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Legacy Myth Busters

Myth 1 - Wills are complicated



Truth - Adding a gift in your will is usually simple and inexpensive. A solicitor can insert a short clause, and you're done. Download the Age UK Oxfordshire Making a Will leaflet for more information.

Myth 2 - Talking about wills is awkward



Truth - Legacy conversations are positive - they are about hope, impact and the future. Most people feel comforted knowing they've made a plan that reflects their wishes.

Myth 3 - Only wealthy people leave gifts in their wills



Truth - Anyone can leave a legacy. Every legacy, no matter the size, can create a lasting impact.

Myth 4 - Leaving a gift takes away from family



Truth - Family remains the priority. Many people choose to leave a small percentage after loved ones are fully provided for.

Myth 5 - My will is already written - I'd have to start again



Truth - Updating a will is usually very simple. A solicitor can add a short amendment (called a codicil) without rewriting the whole will. It's quicker and cheaper than most people expect.

Myth 6 - My estate might change, I don't want to commit



Truth - A percentage gift is flexible. It automatically adjusts with your estate, so your intentions are always honoured without needing future updates.

Myth 7 - It won't make much difference



Truth - Legacy gifts often fund a huge portion of a charity's work. One gift can fund new services, protect vital programmes, or ensure support for decades.