



children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST



## Remembering short and precious lives in your Will

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Making the most of short and precious lives across the South West  
Registered Charity No. 1003314



## The gift of a smile for the future

When my late wife and I started raising money to establish a children's hospice for the South West in 1990, we did it because we experienced, first hand, the desperate need to support other families in our region. Thanks to the kindness of people like you, that dream is now a reality supporting over 500 children and families every year. With your help, we are determined to be there for every family that needs our help for many years to come.

One way that you can help is to consider leaving a gift in your Will. Once you have looked after family and friends, a gift to Children's Hospice South West would be an incredibly special gift.

No matter how big or small your gift, you can be assured that it will help to make the most of short and precious lives – supporting families as they navigate painful uncertainties and grief, walking alongside siblings to provide listening ears and fun activities, and of course, supporting every child as they contend with complex and life-limiting conditions.

Writing a Will is often something that many of us put off – we think it might be expensive or perhaps don't think we have anything to leave behind! For others, the idea of thinking about a world where we aren't here anymore is just too painful to consider. But consider it we must, if we want to ensure our wishes are carried out after our death.

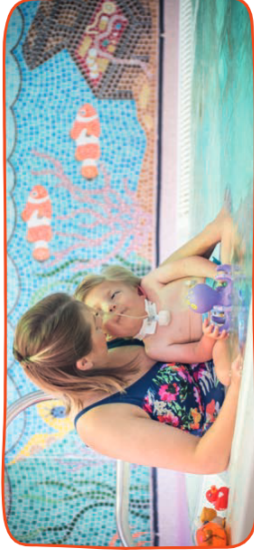
I hope you will find this short guide useful in overcoming some of the common misconceptions about Will-making and that it provides you with some useful information as you think about writing your Will for the first time or updating an existing Will. On page 7 you will also find the key information you will need if you make that special decision to include a gift to Children's Hospice South West.

So do make a decision to write or update your Will today – it is a decision that could make the world of difference to your family and many other families for years to come.

Thank you for your kindness.

*Eddie Farwell*

**Eddie Farwell MBE**  
Co-Founder and Chief Executive



# The story of Children's Hospice South West

For over 30 years, Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) has been committed to making the most of short and precious lives. The care offered at each of our hospices is not simply about medical and nursing care but about enriching the lives of children and their families. At CHSW, the Care Team often hear families talk about the 'treasure chest' of special memories they build to carry into the future, which will sadly be without their much-loved child or children.

CHSW was founded in 1991 by Eddie and Jill Farwell after they experienced for themselves the urgent need for hospice care for children in the South West. Their two eldest children, Katie and Tom, had life-limiting illnesses, and they travelled over four hours from their home in North Devon to Helen House in Oxford, the only children's hospice in the world at the time.

In 1995 Little Bridge House opened its doors, the South West's first children's hospice, and welcomed families from across the region. Little Bridge House quickly became oversubscribed, and our second hospice Charlton Farm just outside of Bristol opened in 2007.

In 2011, Little Harbour in Cornwall opened, our third home-from-home, which means that no family has to travel more than 90 minutes by car to reach their nearest children's hospice in the South West.

It is thanks to our supporters that CHSW continues to care for children living with life-limiting conditions and their families at our hospices and in families own homes.

We need to raise over £11 million each year to support children and families at our hospices. After you have remembered those closest to you, by leaving a gift in your Will, a legacy, to CHSW, you will be helping us make the most of short and precious lives.

Eddie and Jill's dream had finally been realised that wherever families live in the South West, children's hospice care is available within a 90 minute drive.





## How your gift will support families like Daniels



Daniel was one of the first children to start using Little Harbour when it opened. Daniel was born with Hypoplastic left heart syndrome which is a congenital heart defect. Having undergone multiple operations and procedures since birth and needing regular medication, life for the family is busy with many appointments to attend.

Daniel and his family visit Little Harbour regularly, his older sister Lucy and younger brother Dominic love their visits too, getting to spend quality time both with their parents and with the sibling team who arrange trips out and activities alongside providing emotional support. The whole family stay at Little Harbour for short breaks that allow mum, Leanne, and dad, Nick, the opportunity to hand over Daniel's 24/7 care and medical responsibilities to our Care Team. This provides time to simply be mum and dad again. The whole family has time to rest, relax and recharge their batteries while making precious memories together.

“ We are very grateful for the time we spend at Little Harbour. For us it means Daniel is cared for the whole time and gives us respite from medication giving, monitoring his breathing and broken nights' sleep. It also allows us quality time to spend with his brother and sister.”  
Daniel's mum, Leanne

## What your gift could give...



**£250**

could pay for a family music therapy session, creating special memories that will last a lifetime.

