

## Leaving a Gift in Your Will: Useful Information

Thank you for enquiring how you can help For Britain in your will. Your bequest will allow For Britain to plan and grow long-term, while reacting to short-term needs such as unexpected elections.

Three reasons why you should act today:

- **Don't let the government get your money.** A gift to a recognised political party is deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated
- **Ensure your wishes are honoured.** Nine out of ten people never make a will, meaning that their wishes are not taken into consideration
- **Peace of mind.** It's a great relief once your affairs are in order.

### John's gift to For Britain

John's gift enabled us to provide essential support to key constituencies, and made possible a significant upgrade of our computer systems and website to strengthen our communications capabilities. These have had a direct and measurable impact on the growth and development of the party.

"John would have been absolutely delighted that his gift had been put to such good use and that For Britain Councillors had been elected for the first time. He felt that leaving a gift in his Will to For Britain was a real investment in the future for his grandchildren."

- John's widow Doreen

## How do I leave a gift to For Britain in my will?

Leaving a legacy must be done either as part of creating your will or as an amendment (codicil) to an existing one. Choose from one of the alternatives below to see what you should do to leave a gift.

### 1. I want to make a will

If you have not already made a will, we recommend that you contact a solicitor to help you through this process. You may be entitled to free will writing services if you are disabled or over 70 years old. If your financial affairs are straightforward you should consider a digital will-writing company. There are many such companies; one of the best known is Farewill<sup>1</sup> which charges £90 but an internet search may well reveal 50% off coupons. We can also help with writing a will.

<sup>1</sup> We have no relationship with Farewill and simply include them as an illustration that digital will-writing need not be expensive

## **2. I already have a will**

Leaving a legacy to For Britain is even simpler if you already have a will. Just fill out a Codicil Form (see below) and add it to your will in order to make the necessary amendment.

### **What are the different types of gift in a will?**

There are three different types of legacy which you could include in your will. Below we describe them and give suggested wording. We also advise you include the recommended additional paragraph in case of changes that happen after you have made the bequest.

#### **1. Residuary legacy**

This is a gift of the remainder or percentage of your estate after all other legacies have been made and debts cleared. Residuary legacies are an effective way to divide the value of an estate between a number of people and causes that are important to you. They are also an effective way to automatically keep up with inflation, unlike gifting a fixed sum of money.

Suggested wording: "I GIVE the whole of my estate or X per cent of the residue of my estate after payment of my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and all legacies given by this my will or any codicil hereto and all inheritance tax payable upon or by reason of my demise to my [Executor(s)/Trustees] UPON TRUST for The For Britain Movement of Fairfax House, 6a Mill Field Road, Cottingley Business Park, Bradford BD16 1PY. I confirm that I am on the electoral register in the UK (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) at the time of signing this will."

#### **2. Pecuniary legacy**

This is simply a gift of a fixed sum of money.

Suggested wording: "I GIVE to The For Britain Movement of Fairfax House, 6a Mill Field Road, Cottingley Business Park, Bradford BD16 1PY, the sum of XX pounds [sum in words] £XX [sum in figures] free of Inheritance Tax for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my [Executor(s)/Trustees]. I confirm that I am on the electoral register in the UK (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) at the time of signing this will."

#### **3. Specific legacy**

A particular named item left as a gift in your will is known as a specific legacy, for example, property, shares or a piece of jewellery.

Suggested wording: "I GIVE to The For Britain Movement of Fairfax House, 6a Mill Field Road, Cottingley Business Park, Bradford BD16 1PY, for its general purposes free of Inheritance Tax and other fiscal impositions and costs of transfer my [description of the item] for its general purposes absolutely and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my [Executor(s)/Trustees]. I confirm that I am on the electoral register in the UK (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) at the time of signing this will."

### **Is it possible to leave a gift in my Will for a specific campaign or region?**

We can never predict when the next by-election will be, or which region will need the most campaign support, so your legacy gift will have the biggest impact if it is made unconditionally. We always make 10% of unconditional gifts available to your local party, but if you would like to talk to us about funding a specific region or project, please contact our Legacy Manager at [legacy@forbritain.uk](mailto:legacy@forbritain.uk)

### **Recommended Additional Paragraph**

If you decide to remember For Britain in your will we also recommend taking the following paragraph to your solicitor. It is important that the following clause is included in your will, whichever type you choose:

“If at my death any charity or organisation named as a beneficiary in this will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name, amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body, or changed its address, then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity or organisation as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made or (in the third case) to the organisation based at their new address.”

### **Ensure you are on the Electoral Register**

Under UK legislation we are only be able to receive funds left to us in a will if the deceased had been on a UK electoral register during the five years before their death.

Please make sure you are also on the electoral register. Just call your Town Hall and ask to speak to the Returning Officer if you are in any doubt. You should also contact us to inform us of your bequest and provide details of your executors. We can also arrange for a senior Party member to visit you and discuss matters in confidence and act as an Executor if required. Just email [legacy@bnp.org.uk](mailto:legacy@bnp.org.uk) or write to The Legacy Officer, The For Britain Movement, Fairfax House, 6a Mill Field Road, Cottingley Business Park, Bradford BD16 1PY.

### **Why a legacy is so important to For Britain**

The promise of a legacy gives us a good idea of money which will be available for our work in the future. It is a very special way of giving; many people cannot afford large sums in their lifetime but can make a significant and far-reaching contribution through their will.