

Leave a legacy of **discovery**

Your guide to leaving a gift in your will to
the Council of British Archaeology



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A gift in your Will inspires the next generation to share your passion for archaeology

Archaeology surrounds us all. Created by each and every one of us, it is our responsibility to treasure and protect it.

At the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) we share your passion for understanding and exploring the traces that we leave behind. By revealing the stories of our past, archaeology gives meaning to our lives, helping us understand who we are, where we have come from, and how the world around us is changing. This knowledge enriches our lives and provides an opportunity to learn from history so we can build a better future.

Gifts in Wills make this fascinating journey of discovery possible.

Leaving a gift in your Will to CBA inspires the next generation to experience, learn and participate in archaeology. You will enable us to champion archaeology in all its forms, protecting iconic local buildings, uncovering the secrets of the past beneath our feet, and sharing the knowledge and skills that help us better understand and enjoy the world around us.

We know that leaving a gift in your Will is an important decision, so if you have any questions after reading this guide please get in touch and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for choosing to share your passion for archaeology with future generations.

Neil Redfern
Executive Director



“Archaeology is about exploring the remains people leave behind whether that was an hour ago or 3,000 years ago and understanding what they mean to us today.”

-Raksha Dave, CBA Honorary President



Gifts in Wills make a 'dig' difference

Gifts in Wills give us the keys to the past, so we can build a better future.

The UK's archaeology and heritage connects us to our world and belongs to us all. It is our responsibility to safeguard it, above and below ground.

Since 1944 the Council for British Archaeology has been championing grassroots archaeology, helping people better understand how they can use it to explore and enjoy the places in which they live, learn and work. We also take a leading role in the professional field, bringing together academics and heritage organisations to campaign and advocate for our historic environment, sharing the skills and knowledge that make archaeology possible.

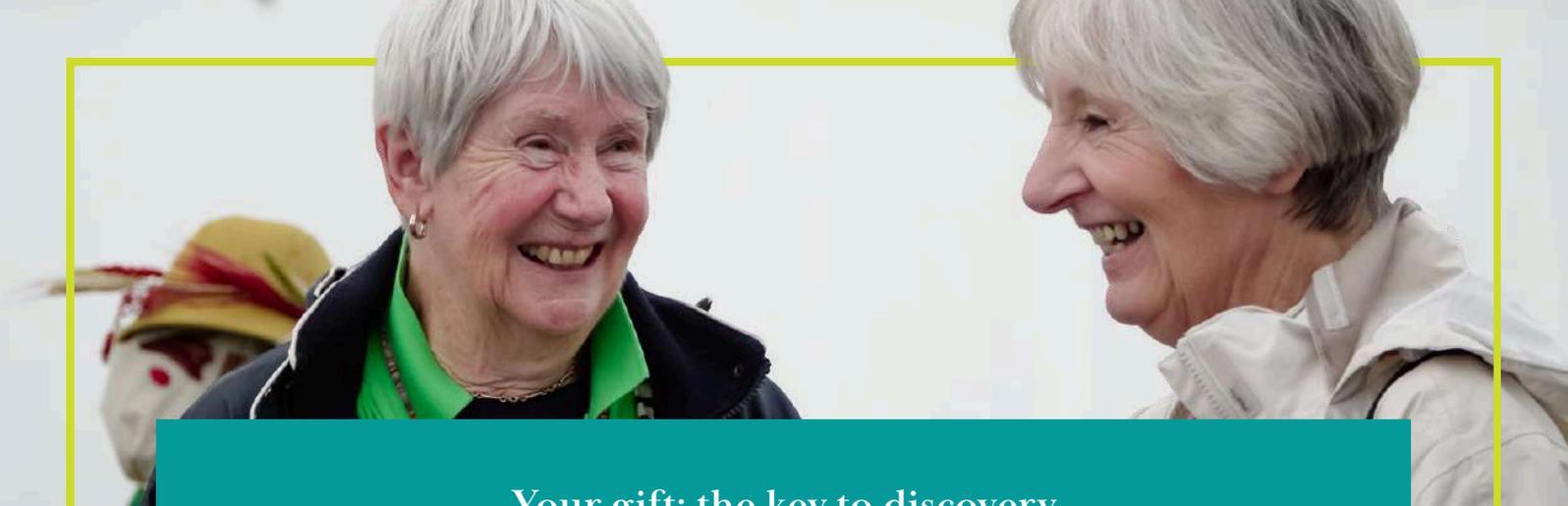
Gifts in Wills help us achieve so much. Each year they enable thousands of people of all ages to participate in archaeology, sparking curiosity and inspiring discovery, learning and exploration.

From encouraging people to connect more deeply with their local environment through a community archaeology group or event; to inspiring children and young people to get curious about history through excavations, competitions and heritage craft skills; or protecting our built heritage through case work and campaigning, gifts in Wills promote the care and appreciation of the historic environment for the benefit of us all.

A gift to the Council for British Archaeology also enables us to share and celebrate the latest developments in archaeological thinking and research through our lectures and awards, revealing insights into innovative techniques and scientific discoveries that will shape the future of archaeology.

