

Leaving a legacy to Highgate Choral Society

Could you consider this please?

Like most charitable organisations Highgate Choral Society is dependent on the generous goodwill of its members, friends and supporters for its continued existence. If you would like to help HCS flourish, have you considered leaving a legacy?

It is best to do this as part of your Will, so it would be advisable to see a solicitor to arrange this. A suggested wording is below, but please check with a solicitor:

"I bequeath to Highgate Choral Society, Registered Charity Number 265651, the sum of

_____ (amount in words)
to be applied to the general purposes of the said Charity, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or of any other appropriate officer for the time being of the said Society shall be a good discharge to my Executors "

Alternatively, if you are simply adding a donation to Highgate Choral Society to an existing Will, you can use a codicil. Adding a codicil means there is no need to change the terms of your current Will, it simply adds a new instruction.

A few simple rules for Codicils

- Do not cross out or write new instructions into your current Will as any changes will not be valid.
- As with Wills, two people need to witness you signing and dating the codicil. They do not need to be the same people who witnessed your original Will.
- Keep the codicil along with your current will in a safe place.
- Send, or give, a copy of the Will and codicil (in a sealed envelope, if you prefer) to your Executor or other trusted friend, with a note indicating where the original is held.

A codicil is printed overleaf for your convenience.

Please note that legacies left to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax

This is the first*/second*/ ***/Codicil to my last Will dated**

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of me_____ (name)

of_____ (address)

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to be applied to the general purposes of the said Charity, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or of any other appropriate officer for the time being of the said Society shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

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.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any existing Codicils thereto.

Signed _____ **Date** ___/___/___

SIGNED by the said _____ (name of testator) **as and for a** _____ *** Codicil to his/her last Will and Testament dated the** _____ (date of Will) **in the joint presence of us both being present at the same time who at his/her request in his/her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.**

Witness 1

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| Name |
| Address |
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| Occupation |
| Date |
| Signed |

Witness 2

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| Name |
| Address |
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| Occupation |
| Date |
| Signed |

* Please indicate what number this Codicil is.