

# Leaving a gift in your will

**By remembering Citizens Advice Harlow in your Will, you can help us be here to support local people for generations to come. With every person we help, your kindness could live on.**

## How do I decide what type of gift to leave in my Will?

There are different types of gifts you can leave Citizens Advice Harlow in your Will. Every gift will make a difference to someone who needs our support in the future, so if you're thinking of leaving us a gift, thank you.

Below are the types of gifts you can leave in your Will:

**Residuary gift** - This is a share of your estate. For example, you could choose to leave 30% or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of your estate to Citizens Advice Harlow, once all taxes and other payments have been made. Because a residuary legacy is a percentage of your estate, it will keep its value over time.

**Pecuniary gift** - This is a fixed sum. You might choose to leave a fixed amount of money to Citizens Advice Harlow. For example, this could be £200, £2,000 or £20,000. If you choose this type of gift, it's worth considering linking it to inflation. Without this, it could mean the true value of this gift may be less than you intended.

**A specific gift** - You may wish to leave a personal possession or specific investment. For example, this could include jewellery, an antique, or shares. Every gift will make a difference to someone who needs our support in the future.

## Updating your existing Will

If you've already written a Will, and you want to add a gift to Citizens Advice Harlow, you can do this by drafting a document called a Codicil. A Codicil is simply an addition, amendment, or supplement to your existing Will. We always recommend consulting a solicitor or legal professional when completing a codicil form to update your Will. Visit [Remember A Charity](#) for further advice.

## Suggested wording for remembering Citizens Advice Harlow in your Will

If you choose to remember Citizens Advice Harlow in your Will, you may like to use the following wording:

## Residual legacy

I give [specify fraction / % share] of the residue of my estate to Citizens Advice Harlow, charity registration number 1135235 of Floor 2, Westgate House, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1YS for its general charitable purposes absolutely, and I express the wish (without imposing any trust or binding obligation) that the sum be applied for the use and benefit of Citizens Advice Harlow. I declare that the receipt of the honorary treasurer or other proper officer of the said charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

## Pecuniary legacy:

I give to Citizens Advice Harlow, charity registration number 1135235 of Floor 2, Westgate House, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1YS for its general charitable purposes absolutely, and I express the wish (without imposing any trust or binding obligation) that the sum be applied for the use and benefit of Citizens Advice Harlow. I declare that the receipt of the honorary treasurer or other proper officer of the said charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

We would appreciate it if you could consider index linking cash gifts in order to maintain their value for the future. If you choose to do so, we recommend that you ask a solicitor to provide suitable wording to index link your gift as well as making allowances for any future eventualities.

## Specific gift

I give to Citizens Advice Harlow, charity registration number 1135235 of Floor 2, Westgate House, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1YS for its general charitable purposes absolutely, and I express the wish (without imposing any trust or binding obligation) that the sum be applied for the use and benefit of Citizens Advice Harlow. I declare that the receipt of the honorary treasurer or other proper officer of the said charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

## Further information

You can find further information about making a will on the [Citizens Advice Harlow's website](#).

Some of the legal and financial terms you might come across when writing your Will can be confusing. If you need help understanding what any of them mean, you may find this [quick reference guide from 'Which'](#) helpful.