**£1,000**

could support our vital sibling service, providing dedicated care to the brothers and sisters of life-limited children when they need it most.



**£5,000**

could help to equip a multi-sensory room in one of our hospices. These are very special environments designed to create a stimulating yet calming atmosphere.

**£10,000**

could buy specialist medical equipment for the hospices.



**£30,000**

could fund a children's nurse for a year.

# How to remember us in your will

If you have not made a Will, it's easy to include a gift to CHSW, or if you already have a Will in place, you can amend it with a Codicil – or rewrite it. Please speak to your solicitor or legal advisor about the options available to you.

There are various ways you can leave a gift to CHSW in your Will:

## Residuary gift

This is the residue or part residue of your Estate – the amount left after paying outstanding liabilities, administration costs and pecuniary bequests. Suggested wording to provide to your solicitor or legal advisor would be as follows:

“ I give [the percentage or whole of my Estate to] Children's Hospice South West (Registered Charity Number 1003314) of Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 2PZ for its general charitable purposes. The receipt of the treasurer or other authorised officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors. ”

## Pecuniary gift

This is a set amount of money and can be any amount – every gift of any size makes a vital difference. This can be linked to the Retail Price Index (RPI) so its value is maintained over time. Suggested wording to provide to your solicitor or legal advisor would be as follows:

“ I give the sum of [in words] to Children's Hospice South West (Registered Charity Number 1003314) of Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 2PZ for its general charitable purposes. The receipt of the treasurer or other authorised officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors. ”

## Specific gift

This is usually a particular item such as jewellery or a work of art. It is also possible to leave a property as a specific gift, but you must not provide the property address because the gift would fail if you no longer own that property. Therefore, it is recommended you put “my property that I may own at the time of my death” in preference to a specific address. Suggested wording to provide to your solicitor or legal advisor would be as follows:

“ I give [the item or items] to Children's Hospice South West (Registered Charity Number 1003314) of Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 2PZ for its general charitable purposes. The receipt of the treasurer or other authorised officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors. ”

## Reversionary gift

This means you are leaving a gift to CHSW after a specific event by holding your assets in Trust to the charity. For example, you could choose to provide a lifetime interest in your property to a family member or friend, and the gift of the property to CHSW would be on their death, not yours.

## Restricting gifts

We hope you will trust us to use your gift where it is needed the most, to support the children and families we care for. However, if you would like to restrict it in any way, please let us know.

## Free Will writing service

CHSW offers a free Will writing service through solicitors we have partnered with; this means your Will is professionally written without any charge to you or CHSW for this service.

The list of our current partners can be found at [www.chsw.org.uk/freewills](http://www.chsw.org.uk/freewills)

If you have not written your Will or your Will needs updating, perhaps because of a life event, such as a marriage or the birth of a child, we strongly recommend you do so as soon as possible. If you do not have a valid Will your Estate is Intestate, this means your wishes may not be honoured, and your Estate may not benefit those you would have intended.

## Inheritance tax

Inheritance Tax (IHT) is the amount paid to HMRC from your Estate if it is over the threshold. Some exemptions can be taken into account, such as the unused amount from the married couples allowance, please discuss this with your solicitor or legal advisor.

You can minimise any liability by leaving a gift in your Will to CHSW as gifts to charity are free of IHT. In addition, as part of the Legacy10 campaign, leaving 10% or more of your Estate to charity means that your IHT burden will reduce from the current rate of 40% to 36%.

You can also find further information (including current rates) at [hmr.gov.uk](http://hmr.gov.uk)



Before writing your Will, you may wish to make some notes to help you consider your Estate assets and liabilities

Name:

Your address:

Your partner's name and address:

Children's full names and addresses:

Legal guardian's full names and addresses:

Executor's full names and addresses:

Funeral instructions:

Other:

### Assets

Property

£

Vehicles

£

Home furnishings of value

£

Personal items (such as wedding ring)

£

Total

£

### Financial

Savings in banks/building societies

£

Pensions

£

Insurance policies

£

Shares and investments

£

Less mortgage, loans, credit cards

£

Total

£



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## Get in touch

To have an informal chat about your legacy and the options available to you, please contact us by phone or by email

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### Little Bridge House

Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 2PZ  
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### Charlton Farm

Charlton Drive, Wraxall, North Somerset BS48 1PE  
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### Little Harbour

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01276 871 800



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