. It didn't take the grief away, but it helped me let go of some painful emotions.

Today, I volunteer for Longfield and I've left a legacy in my Will to the hospice. It's a way for me and Fran to help other people - it meant so much to us."

Leaving a 1% gift in your Will can help us continue to provide free care to local people



The difference a gift of a lifetime can make to Longfield Community Hospice

Did you know that over 85% of our funding comes from the generosity of the public? Your gift and others like it helps us :

- Provide specialist palliative care for local people with a life-limiting illness with our Hospice at Home service.
- Provide services at our Wellbeing Centre to help maintain and enhance the quality of life for our patients, caring for them holistically, with dignity, sensitivity and understanding.
- Care for patients' families and carers during illness and in the event of bereavement.

Remember your gift will help us provide free care to local people.

How to leave a gift in your Will to Longfield Community Hospice



Leaving a bequest (a gift) is easy. You can do this either when you choose to write your Will, or if you already have one, and depending on how it is structured, you can add a codicil (an amendment or change) with your solicitor. If you would like any further information about leaving Longfield a gift in your Will, please contact the Fundraising Team on **01453 886868** or email **legacy@longfield.org.uk**.

With your support, we can be there for more families when they need us the most. Thank you.