



Remembering West Dean

Making a will is the best way to ensure your loved ones have a secure future and that your property and possessions are dealt with in the way you want. After deciding who should benefit from your estate, please consider leaving a gift to West Dean College and Gardens in your will. There are many things to consider when choosing who to include in your Will and it is one of the most important decisions you will ever make.



We strongly advise you seek professional advice when writing your Will. Your Will is a legal document and therefore needs to be professionally drafted to make sure that your wishes are carried out.

To find a solicitor in your area you may wish to contact The Law Society. There are also many will-making services available both on and off-line.

Online solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk
By phone **020 7320 5650**



What your gift will mean

A gift in your Will is a very personal way for you to make a lasting gift and continue your passion for West Dean College and Gardens. A gift will help to preserve this unique College and Gardens for future students and visitors.

If there is a particular aspect of West Dean – Gardens, House or College that you would like to benefit, you can specify where your gift is used. Your gift could enable us to provide a scholarship or bursary to a talented conservation or visual arts student. In the gardens, your gift might impact on urgent restoration works or development projects such as restoration of the glasshouses or the Sunken Garden.

Whichever area you choose to support, by pledging a legacy gift you become an important part of our future. A gift in your will can provide the extra funds needed to maintain our heritage for the enjoyment of future generations. Please do get in touch to discuss your preferences with us.



How to make it clear the gift you would like to leave

A cash gift for a specified amount of money is called a **pecuniary gift**. The suggested wording for this is -

'I leave to The Edward James Foundation (Charity Registration No: 1126084) of West Dean College, West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0QZ absolutely the sum £... for its general purposes.'

Or, if you wish to secure the value of your gift against the effects of inflation -

'I leave to The Edward James Foundation (Charity Registration No: 1126084) of West Dean College, West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0QZ absolutely for its general purposes the sum of money produced by dividing the sum of £... by index figure in the Index of Retail Prices ('the index') for the month in which this will be executed and multiplying it by the index figure in the index month in which my death occurs. I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer shall be good and sufficient discharge to my executors.'

A gift that is a percentage of your estate (this can be 1% upwards) is called a **residuary gift**. This type of gift is flexible and will work with any changes in your financial circumstances without impacting on any other benefactors. The suggested wording for this is -

'I leave to The Edward James Foundation (Charity Registration No: 1126084) of West Dean College, West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0QZ ("all" or state fraction) of the residue of my estate absolutely and direct that the receipt of an authorised officer of the said charity shall be good and sufficient discharge to my executors.'

A **specific item** – perhaps you have jewellery or particular items that you wish to leave, you can itemise these in your Will. Your solicitor can advise you on how to do this.

Get in touch

Whilst we appreciate that leaving a charitable gift in your will is a personal decision, we would really like to have the opportunity to thank you and to keep in touch.

If you would like further information or would like to discuss making a gift in your will please contact us on 01243 818284 or legacies@westdean.org.uk or by post to the Development Office, The Edward James Foundation, West Dean College, West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0QZ.



Thank you for your support