

About Age UK Richmond

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is an **independent local charity, separate from the national Age UK organisation**. While many people assume we are the same as 'Age UK', we operate independently. Our registered name is Age UK Richmond upon Thames (Charity Registered No. 1084211).

As an independent charity we are responsible for raising our own funds to deliver vital services to older people living in Richmond upon Thames. Every year our services reach more than 4,500 local older people.

Every pound raised stays local, supporting those most in need. Our work is only possible thanks to the generous support of local funders, organisations and individuals like you. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a real difference.

What is a legacy, and why is it one of the kindest gifts you can give?

There are many ways you can support us. In this booklet, we focus on one particularly meaningful way to give: leaving a legacy, also known as a gift in your will.

A legacy is a lasting gift that ensures your chosen charity receives support in the future. After taking care of your loved ones, including a gift in your will is a powerful way of making a lasting difference in your community.

By remembering Age UK Richmond upon Thames in your will, you can help safeguard essential services for older people for years to come. **Your gift will help ensure that future generations of older people in our borough receive the advice and support they need, when they need it most.**

Why your support matters

Even a small percentage of your estate can have a profound, lasting impact. Your legacy becomes part of someone's story - someone who needs support at a difficult time. Your generosity lives on in the lives you touch.

Why our supporters choose to leave a legacy to Age UK Richmond

Your gift stays local

We are a local charity, not funded by the national charity Age UK. All the money we raise we spend locally, this means every donation and legacy directly supports older people, their families and carers living in Richmond upon Thames.

You help older people stay active, independent & connected

We know that local people can face a range of hardships as they get older. These can include financial worries, loneliness or isolation, health problems and needing extra support to live independently at home. Your legacy helps us tackle these challenges and create a local community where everyone feels they belong.

You safeguard vital services

As the local population ages, demand for our services in Richmond upon Thames continues to grow. Your gift helps us continue providing:

- Social centres, groups & activities**
- Free advice, including help with money worries**
- Help to improve IT & digital skills**
- Safe, trusted practical help at home**
- Support after spells in hospital**

Your legacy

A lasting gift to support local older people across Richmond upon Thames, now & in the future

Age UK Richmond is a local independent charity.
Registration No 1084211

www.ageukrichmond.org.uk

I chose to leave a legacy to Age UK Richmond by Mrs M, Age UK Richmond Volunteer

As a schoolgirl, I developed a unique way to dodge hockey during sports lessons - I would visit the elderly in our community. Over time this blossomed into a deep passion for hearing stories from generations gone by and when retirement from the corporate world arrived, I started to devote my time to volunteering with Age UK. It wasn't until then that I realised each local Age UK is a separate charity, with its own board of trustees, responsible for raising funds locally - there's no pot of money trickling down from Age UK National or central government. Each local Age UK must secure its own funding support from local donors and the local borough.

Through my volunteering role, I have gained a true appreciation for what Age UK Richmond offers. I've seen first-hand how much they do for those who are housebound, lonely, or isolated, but also and importantly, for the active elderly who still have so much to live for. Volunteering opened my eyes. I've met dedicated staff, inspiring trustees, like-minded volunteers and delightful service users who genuinely 'love later life' and value all the support received.

Providing this wealth of support requires money, for both staff and resources. Wanting to give back, I decided not only to volunteer, but also to thank Age UK Richmond in a meaningful way. It fills me with pride to be part of this local charity, witnessing its impact on the community - a feeling that warms the heart and occasionally brings a tear to the eye.

Recently, as I updated my will, I chose to leave a legacy to Age UK Richmond. There's an incentive for anyone facing inheritance tax: charitable gifts can reduce your tax bill. My solicitor didn't realise that Age UK Richmond is separate from Age UK National, so do ensure the correct Registered Charity number - 1084211 - is included if you wish to leave a legacy; it really matters.

There are other ways you can support Age UK Richmond. We are grateful for any donation you can make to support our charity. You can donate by cheque, cash or online by scanning this QR code.



Thank you for considering a legacy or donation to Age UK Richmond. For more information please visit our website www.ageukrichmond.org.uk



This information guide has been prepared by Age UK Richmond and contains general advice only which we hope will be of use to you. Nothing in this guide should be construed as the giving of specific advice and it should not be relied on as a basis for any decision or action. Neither Age UK or Age UK Richmond nor any of its subsidiary companies or charities accepts any liability arising from its use. We aim to ensure the information is as up to date and accurate as possible, but please be warned that certain areas are subject to change from time to time. Age UK Richmond is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales (registered charity number 1084211 and registered company number 4116911).

020 8878 3625

Contact us

legacies@ageukrichmond.org.uk

Including a gift in your will

A solicitor can make sure your wishes are clearly expressed and legally valid. Any decision you make will be completely confidential. If you already have a will, adding a gift is simple - your solicitor can prepare a codicil (a legal document that makes a change or addition to an existing will) at minimal cost.

Types of gifts you can leave

Residuary Gift - A percentage of your estate after other gifts are made. This type of gift keeps its value over time.

Pecuniary Gift - A fixed sum of money. (Please note: inflation may reduce its value.)

Specific Gift - A valuable item such as property, stocks, land, jewellery or shares.

Suggested wording in your will - "I leave to Age UK Richmond Upon Thames (Registered Charity No 1084211) the sum of £ / % of my residuary estate."



Making sure your gift reaches us

To ensure your legacy is directed correctly, please use our full charity details:

Age UK Richmond upon Thames
The White House Community Centre
45 The Avenue, Hampton, TW12 3RN
Registered Charity Number: 1084211

How your gift will be used

The needs of older people in Richmond upon Thames are constantly changing over time and we want to be able to evolve and meet those needs.

We encourage gifts to be left for general purposes rather than a specific cause, that way when we receive your gift it will be allocated to our funding priorities, going where it is needed most.

We have spent previous legacies on expanding wellbeing activities, providing home visits to the most vulnerable and purchasing IT equipment.

"I've been part of Age UK Richmond for nearly 20 years, first as a volunteer and later also as someone who has benefitted personally from their services. Over that time, I've seen at first hand just how much good the organisation does for older people in the Richmond area.

Like many people, I give to a number of charities, but it isn't always easy to know how well run they are or whether your money is being used wisely. Because I have worked alongside the team, with Age UK Richmond I have complete confidence. I know how carefully and thoughtfully Age UK Richmond uses its funds, and how much difference that support makes to people who truly need it.

In a way I wanted to give something back to an organisation that has made my time since retirement more fulfilling and active and has definitely helped me keep my brain working well! Leaving a gift in my will feels like a natural way to give something back to an organisation that has given so much to me, and to others, over many years." **Mrs R, Age UK Richmond Volunteer & Client.**