

# A gift in your will

Help us grow, shape and care for the nation's forests, now and for generations to come.



### Forests care for us. Together we care for forests.

This is a simple statement that says so much. Far from just being a scenic backdrop, the nation's forests are central to our lives and wellbeing. On a global scale they're an integral part of combatting climate change, and at a local and personal level they give us so much more.

Forests and woodlands are simultaneously a sanctuary and a playground – for us and the diversity of wildlife that call them home. They speak to us of escape, adventure and opportunity. From quiet moments of solitude sound-tracked only by rustling leaves and birdsong to outings filled with younger explorers' squeals of wonder and delight. They provide us with, often unique, experiences and help keep us connected to nature. They fire the imagination and inspire young and old: art, writing, play, creativity, a desire to learn and understand more. And as working landscapes, they provide us with sustainable timber and jobs for many.

We care for more land and trees than any other organisation and with careful planning and expert management, our forests will continue to thrive. The support we receive is essential in helping us to do this.

Forests are special places: for trees, for wildlife, for everyone. They are vital for the future of our planet. Even a small gift in your will helps us grow, shape and care for the nation's forests – now and for generations to come.

Thank you for considering supporting Forestry England in this way,

Mike Seddon Chief Executive, Forestry England

## A lasting legacy

We have a project for every size of legacy that will really make a difference. From supporting osprey conservation to building a community shelter for people, there are all sorts of activities that have benefited from, and been made possible thanks to, the kind gifts left to us by our visitors and supporters.

### We are growing the future How a gift in your will can help

We are a public body, but we receive limited public funding and generate most of our revenue ourselves. The money we get from our valued supporters is vital, and goes back into creating beautiful forests for people to enjoy and homes for wildlife. We are committed to working in the nation's forests for the good of society. Our work today influences what the nation's forests look like for generations to come. We think beyond a lifetime to imagine how England's countryside needs to adapt to a changing climate and cultural changes. A gift in your will can help us to do this.

### **Even a small gift can make a big difference** Different ways to remember us in your will

There are different types of gift that you can consider leaving in your will:

- A pecuniary gift is a specific sum of money.
- A residuary gift is made from whatever is left in your estate after all debts and bills have been paid, and all specific and non-specific gifts have been distributed. You can donate either a share or all of this residue.

Every gift in every will, no matter how small, helps us grow, shape and care for the nation's forests.



### A gift in your will lasts for generations How to leave a gift

Whether you are writing a new will or amending an existing one, you just need to include details of the legacy you have chosen to leave us along with our name and address. You can find these details below.

Once we receive your gift, we will write to your executor to tell them how your money will be used. We always recommend using a professional advisor, like a qualified solicitor or a specialist online provider, when making a will to make sure all your wishes and requirements are properly recorded.

If you're amending an existing will, it's also important to seek legal advice as you'll need to make any changes using a codicil. This is a legally binding supplement and the document has to be signed, dated and witnessed just like your original will.





If you'd like any further information or have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email us at **legacies@forestryengland.uk** or write to us at:

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Thank you for considering remembering us in your will. With your gift we can do even more to look after the nation's forests, now and for future generations.



### A job that never stops growing

#### Trees

We look after more than a quarter of a million hectares of woodland and other valuable habitat – the equivalent of 352,850 football pitches.

We're growing our future forests. Our nurseries grow millions of new trees every year to replant forests across England and create new areas of woodland.

### Climate

The nation's forests have an important role in the climate crisis. Trees in the nation's forests store over 48 million tonnes of carbon. Sustainable wood is a low-carbon alternative to materials like plastic, concrete and steel.

### Wildlife

The land we manage is among the most valuable for nature in the country. Over half of England's rarest and most threatened species have been found in our landscapes.

We are returning lost species to the nation's forests including beavers, pine martens and white-tailed eagles.

#### People

We look after over 1,800 miles of walking, running and cycling trails, and over 30 outdoor play areas for everyone to enjoy.