

The gift of life... a gift in your Will
will support the wildlife conservation work of
Suffolk Owl Sanctuary



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As a charity, the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary relies on the loyal support of members of the public to help fund the upkeep of the Centre, to care for our resident birds and to continue the work we do to revive & rehabilitate young or injured wild owls and other birds of prey before returning them to their natural habitat.

In addition, through a variety of important conservation & education initiatives, our mission is to spread the word about the vital importance of preserving our native birds of prey & the ecological balance they help to maintain in our countryside.



The efforts of the Owl Sanctuary extend far beyond the borders of Suffolk through our "Saving Britain's Owls" scheme, which is making information about the vital & increasing need for - and the "best practice" of - raptor conservation available throughout the United Kingdom.

The support of public donation is always tremendously appreciated and every penny the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary receives makes a world of difference - and a difference to our world.

Leaving a gift to the Sanctuary in your Will is a wonderful way to help ensure that the work of the Centre continues in years to come. Your solicitor can easily advise you about how to do this, or how to attach a codicil to an existing Will.

Some Useful Terms regarding Bequests & Legacies

Inheritance Tax

Inheritance Tax is usually paid on an estate when somebody dies. In the 2020/21 tax year, everyone is allowed to leave an estate valued at up to £325,000 plus the new 'main residence' band of £175,000 giving a total allowance of £500,000 per person. For estates worth less than this, beneficiaries won't pay inheritance tax

Estate

Your estate is the total value of everything you own and will include any life insurance policies due to be paid out after your demise.

Net Estate

Your net estate is the total value of everything you own after any specific gifts, costs for managing the estate and inheritance tax have been deducted.

Beneficiaries

These are the people you want to leave a gift or sum of money to in your Will.

Executors

Your executors are the people you have assigned in your Will to sort out your estate and to ensure that everything is done in accordance with your wishes.

Legacy

If you choose to leave someone a particular gift, such as jewellery or property in your Will, this is called a specific legacy. A fixed sum of money is called a pecuniary legacy.

Residuary Legacy

You may choose to leave someone a certain percentage or share of your net estate. The amount that person receives will then depend on what the total of your estate is after all taxes and expenses have been paid.

Getting advice on leaving a bequest or legacy

- Free and independent advice about making a Will is available from a number of organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and Age Concern.
- You can also write your own will on a pre-printed form available from stationery shops or downloaded from the internet.
- It's important if you are leaving money to a charity in your Will that you make it clear exactly which charity you want to receive your gift.
- There is an organisation called 'Will Aid' that will help you to make a Will and gives you access to professional advice from volunteering solicitors in return for a suggested donation to charity.

We strongly recommend that you take the advice of a solicitor when writing your Will to ensure that the correct wording is used and your wishes are clear!

If you would like to consider a legacy or bequest to the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, please contact us by telephoning 0345 680 7897; emailing us at info@owl-help.org.uk or writing to The Trustees, Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal IP14 6AT

All donations are used directly in the running of the Sanctuary and the operation of the services we offer.

The work of Suffolk Owl Sanctuary

The team at Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, aided by a wonderful team of volunteers, are involved in a wide variety of activities concerned with the care & conservation of wild owls and other birds of prey.



Our Raptor Hospital cares for injured wild birds of prey until they can be safely rehabilitated.



Young 'orphaned' owls are re-united with their families



Together with the Thornham Owl Project, we maintain a network of over 300 wild owl nest boxes.



Our Education Team visits schools and maintains a website to help youngsters understand the importance of wildlife conservation.

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