



“Some of your questions, answered”

We know that leaving a gift in a will is a huge step to make so we wanted to make the process as easy as possible for you with some frequently asked questions.

How do I write a Will?

You can write your Will yourself, but you should [get advice from a Solicitor if isn't straightforward](#).

You need to get your will formally witnessed and signed to make it legally valid. For further information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/make-will>

How do I make a gift in my Will to the Fordhall Community Land Initiative?

You will need to contact your solicitor with our **full details** which are:

Fordhall Community Land Initiative Ltd.

Fordhall Organic Farm, Tern Hill Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS

Registered Industrial and Provident Society (also known as a Charitable Community Benefit Society) Reference: IP30030R

Registered as an Exempt Charity with Inland Revenue reference XR91116

You must advise the solicitor of the percentage of the residue or the amount of money or specific gift you would like to leave to Fordhall Community Land Initiative. We would also like to know if you are thinking of leaving us a gift so we can acknowledge your generosity, so please complete and return the Pledge Form to us (You can download this at the bottom of this page).

Are there any tax benefits when leaving a Gift in my Will?

There are special rules for Capital Gains Tax on gifts or assets you dispose of to a charity so always discuss this with your solicitor. For example, in some cases you can cut the percentage of Inheritance Tax if you leave **at least 10% of your estate** to a charity in your Will.

I already have a Will, what do I need to do to make an amendment in the form of a gift?

You can make an amendment to your Will with a codicil. The codicil does not replace your existing Will and will need to be witnessed and signed in the same way as your Will.

You should always make sure the two documents are stored together.

There's no limit on how many codicils you can add to a Will.

For major changes you should make a new Will. Your new Will should explain that it revokes (officially cancels) all previous Wills and codicils.

You should destroy your old Will by burning it or tearing it up.



What if I would like to leave a gift but don't have much to leave?

We will be thankful for any gift you decide to leave to Fordhall in your will, it all makes a significant difference and we know this more than most.

Can I choose where FCLI invest my gift?

Yes, if you have a particular area of the society that you wish us to use your gift then make this clear to your solicitor. This is a **restricted donation** and we will only use the funds for the purpose you have chosen. In most cases, gifts are unrestricted and FCLI will allocate the funds to a priority area according to the time, or perhaps even to develop a new project! For significant gifts consultation will be held with the FCLI Board members and shareholders if appropriate.

I would like to learn more about the work of FCLI, how do I do this?

We do run several Legacy events throughout the year which enable you to talk with our team members and see the projects in action. To register your interest in attending these please call us on 01630 638696 or email membership@fordhallfarm.com.

Nevertheless, the farm is also open to the public Tuesday to Sunday 9.30am - 5pm (10am to 4pm at weekends/Bank Holidays) and you are more than welcome to visit – it's free! If you are visiting us mid-week we are happy to see if there is a member of the office team to show you around and answer any questions you may have – just let us know when you are coming and we can pop you in the diary.

We also run volunteer days/weekends and they are a great way to learn about who we are and what we do whilst making new friends and learning new skills. Free accommodation is available on the weekends in our beautiful eco-friendly Straw Lodge.

Finally, if visiting is not an option we offer a quarterly newsletter, The Grazer, which is full of our farm news and updates. This is £28.00 per year and can be delivered to you by post or email. This is also a valuable fundraiser for us and offers you a great insight into both farm life and our projects. Call us on 01630 638696 to subscribe.

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