

## Legacies & Codicils: Some Suggested Wording

*To make a legacy to your favourite causes as part of your Will, or to amend your existing Will to include such a legacy, it may be helpful to take these guidelines on wording with you when you see your solicitor.*

*A residuary gift would be particularly appreciated, as the value of your estate, and therefore the residue, will keep pace with inflation. We suggest the following wording for a residuary bequest:*

*“I GIVE (e.g. a half share of) the residue of my estate to Charity Name (reg. Charity No. \_\_\_\_\_) of Address, for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Charity Name for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.”*

*Codicils: Please consult with your solicitor over the precise wording for your Codicil(s). Here is an example of the typical wording used:*

*“I (full name) of (address) DECLARE this to be a (e.g. First) Codicil to my Will dated (date in words).*

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*2. IN ALL other respects I confirm my said Will.*

*IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this (date in words).*

*SIGNED by the said (name) the Testator as and for a (e.g. First) Codicil to his (her) said Will dated the (date) in the 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:*

*Signature of Testator and two Witnesses.”*

**Please Note: These suggestions are given for guidance only and do not constitute legal advice.**

**We always recommend that you consult a Solicitor or qualified legal practitioner.**

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