

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

A will is a way to remember those who are important to you. After you have taken care of your family and friends, you might like to consider a gift (a legacy) to a charity such as Age UK Wolverhampton. This can have tax advantages if your estate, would qualify for Inheritance Tax and is also a way to continue to support your local community into the future.

Frequently Asked Questions:

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 Wolverhampton?

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 Wolverhampton in my will?

It's very easy to include a gift to Age UK Wolverhampton in your will. However make sure you include the charity's full name, address and registered charity number - otherwise the charity may not receive all or part of the legacy. You might also like to leave instructions on how you would like the charity to use your gift – please contact us if you would like to know more about these options.

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), **available to download from our website.**

If you do not already have a solicitor to help you write your will you might like to take advantage of our <u>will-writing service</u>. Appointments can be made with Guardian Wills by contacting our **Initial Contact Team** on **01902 572060**

If you have any further questions or are interested in finding out more about leaving a gift in your will to Age UK Wolverhampton:

> Telephone: 01902 572060 or Visit: <u>www.ageukwolves.org.uk</u>