

Pass on your love of gardening



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Sharing the best in Gardening

Find out about how your legacy could
help RHS Garden Rosemoor grow

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Visitors in the Hot Garden at RHS Garden Rosemoor

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Our gardens are living examples of excellence in horticulture

What do you love most about your RHS Garden Rosemoor? Is it the Cottage Garden, the Woodland or perhaps the stunning Hot Garden, with its reds, yellows, oranges and purples?

Behind the scenes we research how best to cultivate plants and protect them against pests and diseases, garden sustainably in a changing climate and encourage biodiversity.

Our education programmes for children engage them with the natural world of the garden, and our training of new horticulturists and apprentices means we are securing the future.

Our gardens have an illustrious history, rooted in the vision of their founders. Scientist George Fergusson Wilson created Wisley with the ambition to make 'difficult plants grow successfully'.

Lady Anne Palmer filled her collection at Rosemoor with plants drawn from as far afield as Brazil and Japan; while Dr and Mrs Robinson turned a windswept hill at Hyde Hall into a green oasis. Finally, Harlow Carr, originally founded as a spa in 1840 by Henry Wright became ours in 2001. Our newest garden, RHS Garden Bridgewater, near Manchester, will open in 2019.

Since these exceptional gardens have been in our care we have pushed the boundaries in design, ideas and techniques, enriching the lives of so many people.

You can help ensure Rosemoor's future with a gift in your will, a wonderful way to support the RHS.

Do you remember when you fell in love with gardening? Perhaps it was helping your parents to weed, growing cress at school, or when you first had a garden of your own?

As we all know, once you've caught the gardening bug, there's no going back... You probably pass on that love by sharing tips and plant cuttings with others – but have you considered passing on your love of gardening by leaving a legacy to the Royal Horticultural Society?

A charity with over 200 years of expertise, we are driven by the belief that gardening can enrich and inspire the lives of people of all ages – as we hope we have inspired you.

We demonstrate the highest standards of horticulture at Rosemoor, our other gardens and at our shows, with diverse plant collections and innovative planting. We enthuse gardeners of every age and ability to get growing, nurturing swathes of colour and scent from the bare soil. We also help thousands of school children gain green fingers by planting their very first sunflower or carrot.

We need the help of passionate gardeners like you to pass on your love of gardening to future generations. Without your support, our gardening heritage could be at risk.



Jonathan Webster, Curator, and Sally Charleton, Head of RHS Garden Rosemoor, lead a dedicated team including horticulturists, teachers, and volunteers ensuring Rosemoor remains an enchanting and inspirational garden and woodland, for everyone to enjoy.



We rely on passionate gardeners like you to pass on your love of gardening to future generations.



Suggested wording for leaving a legacy to the RHS

We recommend seeking legal advice when making or updating your Will.

If you leave a gift in your Will to a charity, like the RHS, the gift is exempt from inheritance tax. Your solicitor will be able to offer you further advice and guidance on efficient tax planning.

When leaving such gifts, you can elect to give the gift to the general funds of the charity, or to a specific activity; for the RHS, this could be to a specific garden. We have reflected such choices in the suggested wording below.

1. Leaving the residue of your estate to the RHS:

This is when you leave the residue of your estate after all other gifts, costs and so on have been deducted. This type of gift allows for the remainder of your estate (or a specified percentage of it) to be passed to the RHS.

You may leave the residue to one person or organisation, or you can divide it among any number of beneficiaries. The value of this type of gift will increase as the value of your estate increases.

You might want to use the following wording:

I leave to the Royal Horticultural Society (registered charity number 222879/SCO38262) of 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE (“all” or state fraction) of the residue of my estate absolutely for (“its general purposes” or, for example, “for its garden at Rosemoor”) and direct that the receipt of an authorised officer of the said charity shall be good and sufficient discharge to my executors.

2. Pecuniary or fixed amount legacy:

When you want to leave a specific or fixed amount of money. Over the course of time, this type of gift is likely to lose value because of inflation. You may therefore wish to consider index linking your cash gift.

I leave to the Royal Horticultural Society (registered charity number: 222879/SCO38262) of 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE absolutely the sum £... for (“its general purposes” or, for example, “for its garden at Rosemoor”). I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer shall be good and sufficient discharge to my executors.

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

I leave to the Royal Horticultural Society (registered charity number: 222879/SCO38262) of 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE absolutely for (“its general purposes” or, for example, “for its garden at Rosemoor”) 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.

3. Leaving a specific item

A gift of specific property such as antiques, shares or paintings. The Item(s) must be clearly described in your Will to avoid any possible confusion and to ensure the gift does not fail.

