

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL FAQs

If you are thinking of leaving a gift to Wooden Spoon in your will, you may have questions we can answer.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE A WILL?

If you don't leave a will, your estate will be shared out among your next of kin according to a strict order of priority called the 'rules of intestacy'. This means that family, friends or charities you want to benefit from your estate might get nothing. Making a will is the first step to making sure that your estate is shared out exactly as you want when you die.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP YOUR WILL UP TO DATE?

Once you have a will, it's important to keep it up to date. Major changes to your marital, family or financial circumstances should be reflected in your will.

CAN I ADD WOODEN SPOON TO MY EXISTING WILL?

Fortunately, making changes to an existing will is very straightforward.

All you need to do is give your solicitor Wooden Spoon's registered address and charity numbers:

- **Wooden Spoon Address**
Sentinel House, Ancells Business Park, Harvest Crescent, Fleet, Hampshire, GU51 2UZ
- **Registered Charity Numbers**
Charity Registration No 326691 (England & Wales) and SC039247 (Scotland)

If you already have a will and you want to add a gift to Wooden Spoon, your solicitor simply attaches a written instruction, called a codicil.

DO I HAVE ENOUGH TO LEAVE A LEGACY?

A common misconception is that a legacy has to be an enormous sum of money. This is not the case. **Any gift left in a will, no matter how large or how small, is important to the charities you support.**

WHAT ABOUT INHERITANCE TAX?

Gifts in wills are tax efficient and are deducted from your estate before any tax liability is deducted.

Each individual's tax situation is different, and we always recommend consulting with your solicitor when making any changes to your will. For more information regarding inheritance tax, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax> and speak to your solicitor or your financial advisor if you have one.

IF I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE A GIFT IN MY WILL IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO TO ENSURE SOME MONEY COMES TO WOODEN SPOON AFTER I DIE?

1. Request donations to Wooden Spoon at your funeral. This is a popular way of sharing your passion and support for a charity with your friends and family.
2. Your friends and family could also create an In Memory page on a fundraising website such as JustGiving or Virgin Money Giving. Creating a fundraising page in memory of someone is a powerful way for friends and family to honour them by donating to a cause they cared about.