

Give Songbirds a Future with a Gift in your Will



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Saving songbirds with science

Choosing to leave a legacy is a powerful way to protect the future of our songbirds.

It won't just enable critical scientific research today, but will continue to make a difference after you have gone, ensuring a world rich with the sound of songbirds.

One-third of our research programme is made possible by gifts in Wills and in-memory collections. Without legacies we would not be able to continue our work.



Your gift will:

- help create the scientific evidence to fully understand the complex reasons why songbird numbers are crashing
- enable us to invest in long term research projects which will find solutions to save songbirds
- help us develop educational programmes to encourage people to get involved and take practical action to protect birds

Our promise to you

We understand that leaving a gift in your will is a big decision and is an incredibly special gift. If you should choose to support us in this way to ensure there is a future for songbirds, we promise that:

- Your will is personal and we will never ask you to tell us your decision (although we'd love to have the opportunity to say thank you)
- Your privacy is important and any information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence
- This decision is yours and yours alone. We will never put you under any pressure
- You can change your mind at any time
- We understand and respect that your family and friends come first
- Your gift will be used wisely and with care, investing in research and solutions to save songbirds in the most efficient and effective way possible
- We will always follow the strict code of conduct set out by the Fundraising Regulator
- You can change how you hear from us or unsubscribe from our mailing list at any time, just let us know.

**We are always here, so please don't
hesitate to get in touch**

Legacy gifts are so valuable in allowing us to invest in crucial scientific research.



Gwandaff from Wales explains why he has pledged a gift in his will:

"I love the little birds and they have all disappeared since I was a boy. SongBird Survival speaks the truth about birds and the countryside."

Barbara from Norfolk says:

"I have planned to leave a legacy because I really care about the work of small charities and know I can help, in my small way, to help the future of songbirds with SBS"



Sarah from Cumbria explains:

"I have supported SongBird Survival since it started. I love the science being done and the help they have given to educate the youngsters in my area about birds and how they can help. By leaving this gift I know it will continue doing good after I have gone."

How to add a gift to your will

Leaving a gift in your will to SongBird Survival won't just enable critical scientific research today, but will continue to make a difference after you have gone, ensuring a world rich with the sound of songbirds.

What you need to know

Making your will is easier than you may think...

- It is important to get your will right as it decides what happens to your assets when you die. Taking some time to think about the following before you get started or talk to a solicitor will be helpful. Begin by listing everything you could include in a will including property, money and other assets. Think carefully about who you want to benefit: friends, family, your favourite charities etc, and note their names and addresses.
- Decide on your executors, usually two individuals, will be responsible for sorting out the estate.
- You should follow the laws of will making. These set out steps you must take when making your will and are there to protect people who make wills. For example, you have to sign the will and get it properly witnessed. If your will is not legal, it could be null and void.
- Review your will regularly to check that it is up to date and that it reflects major life changes

Talk to your solicitor

We recommend that you discuss your will, and the type of gift you might like to leave to SongBird Survival, with your solicitor. The value of your gift to SongBird Survival will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is applied, so it could reduce the amount of tax paid. Your solicitor will be able to discuss how this may affect your estate and beneficiaries

To find a local solicitor, contact the Law Society on www.lawsociety.org.uk or call them on 020 7320 5650.

Types of legacies and suggested wording

Types of Legacies

If you would like to remember SongBird Survival in your Will, there are three main types of gift you can make:

Residuary Gift

This is a gift of a percentage of the value of your estate after the distribution of debts, liabilities and other specific gifts. It could be just 1% of your estate or it could be 100%. The choice is yours.

Pecuniary Gift

This is the gift of a specific sum of money.

Specific

This is the gift of an item that could be for example; property, a painting or a piece of jewellery.

To add SongBird Survival to your will you need our name, address and registered charity number:

Charity name: SongBird Survival

Charity address: P.O. Box 311, Diss. IP22 1WW

Charity number: 1085281 (England and Wales)

If you have any questions please contact Georgina Bradley, george@songbird-survival.org.uk

Suggested wording

The following wording can be used to include a gift in your will.

"I give all (or a _% share of) the residue of my estate to SongBird Survival (Registered Charity Number 1085281), PO Box 311, Diss. IP22 1WW, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge."

Tax benefits

All gifts to charity are free of inheritance tax.

If your estate is liable for inheritance tax, we suggest you speak to your solicitor to discuss making a will and leaving a gift to us. Did you know that if you leave at least 10% of your estate to charity, this reduces the rate of inheritance tax payable.

If you've put a gift in your will, please let us know

If you have already included a gift in your will to SongBird Survival, or intend to in the future, we would love to hear from you.

Not only will this information allow us to plan for the future but more importantly it means that we can thank you, personally, for your generous pledge.



Talk to us to find out more



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