

How to leave a gift to us

A gift to Age UK Dudley 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 the 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 Dudley?

Your family should always come first. But once your loved ones have been taken care of, we hope you will consider leaving us a gift in your will. If you're worried about not having enough to leave, you could consider a residuary gift rather than a fixed sum, as it's less likely to devalue over time.

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

It's very easy to include a gift to Age UK Dudley in your will. If you already have a will, there's no need to rewrite it. A qualified professional such as a solicitor can draft an amendment (called a codicil). On our website you can find a codicil form and the suggested wording for your will.

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If you have any further questions or you are interested in finding out more about leaving a gift in your will to Age UK Dudley call **01384 354508**

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We'll be there day after day



A gift in your will helps us be here, day after day.

No one should spend later life feeling vulnerable and alone. Age UK Dudley 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 a gift in your will to Age UK Dudley, you'll help us be here for people like Jill, Jenny and Sue.

We'll be here to give Jill advice

Jill lives alone and was undergoing treatment for cancer. She had numerous benefit problems and was struggling to cope.

Luckily, Age UK Dudley was able to support her with selling her home and securing and moving into sheltered housing accommodation. We also helped her to win a benefits appeal and secure a grant.

Jill has settled into her new home and feels more positive about life. She told us 'I will never be able to thank you enough for all you have done for me.'



We'll be here to support Jenny

Following the death of her husband, Jenny's mobility and memory started to deteriorate. She sat at home alone and bored.

Jenny attended our Daybreak service and it has helped her get her life back on track. She feels like she has something to get up for in the mornings. Jenny has made friends with clients at Daybreak, has taken up knitting and goes on various trips supported by our staff and volunteers.



We'll be here when Sue needs support

Sue came to one of our open day, as she was reluctant to get back to day to day life after losing her husband. It was here that she met staff who encouraged her to attend walking activities, to get her out the house and start to cope with life again.

Sue now enjoys regular walks and has become a volunteer for the Health & Wellbeing Team at head office. She says her social life and her mental health has improved dramatically, being part of Age UK Dudley has completely changed her life.



**We can be here for more people like Jill, Jenny and Sue with your help.
To find out how, just turn over.**