

Leaving a gift to WMUK in your Will



About WMUK

WMUK is the only charity in the UK focused solely on Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia (WM), a rare type of blood cancer. Working in partnership with WM doctors and the wider WM community, our goal is to improve the quality of life and survival of people with WM. We do this by providing personalised information and support; access to accurate diagnoses; and promoting and supporting research into WM, leading to the development of more effective treatments and care for patients.

WMUK receives no government funding and relies solely on voluntary donations from supporters and the public.

Make a difference now and in the future

Leaving a gift in your Will can make a huge difference to the lives of so many people and ensure we can plan long into the future, funding research and providing support for everyone affected by WM. Thank you so much for considering supporting us in such a meaningful way.

How to leave a gift

Leaving a gift in your Will is a very personal decision. You may have family and friends who you want to ensure are looked after in your Will. If after you have done this, you decide you would like to make a gift, there are three main types of gift you can leave in your Will:

1. **A pecuniary gift** is a specific amount of money. It's worth bearing in mind that the effects of inflation mean that this type of gift is likely to lose value over time and may end up being less than you initially intended.
2. **A residuary gift** is a percentage of your estate once any specified gifts have been made to friends and family. Many of our supporters choose to leave this type of gift because it's value will be dependent on the value of your estate at any given time rather than a set amount. This provides supporters with more flexibility when deciding how to ensure that their loved ones are well looked after first and foremost.
3. **A specific gift** is a gift of a specified item – such as a personal possession, land, buildings or stocks and shares.

No matter the size of gift you choose to leave, your generosity and kindness will help WMUK to make a difference to all those affected by WM across the UK.



“As a WM patient, WMUK is a hugely personal cause to me.

WM has affected my life in ways I could never have imagined. But the support of the WM community gives me hope for our lofty ambition of finding a cure for this disease.

One of the best ways to help this become a reality, is to leave a gift in your Will. It helps the charity commit long-term to projects that have the potential to change and even save lives.”

Will Franks
Chair of Trustees, WMUK

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To make a new Will

We strongly recommend that you use a solicitor to make a Will. A solicitor will charge a fee to draw up a Will, but it is worth the expense for your peace of mind and to ensure your wishes are respected and that your family and causes close to you are taken care of.

Finding a solicitor

To find a solicitor in your area, you may wish to contact the Law Society who will put you in contact with a reputable solicitor, who will incorporate your wishes in your Will.

- England and Wales: <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/>
- Scotland: <https://www.lawscot.org.uk/>
- Northern Ireland: <https://www.lawsoc-ni.org/>
- Ireland: <https://www.lawsociety.ie/>

Charity details

To ensure that your gift goes to the right place, you need to include our full name and address and registered charity numbers. The details are as follows:

WMUK
c/o CAN Mezzanine
7-14 Great Dover Street
London
SE1 4YR

Charity number: England and Wales (1187121)

Wording your Will

To help you discuss your wishes with a solicitor, we've included some recommended wording for the different types of gift below.

To leave a **residuary gift** and ensure WMUK receives all or a share of whatever is left of your estate after you've provided for your loved ones:

"I give ___% of the residue of my estate to WMUK (Registered Charity No. 1187121), CAN Mezzanine, 7-14 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YR for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other appropriate officer of the said charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said gift."

To leave a **pecuniary or specific gift** and donate a fixed sum of money or an item to WMUK

"I give £____ (or the item specified) to WMUK (Registered Charity No. 1187121), CAN Mezzanine, 7-14 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YR for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer of the said charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said gift."

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To update an existing Will

A solicitor will be able to update your Will for you, but you can also add in a pecuniary or specific legacy gift yourself by making an amendment (known as a codicil). As a general rule, if the change you wish to make is quite small or simple, you can use a codicil (see Appendix), and if the change is more significant or complex, you should make a new Will.

Let us know your intentions

Please let us know if you've included a gift in your Will, so we can share our thanks for your wonderfully kind gesture. We understand your Will is a private matter, so anything you share with us will be kept confidential.

We're here to support you

We hope this guide has helped with understanding Wills, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our team on 020 3096 7858 or email us at info@wmuk.org.uk

Key terms

Codicil – a document that you can add to your Will that will change, modify, delete, extend or add to the original document (see Appendix for example).

Estate – the property and assets of the person who is making the Will

Executor – the person who ensures your estate is administered as per your wishes. You choose this person. It could be a solicitor – who will charge – or a family member or close friend. A family member or friend may need the help of a solicitor as it is a big job. Therefore, think carefully about who you would like to be your Executor.

Intestacy rules – govern how a person's estate is split up if they die without making a Will. If you want to ensure that your estate is managed in the way you want, it is very important to write a Will to avoid the intestacy rules.

Pecuniary gift – a fixed sum of money.

Residuary estate – after all your specific requests are handled, whatever assets are left form your residuary estate. You can dictate who receives this.

Residuary gift – a percentage of your estate as a gift. Many people prefer to do this, as the gift will be protected against inflation.

Solicitor – a person qualified to give legal advice. They will often specialise in one specific area.

Specific gift – a specific individual possession or possessions. The charity would then need to sell these to recoup their value.

Testator/testatrix – the person (male/female) making the Will

Will – a legally binding document that sets out instructions as to who will inherit your estate and what should happen when you die. It can include things like what sort of funeral you would like, who will inherit your possessions, as well as other wishes, like who will bring up your children, if you have them.

Appendix: Codicil form

Please keep this with (but not stapled to) your Will.

If you have any questions about writing a codicil or updating your Will, you should seek advice from a qualified professional, such as a solicitor.

This is my first / second / third* codicil to my last Will

which is dated _____

of me (name) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

New provision:

I give to WMUK, c/o CAN Mezzanine, 7-14 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YR
(charity number: England and Wales - 1187121)

to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any existing codicils thereto.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed by the above named testator in our joint presence and then by us in his/hers.

Witness 1	Witness 2
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
_____	_____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____
Date _____	Date _____
Signed _____	Signed _____

* Delete as appropriate.

Insert the date of your Will along with your full name, address and postcode.

Insert here the details for any of the three options (pecuniary, residuary or specific gift) you wish to leave to WMUK

Sign and date here in the presence of two independent adult witnesses.

Your witnesses must insert their names, addresses and occupations and sign and date here in your presence.

NB: Your witnesses must be over 18 and must not be beneficiaries in your Will or their spouse or civil partner.

Send, or give, a copy of the Will and codicil (in a sealed envelope, if you prefer) to your executor or other trusted friend, with a note indicating where the original is held.

