

## How to leave a gift to us

A gift to Age UK Solihull 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 Solihull?**

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 (see above) 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 Solihull in my will?**

It's very easy to include a gift to Age UK Solihull 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.

*If you have any further questions or are interested in finding out more about leaving a gift in your will to Age UK Solihull, call **0121 704 7842** or visit [www.ageuksolihull.org.uk](http://www.ageuksolihull.org.uk)*



## We'll be there day after day

*If you remember us in your will*



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

No one should spend later life feeling vulnerable and alone. Age UK Solihull 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'll help us be here for people like Ken, Bob and Sue.

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## 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'.



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