

Ben in your Will Leaving a gift

Thank you for considering leaving us a gift in your will

We really appreciate you taking the time to consider supporting Ben in this way and playing a part in making a positive difference to people's lives in the automotive sector. Your Will is one of the most important things you'll ever write, so here is some information and advice to help you.

If you'd like to talk to Ben now about leaving a legacy gift, contact:

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Here are 3 steps to get you started making a new Will

List what you own

Think about everything you own (your estate and assets) and who you'd like to be your executor.

Plan who you would like to include

For many people loved ones will come first, but we also hope you'll consider leaving a gift to a charity like Ben. Gifts from people like you make everything we do possible.

Decide who will write your Will

We would always recommend using a solicitor to write your Will to ensure all legal formalities are carried out correctly, and your Will is written and witnessed in a valid way.



5 good reasons to make a Will and keep it up to date

1. **Make sure your wishes are followed**

With an up-to-date Will, you can have peace of mind that the people and causes that matter to you have been looked after the way you choose. It's the only way to make sure your wishes are followed the way you intend.

2. **Make it easier on friends and family**

A Will makes it much easier for your family and friends to take care of your estate and be sure they're acting on your wishes. Without a Will, the process can be difficult, stressful and time-consuming.

3. **Help to minimise inheritance tax**

If you've got a Will, it can help reduce the amount of inheritance tax that needs to be paid on your estate.

4. **Protect the rights of your partner**

If you and your partner aren't married or in a civil partnership, you don't have the same automatic rights as those who are married. You can make sure your partner's looked after by naming them in your Will.

5. **Give your assets to the people and causes you love most**

Without a Will expressing your wishes, your whole estate could end up belonging to the Crown or government. Write a Will to keep control.



What types of gift can you leave?

A share of your estate

After you have provided for your loved ones, you can leave a share of what remains to charity. This is known as a 'residuary gift'

A cash gift

This is when you leave an exact sum of money to us. It's known as a 'pecuniary gift'.

A specific gift

Over the years we've received lots of different types of gifts, which have all helped us to help more people.

A gift in trust

You can leave a gift for someone to use over a period of time. When the time has ended, the gift can be passed on to other recipients, such as a charity.



We receive all kinds of gifts in people's Wills, and we're grateful for all types of support. Speak to your solicitor if you're interested in leaving an alternative type of gift.

Where your money goes

Legacy gifts help fund our range of support services, designed to help those in need – and their dependents – from the automotive sector, helping people make lasting, positive change.

Our trained advisers give support over the telephone and our dedicated Client Support Advisors provide invaluable face-face support to help people get back on track. We offer a broad range of support including:



- Information, advice and guidance to help people decide what to do
- Therapy such as counselling, physiotherapy, family mediation or relationship therapy
- Short breaks or a special day out for families going through health or carer-related issues
- Grants or financial assistance in special circumstances
- Care services at one of our care centres around the UK

Some people ask us if they can define exactly how their legacy gift should be spent, however our work is extremely varied and dependent on the needs of those who require our help most. It's best if gifts are made unconditionally, and to enable your gift to be of greatest benefit, we ask you to trust us to use it where it is most needed.

Thank-you, your support is truly appreciated and valued. Leaving a gift in your Will to Ben is a priceless gift and no matter how big or small, can make a real difference.

Contact Sara Harcup now to discuss

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