



A gift in your Will, a future for heritage

A short guide to leaving a gift in your Will

How your gift will help

The Victorian Society is the UK's only charity dedicated to saving Victorian & Edwardian heritage.

Gifts in Wills, whatever their size, are vital to ensure Victorian & Edwardian buildings you love can be enjoyed by many more generations to come.

Your generous gift would support our work in:

- Protecting nationally important heritage from demolition and disfigurement
- Promoting the best Victorian & Edwardian arts, architecture, crafts and designs
- Campaigning for endangered buildings
- Offering exciting talks, visits, study tours and publications

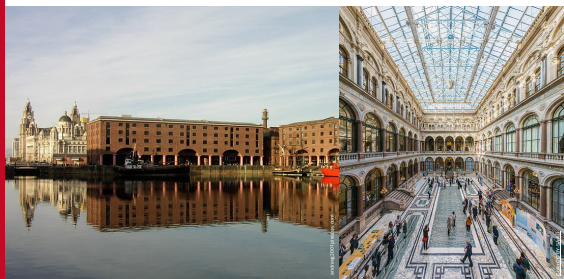


St Pancras Station



John Summers Steelworks

**Together, we've saved these
irreplaceable buildings**



Royal Albert Dock Liverpool

Foreign Office



Leaving a gift in your Will is a positive way to protect Victorian & Edwardian heritage you care about.

Types of gift

% A **residuary gift** is a share (or percentage) of your estate after all other commitments, taxes and expenses have been settled. You may choose to give the whole residue or a portion of it.

This type of gift prioritises your family and loved ones, and protects your gift from inflation, while making sure that your charitable intentions are reflected.

£ A **pecuniary gift** is a donation of a fixed sum of money

🏠 A **specific gift** is a particular possession that you would like to leave to us, eg. property, stocks and shares, jewellery, vehicles, art and antiques.

Please consider arranging for your executor to handle the sale and leave us the proceeds. This helps save significant admin costs for our small charity.

Wording for your Will

You might find the following suggested wording useful:

“I give a **XX% share of / the residue of my estate OR the sum of [amount in words] (£___[amount in figures]) OR /AND my (insert full description of the object and its location)** to the Victorian Society (Registered Charity Number 1081435) of 1 Priory Gardens, London W4 1TT for its general charitable purposes.”

Step-by-step guide

1. Consult a solicitor

You can visit the Law Society website lawsociety.org, to find one in your area

2. Let your solicitor know how you would like to divide your estate

3. Appoint executors

You'll need to appoint one or two people to act as executor/s and carry out the instructions in your Will.

This could be a family member, friend, or your solicitor.

4. Keep your Will safe and up to date

Keep a copy of your Will and share the location of the original with someone you trust.

If you have already made a Will, you can add a codicil to include additional gifts.

Many of the gifts in Wills we receive are left for unspecified purposes, allowing funds to be allocated to areas of our work where the need is greatest.

Get in touch

To discuss leaving a gift in your Will, or to let us know that you have included us in your Will, please contact the Fundraising Manager at:

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