Your solicitors will be able to prepare appropriate wording for your Will.

If you are thinking of donating books for our Libraries, please contact us for our collections criteria.

4. If you want to change your existing Will

You can easily add a gift to the RHS to your existing Will using a short document called a Codicil. Your solicitor will advise you how to do this so that no legal or technical mistakes occur.

No matter whether your gift is large or small, the RHS is extremely grateful for your support.

5. A reversionary legacy

This is the means of leaving a gift to a chosen beneficiary such as the RHS, whilst meanwhile allowing another person to have the use of it during his or her lifetime.

For example, you may want someone to have the use of your home for the remainder of his or her life, or of the income from a fund. When s/he dies, the item will then pass to the RHS.

Your solicitors will be able to prepare appropriate wording for your Will.

“I love visiting the wonderful gardens and shows, and I have learnt a great deal too. I want to leave a legacy so that the RHS can continue its vital work for the enjoyment and benefit of generations to come.”
Mrs Linda Knight, legacy pledger

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the RHS need legacies?

Gifts in Wills provide vital income to the RHS. As a charity we receive no government support and much of our work can only continue through additional funding, including legacies. For every pound we raise from member subscriptions, we need to raise another pound by other means to fund our charitable work.

Can I choose where you spend my legacy?

Yes, you can specify how your money is spent, such as a gift to RHS Garden Rosemoor, or to our Campaign for School Gardening. However leaving a gift for us to use in the way that allows us the most flexibility, means that we can use funds where they are most needed.

Can I be sure that you will spend my gift where I want it to be spent?

We will endeavour to spend your gift as you have requested. However in some circumstances where there are very specific terms attached to your legacy, we may not be able to spend or accept it if the terms do not fall under our remit of work. We do therefore ask if you intend to leave your gift for a very specific purposes that you discuss it with us so that we can ensure we will be able to carry out your wishes.

What are the inheritance tax implications of leaving a legacy?

The RHS is a charity and money left to a charity is exempt from inheritance tax. Your solicitor will advise you if you could be liable to pay inheritance tax on your estate and can suggest ways of minimising your liability. For more information on inheritance tax and the latest inheritance tax threshold contact HM Revenue & Customs.

How do I make a Will?

A valid Will is the only guaranteed way for your wishes to be carried out. Making a Will isn't complicated and shouldn't be costly. We strongly recommend that you seek legal advice when you prepare your Will.

Can the RHS be one of my executors?

Unfortunately, the RHS is unable to act as an executor. We recommend that you choose two executors, who can be a professional advisor, family member or friend. Your solicitor will advise you as to the eligibility of a chosen executor.

Can I choose how much I want to leave and does it have to be for a lot of money?

You can specify exactly how much you would like to leave to the RHS and no, it doesn't have to be a lot of money; any contribution towards supporting our work is hugely appreciated.

Can I talk to someone about leaving a legacy to the RHS?

We would be happy to answer your queries, or discuss areas of our work you'd like to support. Please contact us on **020 7821 3125**, or email developmentoffice@rhs.org.uk

Please let us know if you have left us a gift in your will. We would like to thank you.

"The RHS has given me a lifetime of tranquility, horticultural skills and knowledge. A legacy seems a perfect way to say thank you."

Mrs Anne Clifford, legacy pledger





**Our vision is...
to enrich
everyone's life
through plants,
and make the
UK a greener
and more
beautiful place**

My two passions
in life are travel

and all things horticultural so before
joining the RHS as the Director General,
I had been a member and regular visitor
to RHS Gardens and shows.

For over 200 years the RHS has
continued to delight, inspire, and share
their experience with all of us. What you
may not know, however, is that as a
charity the RHS receives no financial
support from the government and so we
raise all our funds for our charitable work

from membership, commercial activities
and our all-important donations.

Legacies are at the heart of the
Society's funding. A legacy can go a
long way in helping to fund our unique
and important scientific research, in
continuing our vital and growing
education programmes, such as the
Campaign for School Gardening, and,
of course, looking after our world
famous gardens.

If, like me, you have been inspired by
the RHS and would like to find out more
about the charitable work of the RHS
and the importance of legacies in
realising the Society's plans for the
future, please request a legacy DVD
that describes the work of the RHS.

Sue Biggs
RHS Director General

If you would like to discuss leaving a legacy to the RHS or would like to attend an information event to find out more, please contact us on 020 7821 3125 or email developmentoffice@rhs.org.uk

We'd be happy to discuss how your gift will help the RHS, support Rosemoor, or a particular area of our work.

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