

Love Somerset?... Support CCS.

Help us to continue to provide advice and support for Somerset's rural communities – consider leaving us a small gift in your will.

Here's why....

It's a common myth that only the rich and famous leave money to charity when they die. This couldn't be any further from the truth. The reality is without the gifts left in Wills by people like you, many of the charities we know and support today wouldn't even exist.

Charitable legacies are the foundation for many good causes in the UK and are vital in continuing their work.

Thankfully 74% of the UK population support charities and when asked, 35% of people say they'd happily leave a gift in their Will once family and friends had been provided for.

The problem is... only 6% actually do.

That's why, if we all leave some money in our Wills for charity as well as our family, we can make a huge difference. In fact, just a 4% change in behaviour would generate an addition £1 billion for good causes in the UK every year.

So, you don't have to be rich and famous to make a contribution that can make a difference. We can all do something amazing for Somerset just by remembering CCS when writing a Will.

Gift amounts of the following would help us continue to work to support Somerset's rural communities:

- £25 would enable 12 young people to receive a Dairy Careers information pack
- £70 would mean that an experienced staff member could provide a "best fit" filtered list of funding options for a community buildings project
- £100 would buy a days support for a Village Agent to help an elderly or isolated person
- £250 would allow our knowledgeable staff member to run an event to support disadvantaged families with young children to access help for energy switching to alleviate fuel poverty
- £500 would enable an experienced staff member to offer intensive support for a community group or parish council to consider options for retaining or taking over vital rural services

How to leave a legacy for the Community Council for Somerset

There are two main types of gift that you can leave in your will to CCS

You can leave a specific sum of money or an item such as jewellery or a piece of art

You can leave a share in, or all of, what's left of the value of your estate after all bills have been paid and all other legacies have been distributed.

If you would like to add a gift to CCS to an existing will, you can use a codicil. Adding a codicil to your will means there is no need to change the terms of your current will. It simply adds a new instruction. As a rule if the change you wish to make is quite small or simple, you can use a codicil, and if the change is more significant or complex you should make a new will.

If you wish to make several changes, big or small, it is advisable to make a new will. If you have any questions around writing a codicil or updating your will, you should seek advice from a solicitor or professional adviser.

If you would like information on making or updating your will, we have a comprehensive factsheet on this.

There is suggested wording to leave a gift to CCS in your will below.

Template wording for Wills

For a residuary gift:

I give the residue of my estate to Community Council for Somerset, Victoria House, Victoria Street, Taunton. Somerset. TA1 3JZ. (Registered Charity Number 1069260) for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer of the said charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said gift.

For a pecuniary / specific bequest:

I give the sum of £_____ (or the item specified) to Community Council for Somerset, Victoria House, Victoria Street, Taunton. Somerset. TA1 3JZ. Registered Charity Number 1069260) for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper officer of the said charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said gift.

Tax

There may be exemptions from inheritance tax for gifts to charities. Further information can be found in the Customer Guide to Inheritance Tax on HM Revenue and Customs website

www.hmrc.go.uk/cto/customerguide/page13.htm or by calling the Probate and Inheritance Tax Helpline on 0300 123 1072; or through your solicitor or legal adviser.