

We save lives. Will you?



Wiltshire
Air Ambulance
funded by you, flying for you

Our guide to leaving a gift in your Will

“Wiltshire Air Ambulance is an amazing and important charity. The people there work so hard to save people’s lives and I can’t thank them enough for what they did for me.”

Séanan Thomas, former patient.



We are the air ambulance for Wiltshire and Bath - funded by you, flying for you

Since 1990, Wiltshire Air Ambulance has been there for ill and critically injured people, when they need us most.

The enhanced skills of our crew, combined with the specialist equipment and drugs, and the speed of the aircraft and rapid response vehicles, can make the difference between life and death.

We are not funded directly by the Government and we are not eligible for National Lottery funding.

- **We operate up to 19 hours a day, 365 days a year.**
- **Our helicopter can reach anywhere in Wiltshire within 11 minutes and the centre of Bath in four minutes.**
- **On average we attend three missions a day.**
- **We rely on donations from the community, businesses and grant-making Trusts to run our vital service.**

Legacy gifts are therefore a critical source of funds – on average, approximately one in every four missions each year is paid for thanks to people who remembered us in their Wills.

4 Sue's story

In 2012 Sue Williams suffered serious life-changing injuries in a road traffic collision on the A303 and was flown by Wiltshire Air Ambulance to Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.

"Wiltshire Air Ambulance saved my life and gave me a second chance."

The car she was travelling in came off the road and rolled several times before landing on its wheels. She had broken her back, neck, left arm, a rib, and sustained a moderate to severe traumatic brain injury. She was in hospital for a month, including nine days in the intensive care unit.

Sue and her partner Dave decided to include a gift to Wiltshire Air Ambulance in their Wills as a way of saying thank you.

"Before the accident, I never gave the Air Ambulance much thought. Now, I cannot find words to describe how important it is to keep this service flying. They are there for everyone and you never know if one day it might be you who needs them."



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"Having the charity as a named beneficiary in our Wills is the least we could do to help keep this essential service operating to help others in the future."

Scan here to watch Sue's story



Sue and her partner Dave with critical care paramedic Richard Miller visiting Wiltshire Air Ambulance

A gift in your Will costs nothing in your lifetime and means we can continue to save lives in the future.

We rely on your donations to run our vital service. When you leave a gift in your Will, you are leaving a lifesaving legacy.

Gifts in Wills help pay for the aircraft and our rapid response vehicles. They pay for the drugs administered by our highly skilled paramedics. They pay for fuel, for flight suits, for pre-hospital blood transfusions and for immersive simulation training.

Gifts in Wills ensure that, when an emergency occurs, our crew is ready to get to the patient in the fastest possible time, in effect bringing A&E to the scene, and enabling us to treat and stabilise patients before transporting them to the right hospital for their needs.



“Gifts in Wills make a vital difference to our work, no matter how big or small. They make it possible for us to be there for people when they need us most, even in remote areas.”

Ben Abbott, Critical Care Paramedic

From cardiac arrests to road traffic collisions, incidents involving children or emergencies in the remotest parts of our county. Whenever someone is critically ill or injured, we can give them the best possible chance of survival – thanks to your support.

Legacy gifts have also been used to fund exceptional items – for example, with one gift we were able to purchase the land on which we built our airbase, giving us a secure foundation for the future.

However, you don't need to give a lot - gifts of any size make a big difference to our work, and to our patients.

£750	could provide a pre-hospital blood transfusion to a critically injured patient
£2,500	could purchase a month's fuel for our aircraft
£3,500	could fully fund the average cost of a potentially lifesaving mission
£11,000	could fund our service for a whole day, during which time we attend on average three missions
£30,000	could fund a doctor specialising in emergency care to work alongside our paramedic crew
£55,000	could fund a paramedic (including training) for a whole year

figures correct as of October 2022

Good to know

- Making a Will needn't be complicated or time-consuming – they can be done in as little as an hour and it's even possible to write them online.
- It's a good idea to use a solicitor - they will make sure your wishes are included and can advise you on things like inheritance tax.
- After you've taken care of your loved ones, a residuary or pecuniary gift is the best way to support your favourite charities.
- A pecuniary gift is a fixed amount, set by you.
- A residuary gift is a percentage of whatever is left over after all your other gifts have been distributed. You can leave 100% of the residue to a single charity, or share it between a few of your favourite causes.
- You can also leave specific gifts – such as jewellery, a property or shares. We can sell these on and use the proceeds to fund our vital work.
- You don't have to tell us if you plan on leaving us a gift, but we'd love to say thank you and show you how your gift might be used.
- We will never put you under pressure and we'll answer your questions quickly and honestly.
- If you leave us a gift in your Will, we will use it considerately and effectively.

“Once we'd settled my Aunt's estate, we visited Wiltshire Air Ambulance to see how her gift would be used.

The crew showed us around the airbase and helicopter, and talked us through the specialist equipment and medication carried on board.

Seeing it all first-hand and hearing about the emergencies they attend, I really felt as though Aunt Trudy would be looking down and thinking she'd made the right choice!”

Mrs S French, executor.



Free Wills Service

We offer a service that enables individuals and couples to have their Will made for free, with three easy and accessible options

- Face to face with our Free Will partner solicitors, **Parker Bullen LLP** (also available via Zoom)
- At home with a trained Wills Counsellor from our partners at **The Goodwill Partnership**
- Online via our Free Will web partner, **Make A Will Online**

You don't have to include a gift to Wiltshire Air Ambulance in your Will (though we hope that you will consider us, once you've provided for your loved ones).

How does it work?

Simply complete this **online form**, letting us know which type of Will-writing service you are interested in (you may select as many as you like). We will send you more details so that you can book your appointment.

Whichever option you choose, you will be able to complete a simple Will (or pair of Wills in the case of a couple) at no cost to yourself.

If your estate is more complex there may be an additional fee to cover the additional time required to discuss your needs and draft your Will, however you will be advised of any costs upfront and are under no obligation to proceed.

If you decide to leave us a gift, please ask your solicitor to include the following wording:

Residuary gift

Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give the whole/ _____% of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust, a charity registered in England and Wales (registered charity number 1144097), of Outmarsh, Semington, Wiltshire BA14 6JX for the general purposes of the charity, and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

Pecuniary gift

I give free of tax to Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust, a charity registered in England and Wales (registered charity number 1144097), of Outmarsh, Semington, Wiltshire BA14 6JX, the sum of £_____ for the general purposes of the charity, and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

For any other type of gift, please call us on 01225 300536.

“Even though I don't have much to leave; it is good to know what I can leave will be going to a truly worthwhile cause. I feel so reassured that my wishes will be carried out, it gives me complete peace of mind and once it's all signed and official you can relax and get on with life!”

E. Samborne, who has kindly left a gift in her Will

To find out more about gifts in Wills or other aspects of our work, please contact the charity team on 01225 300536.

Thank you so much for your support.

