

We'll be there, day after day

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If you remember us in your will
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A gift in your will can help us be there, day after day.

No one should spend later life feeling vulnerable and alone. Age UK Berkshire makes sure older people aren't forgotten or left to struggle on their own. We're here to listen, support, advise and help people to feel independent and secure in their own homes. **By leaving us a gift in your will, you can help us to be there for people like Ken, Bob and Sue.**

We'll be here to keep Ken company

After moving across the country to be closer to his family, Ken found he was at a loss without his close-knit group of friends.

With no social circle, Ken soon lost his independence and rarely left the house. He felt very isolated and depressed.

But after visiting his local Age UK shop one day, Ken found out about our befriending service.

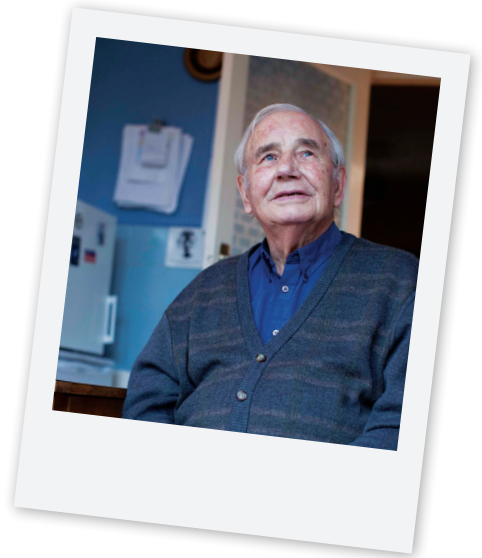
He soon made new friends in his area and found a new lease of life, it's turned his life around.



We'll be here to give Bob advice

When Bob's heating broke down just as he needed it most, he was told he'd have to wait two weeks in freezing weather before it could be fixed. He didn't know if he'd be able to cope that long, he was terribly worried and distressed.

Luckily, he was able to get in touch with Age UK and within a couple of hours, a portable heater had been delivered to his door to help him stay warm through the winter. We were also able to tell him about Age UK's grant schemes, should he need more support in the future.



We'll be here when Sue needs to talk

When her husband and daughter died within a few years of each other, Sue was suddenly alone and felt devastated. Desperate for help, she turned to Age UK. We arranged to call Sue three times a week.

Sue needed someone to listen and to support her through her grief and the loss of her family. When she felt able to cope again, she told us, 'your calls dragged me back from the abyss'.



You can help to make sure **we'll always be here for people** like Ken, Bob and Sue. Turn over to find out how.

How to leave a gift to us

A gift to **Age UK Berkshire** in your will can help older people feel secure, supported and reassured that they always have someone to turn to. If this is something you believe is important, the answers to these commonly-asked questions may help you decide:

I haven't written my will yet. How important is it that I write one and how complicated is it?

Writing a will is a crucial way to ensure that your wishes are carried out after your death. It needn't be a complicated process and it means your loved ones can carry out your wishes easily. We have lots of information available to help you plan and write your will.

I'm not sure what to leave as a gift. What are the different types?

You can choose to leave a residuary gift (a share of your estate after taxes and debts have been paid), a pecuniary gift (a fixed sum of money) or a specific gift (a gift of property, a specific possession such as a painting or stocks and shares). Whatever the value of your gift, it will go a long way to help someone who needs

us.

How can I take care of my family and leave a gift to Age UK Berkshire?

We understand that you want to take care of your loved ones first. But after providing for your family and friends, even a small percentage of what is left can make a real difference to the people who will need us years from now.

How easy is it to leave a gift to Age UK Berkshire in my will?

It's very easy to include a gift to Age UK Berkshire in your will. If you already have a will you may not need to rewrite it. A qualified professional such as a solicitor can advise you on how to add an amendment (called a codicil).

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about how a gift in your will could support our work.

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