



Museum of
Cambridge

Leave a Gift in Your Will

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Preserving the Stories of Cambridgeshire for Future Generations

The Museum of Cambridge is dedicated to safeguarding the extraordinary stories of everyday people from Cambridge and Cambridgeshire. Set in the Grade II-listed 17th-century White Horse Inn, the Museum has been telling these stories since 1936.

As an independent charity, we receive no regular public funding and are not part of the University of Cambridge. We rely on income from entry fees, venue hire, donations, and the incredible generosity of volunteers and supporters like you.

A gift in your will - large or small - can have a transformational impact, ensuring the Museum continues to thrive for future generations.



We're more than just a building...

40,000 objects

We care for a collection of over 40,000 objects, many of them unique, and each with a story to tell.



Talks, workshops and exhibitions

We host engaging talks, family-friendly workshops, and dynamic exhibitions that share the rich history of Cambridge.

Inspiring all ages

Our work with schools and community groups connects and inspires, making sure Cambridge's rich cultural heritage is accessible to all.



Your Legacy, Our Future

Gifts made in wills have supported the Museum since its founding in 1936. In today's challenging funding environment, these gifts are more crucial than ever in securing our long-term future.

"I have written my will and made a legacy to the Museum of Cambridge because I value its role in curating and sharing the social history of this growing city. As an independent organisation, it needs our support to continue its wonderful work in looking after a very special collection and engaging with the local community by telling their stories."

— Lucy, legacy pledger



"I've given instructions in my will for a legacy to the Museum of Cambridge because I know that it is the most effective way to give charities the long-term funding they need. For big charities, legacies are the most significant part of their income, whereas small charities are often overlooked. Thinking about how those charities will benefit from your will is a really important part of financial planning that should never be left too late!"

— Roger, legacy pledger



Whether large or small, your gift will help ensure the Museum of Cambridge thrives for future generations.

How to Leave a Gift in Your Will

If you wish to leave a gift to the Museum of Cambridge, we suggest using the following wording in your will:

"I give to the Museum of Cambridge [the residue] / [% of the residue] of my estate [or] [the sum of £x] free of tax for the general purposes of the Museum. I direct that the receipt of the Chair of Trustees or other proper officer for the time being of the Museum shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

We encourage unrestricted gifts for 'general purposes', as this will allow the Museum to allocate funds where they are most needed.



There are four main ways of leaving a gift to the Museum:

- **Pecuniary bequest:** A fixed sum of money left to the Museum. This can be added to an existing will using a codicil. This form of gift is simple to arrange and can be index-linked to protect against inflation.
- **Residuary bequest:** All or a percentage of the remainder of your estate, after other legacies and expenses have been paid. This type of gift retains its value over time.
- **Reversionary bequest:** This leaves your assets to a named beneficiary for their lifetime, for example your spouse or other dependant, before being passed to the Museum.
- **Specific or non-monetary bequest:** A particular item that may support our collection or be sold to fund Museum activities.

Inheritance Tax Benefits

A charitable legacy does not count toward the taxable value of your estate. If you leave 10% or more of your net estate to charity, your inheritance tax rate is reduced from 40% to 36%.

As tax regulations can be complex, we strongly recommend speaking with a solicitor for advice.

Acknowledging your Gift

Making a will is of course an intensely personal matter, and we understand if you do not wish to inform the Museum in your lifetime. However, if you choose to let us know about your legacy, we would be incredibly grateful, as this helps us plan for the Museum's future and thank you in your lifetime.

All gifts over £1,000 will be acknowledged in our Annual Report unless you wish to remain anonymous.

Gift in Will Pledge Form

If you decide to leave a gift in your will, we would be hugely grateful if you could complete this form and return it to us.

This is a **non-binding pledge** and places no legal obligation on you, it is simply an expression of your current intentions and helps us with our long-term planning. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please contact us at enquiries@museumofcambridge.org.uk if you have any queries.

I intend to leave a gift in my will to the Museum of Cambridge:

- ☐ A pecuniary bequest
- ☐ A specific or non-monetary bequest
- ☐ A residuary bequest
- ☐ A reversionary bequest

The approximate value would be: £ _____ (optional)

While it would be helpful to us to know the approximate value, please don't feel obliged to provide this information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Your legacy ensures that the Museum of Cambridge remains a vital part of our city's cultural heritage. **Thank you.**



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