As a charity, we count on those who share our passion for archaeology to ensure that it is protected, shared and treasured for generations to come.





Your gift: the key to discovery

Your Gift

Once you have ensured your loved ones are cared for you may want to consider a gift in your Will to the Council for British Archaeology to share your passion with future generations.

Your gift will help us safeguard the stories, places and artifacts that you care about, and give others the opportunity to access the past and find joy in discovery. Yours could be the gift that sparks curiosity, leading to a young person's first 'find'. It could protect a heritage landmark from destruction, connect people in your community through a shared love of heritage, or enable someone to encounter archaeology for the first time through our Festival of Archaeology.

Allowing us to use your gift where it is needed most helps us address the most pressing challenges that archaeology faces, from protecting endangered sites, to ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to get involved in the enriching experiences that archaeology offers. If you want your gift to support a particular area of our work, please get in touch so we can discuss the wording to ensure your gift is used how you wish.

Most supporters choose to leave a 'residuary gift' – a percentage of their estate. For example, 5% of a £200,000 estate could help your local Young Archaeologists Club inspire the next generation of children, giving them the knowledge and skills to explore and understand the secrets of our world above and below ground so that the art and science of archaeology continues to thrive.

Every gift, regardless of size, makes a big difference, inspiring exploration and inviting discovery, as we learn from the past and build a better future.

“I chose to leave a gift in my Will to CBA as I want my grandchildren and their children after them to have the opportunity to experience and take part in archaeology. I hope they and many others have the chance to find the same lifelong love for it as I have; it has given me so much joy.”

- David, CBA member

The joy of discovery

1 in 5 of the people who attend our annual Festival of Archaeology have never taken part in archaeology before. Gifts in Wills help make the joy of discovery possible.



Making your Will

Making a Will means that your wishes are fulfilled. It safeguards your estate (your property, possessions and money), ensuring the people and causes that matter to you most benefit once you are gone.

Once you have provided for your loved ones, you may wish to support the future of archaeology by leaving a gift in your Will to the Council of Archaeology.

Making a Will is straightforward, but it is always best to talk to a solicitor, or use a professional Will writing service.

We have included some helpful details below that you can share with them to leave a gift to the future of archaeology.

Council for British Archaeology

Registered Charity in England and Wales No. 287815 and in Scotland No. SC041971
De Grey House, St Leonard's Place, York, YO1 7HE

Specific gifts

If you are considering gifting specific items or property to the Council for British Archaeology, please get in touch so we can discuss your wishes.

Residuary Gift

A residuary gift comes from the remainder of your estate after all taxes, expenses and other gifts have been paid. It is usually expressed as a percentage – for example **“I give X% share of the residue of my estate to the Council for British Archaeology** (registered charity No. 287815 of De Grey House, St Leonard's Place, York, YO1 7HE”.

Pecuniary Gift

A pecuniary gift is a fixed amount of money, for example £500 or £10,000.

The value of a pecuniary gift will change over time due to inflation and other factors, so you may like to consider this if you choose to leave a specific amount.

Updating an existing Will

If you already have a Will and would like to update it to include a gift to the Council for British Archaeology, you can do so by completing a Codicil.

This is a simple legal document that enables you to amend your existing Will without writing a new one. We recommend you speak to a solicitor who can advise you on how to do this.

Did you know?

Leaving a gift in your Will to a charity like the Council for British Archaeology could have tax advantages by reducing the amount of inheritance tax paid on the rest of your estate.



Thank You,
Your legacy will make a huge difference...

“As young archaeologists, we have the power to bring about positive and lasting change to archaeology, to the climate crisis, to political narratives and to social beliefs. We need to think not just of those who get paid to do archaeology, but also of those who occasionally join digs or those who like to watch documentaries or read books about archaeology. We are all archaeologists and we are the future of archaeology.”

- George Ellison, Young Archaeologist



Protecting the past

Gifts in Wills save thousands of buildings and heritage sites a year

Gifts in Wills help the Council for British Archaeology save buildings like Medlock Mill. The oldest surviving mill in Manchester, it houses the only surviving steam-assisted water-powered mill workings anyway in the world.



Building a better future

Your gift could help recognise those at the forefront of archaeological thinking and research by celebrating and sharing the latest scientific approaches and contributing to academic publications that shape the future of archaeology.



Inspiring the next generation

Gifts in Wills give thousands of people the chance to discover archaeology for the first time.

Over 225,000 people across the UK have the opportunity to engage with archaeology and heritage each year through our festivals, events and via the support we provide to local clubs and groups. By inspiring the next generation, your gift will help archaeology thrive.

Letting us know

We understand that making a Will is a very personal matter. However if you choose to let us know about your gift it will help us plan for the future, and enable us to thank you for your support.

To let us know about an existing or planned gift, or if you would like to discuss any aspect of your legacy gift, you can get in touch with us using the details below:

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“After volunteering for CBA for over 10 years I wanted to give something back. Leaving a gift in my Will seemed like a fitting way to continue being part of the archaeology community – to keep sharing my passion and ensuring others have access to it too. I love to think of all the people that will have the chance to learn about history and the wonders of our world thanks to my gift.”

- Martha, CBA volunteer

