

A little guide



Gifts in **Wills**



A gift that
lasts beyond
a lifetime

A warm welcome

Thank you for thinking of leaving a gift in your Will to Sobell House.

With more demand on our services than ever before, it's vital that we raise the all-important funds that help us care for our local community.

Leaving a gift to Sobell House won't cost you a penny during your lifetime, but it's a wonderful legacy to leave behind, and makes a huge difference to people facing life-changing illness and loss.





On average
around **25%**
of our charity
income comes
from gifts
in Wills.

Since 1976, we have provided compassionate care to adults in Oxfordshire with a life-limiting illness, and supported their family and friends. The heart of our care takes place at our hospice in Oxford, but most of our care is provided within the local hospitals or to people at home.

We help our patients to live as fully as possible in the time they have left - whether that's days, weeks, months, or years - and die in comfort with dignity, surrounded by their loved ones.

Our promise to you



We understand that choosing to remember Sobell House in your Will is a very personal decision, which you need to make in your own time. We won't put you under any pressure and recognise that loved ones always come first. You can change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to the hospice at any time.

While you don't have to tell us if you've chosen to leave a gift to Sobell House, if you do, we can offer you practical support and give you a choice about how we speak to you in the future.

We promise to use your gift carefully and cost effectively, so that it can have the greatest impact possible.

Types of gifts

Here are some of the simple ways you can leave a gift to Sobell House Hospice in your Will.

Residuary

This is a percentage of what is left in your estate after any debts, taxes or costs have been deducted.

Pecuniary

This is a fixed amount of money. Gifts of all sizes make a huge difference to our work.

Specific

These are specific items such as property, land, shares and jewellery.



Sarah's story



“ My husband Dave only lived for ten weeks following his cancer diagnosis. Dave was in a great deal of pain, so the relief

we felt when he was admitted to Sobell House was indescribable. Ultimately Sobell House helped him to die as he lived, with great dignity and surrounded by love.

Afterwards, there's a huge amount of 'death admin' and, when coupled with grief, it feels very difficult to manage. I was so thankful that Dave had a Will which we updated before he died so I knew exactly what his final wishes were and I felt looked after even after he was gone.

My Uncle Lowell was very close to Dave, and decided to make a generous donation to the hospice in his memory. Little did we know that Lowell himself would need Sobell's support very soon; shortly after moving to a care home, we discovered



Sarah and her Uncle Lowell

that he too had cancer. The Sobell House community nurses were absolutely incredible and their care enabled him to spend his final days of life relaxed and in comfort.

As the executor of Lowell's estate, it's meant a great deal to me to continue his legacy and leave Sobell House a further donation in his Will. I wanted to share my story to remind people of the importance of making a Will - if you haven't, please do it for your loved ones - and to encourage you to leave a gift of any size to Sobell House. We know first-hand how their care feels like a lifeline, and hope this continues long into the future.”



FAQs

How do I make it clear I am leaving a gift to Sobell House Hospice?

You need to add our charity name, number and address into your Will, along with the type of gift you'd like to leave to us.

Name and address:

Sobell House Hospice Charity Ltd

Churchill Hospital

Old Road

Oxford

OX3 7LJ

Registered Charity Number: 1118646

Do I need to make a Will?

While having a properly prepared Will is not a legal requirement, it does make things much easier for your family or friends to carry out your wishes.

Your Will is the only way for you to decide what happens to your property, money and personal possessions after you die.

Do I need a solicitor?

We recommend that you contact a solicitor if you need legal advice to make your Will.

What about tax?

A gift to charity can reduce your inheritance tax liability. Your solicitor can give you more help and advice about this.

What if I change my mind?

You can always amend your Will while you are still alive through our free Will writing service, or with your own solicitor.



Do I need to tell Sobell House if I include them in my Will?

Your Will is a private document. It is your choice as to whether you choose to tell us that you have left a gift in your Will to support our work. However, if you do let us know, then we can do more to keep you updated on our latest news.

What do I do once I've left a gift to the hospice?

You don't need to do anything else but it is very helpful if you get in touch to let us know, if you so wish. Knowing that you are leaving us a gift in your Will helps us plan for our future. We would also like to have the chance to say thank you to you.

What if I don't have a large gift to leave?

Your loved ones should always come first, but any gift that you leave to the hospice, no matter how big or small, will mean that we are able to continue to support local families and their loved ones during their darkest days.

**Remember we're always
here to help. If you need any
support, please get in touch.**

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