

Suggested wording for leaving a gift in your will

One of the best possible ways you can help people who are affected by MS in the future is by including a gift to the MS Trust in your will. This ensures we have the funds to help future generations.

Simply choose the way in which you'd like to give, and use the following wording when making your legacy.

Leaving a share of your estate to the MS Trust (residuary gift)

The percentage can be as little as 1%.

"I give all (or a ...% share of) the residue of my estate to the Multiple Sclerosis Trust (Registered Charity No. 1088353), Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 4ET, 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.

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made."

Leaving a fixed sum of money to the MS Trust (pecuniary gift)

"I give to the Multiple Sclerosis Trust (Registered Charity No. 1088353), Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 4ET, the sum of (amount in figures and words) to be used 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.

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made."

Making an addition to your existing will

If you want to add a gift to the MS Trust to your existing will, the easiest way may be to draw up a **codicil** (an additional legal instruction or amendment).

Our suggested wording for each type of gift is:

"I (full name) of (address) declare this to be a (first/second/third etc) codicil to my will dated (date in words). In addition to any legacies given in my said will, I give to the Multiple Sclerosis Trust (Registered Charity No. 1088353), Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 4ET, to be used for its general charitable purposes..."

To leave a share of your estate

"...all (or a ...% share of) the residue of my estate."

To leave a set sum of money

"...the sum of (amount in figures and words)."

"I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer, or duly authorised officer, shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge. In all other respects, I confirm my said will and other codicils thereto. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand this (date in words).

Signed by the said.....as a codicil to his/her last will in the presence of us who are at his/her request in his/her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witness."

(Signatures, names and addresses of both witnesses)