



Tŷ Hafan

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE
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Your guide to leaving a gift in your Will

A gift in your Will makes sure no family
in Wales lives their child's short life alone.

“Recently, I amended my Will and Tŷ Hafan was a definite choice to be included. I know donations via Wills are important to charities, and I am pleased to be able to feel that I can leave a legacy to Tŷ Hafan. Keep up the brilliant work!”

Elisabeth Wheeler, Tŷ Hafan Supporter

Why gifts in Wills are so important

“It’s hope, it’s cherishing, it’s comfort, it’s support, it is expertise. It is just a haven and that’s why I called it Tŷ Hafan.”



Suzanne Goodall, Founder of Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice, (1921 – 2017)



No parent ever imagines that their child will die before them, but this is the unthinkable reality that thousands of families in Wales are faced with every day.

The diagnosis of a life-shortening illness turns everyday life upside down, bringing about fear and anxiety, and leaving families facing a future that is so different to the one they imagined. Tŷ Hafan's ambition is that when a child's life will be short, no family should have to live it on their own.

Right now, Tŷ Hafan only has enough money to support one in ten families in Wales who need our help. Too many families are living every day of their child's short life alone, afraid and isolated.

When every day could be their last, families should be making memories together instead of facing each one with dread.

With the need for our services rising, gifts in Wills have never been so important. Your legacy gift will ensure we are always there to nurse every child, hold every hand, play every game and hear every voice.

So, please do consider including a gift in your Will to Tŷ Hafan. It truly is a rewarding way to support children and families in Wales for many years to come. By including a precious gift in your Will to Tŷ Hafan, you can ensure families in the future don't have to face the unimaginable pain of the death of their child alone.

Supporter Story

Johnny
& Michele



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For Johnny and Michele Miller, leaving a gift in their Wills was an obvious way to continue their support for Tŷ Hafan. As Michele puts it:

“It's lovely to know that Tŷ Hafan will benefit from some of what we leave behind, because you can't take it with you, can you?”

The seed of supporting Tŷ Hafan was planted by Johnny's beloved mother, Margaret, who played the Crackerjackpot lottery for many years. It was important to her to support a local charity and one that focused on helping children and families - causes that were close to her heart.

“Mum was always keen to support children's charities, but she wanted to support a charity that was local, so she could see where the money was going and how her money would help,” explains Johnny.

Inspired by Margaret's passion, Johnny and Michele have been dedicated supporters of Tŷ Hafan for many years and recently made the decision to include us in their Wills.

Johnny told us: “I'd encourage anyone to leave something to Tŷ Hafan. Tŷ Hafan's work is so important, but they need help and they need support. The thought that you'll still be able to make a difference when you're gone; well, there's nothing better I don't think”.

Making a Will is about taking care of your own family and loved ones, after you're gone. But by leaving a gift in your Will to Tŷ Hafan, you can also help take care of Welsh families coping with the challenges of caring for a seriously ill child. That's a remarkable way to leave your mark on the world.



Why are gifts in Wills such a good idea?



Leaving a gift in your Will is something anyone can do, regardless of the size of your estate.

You don't have to pay anything now to make a gift in your Will, but your gift will help to make sure that no family in Wales ever has to live their child's short life alone.



You can choose to leave a percentage of your estate to your favourite charity, instead of a fixed amount.

1%

A gift of just 1% will make a huge difference, and your loved ones will still inherit 99% of your estate.



Every penny of your gift will be used to help children in Wales and their families.

Gifts to a charity are free from inheritance tax, income tax and capital gains tax. So when you donate to Tŷ Hafan, your money can do more and go further.

Why Elisabeth is leaving a gift in her Will

I have been a long standing supporter of Tŷ Hafan. I started taking part in the Crackerjackpot monthly draw not long after Tŷ Hafan opened, over 20 years ago. I feel the support and care Tŷ Hafan gives to children and their families is invaluable; what would their lives be like without Tŷ Hafan? It doesn't bear thinking about. I will always be a supporter.

Elisabeth Wheeler, Cardiff.



Types of gifts that can be left in Wills

After providing for those close to you, there are a variety of ways you can choose to leave a gift in a Will:

A share of your estate:

This is also known as a 'residuary gift' and is a percentage of your estate.



A specific gift:

This is a named item such as a house, jewellery or stocks and shares.



A cash gift:

This is also known as a 'pecuniary gift' and is a fixed amount of money.



What is inheritance tax?

Inheritance tax is the amount of money that will need to be paid to the government from your estate if it is over a certain value. By leaving a gift in your Will to charity, you may be able to reduce or eliminate your inheritance tax liability. A gift to charity is tax-free and is taken out of your estate before your tax is calculated. If you leave 10% of your net estate to charity, you can reduce your inheritance tax rate from 40% down to 36%.

If this is something you wish to consider, we recommend that you talk to a solicitor or HMRC for further advice and information.

Ollie's story



When Ollie was born he wasn't breathing, he was rushed away and resuscitated before eventually being put into his distraught Mum's arms.

Mum Sophie and Dad Sean took their precious new-born son home, but they just knew that something was seriously wrong.



Ollie wasn't feeding properly or gaining any weight, but on endless trips back and forth to the doctors their worries were dismissed.

"He was awake all the time at night and I was at the end of my tether with sleepless nights and medical appointment after medical appointment".

After months of no-one listening, Sophie and Sean finally got the diagnosis that changed their lives. Ollie had an ultra-rare genetic disorder that would affect him for the rest of his life.



"My husband Sean and I were only 22. We were sent away with a Google print out about the condition after a 10-minute appointment."

With no advice or recommendations on where to go for support they coped the best they could. **Alone. Afraid. Exhausted.**

After 18 gruelling months, Sophie heard about Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice for the first time and tentatively got in contact.

Tŷ Hafan immediately put their arms around the whole family. It was bright and colourful, happy and supportive. Suddenly Sophie and Sean had people who knew what it was like to walk in their shoes.

"Tŷ Hafan is an  absolutely amazing place. They look after Ollie, but they look after us too."

You can change the lives of local families like Ollie's by leaving a gift in your Will for Tŷ Hafan.



Our Big Ambition



Since we began supporting families in 1999, Tŷ Hafan has supported over 1,000 children and families through life, death and beyond. As we reflect on the past 25 years, we acknowledge how much has been achieved, but also how much more there is to do.

The Children in Wales Requiring Palliative Care: Trends in Prevalence and Complexity report, jointly commissioned with the Welsh Government and published last year, found that the number of children with life-shortening conditions in Wales increased by a quarter between 2009 and 2019, and the complexities of the conditions those children are living with continues to increase.

That means the families of 1 in 172 children in Wales are facing the unimaginable: their children are expected to die in childhood.

More importantly for Tŷ Hafan, the research showed that for every child and family in Wales we can support, there are 9 more that we simply cannot yet reach. That's thousands of families who live every day knowing their child's life will be short, and they face it without any hospice support or palliative care.



Write a free Will with a local solicitor

Our partnership with the National Free Wills Network means you can meet a solicitor in your local area and have a simple Will or pair of simple Wills written or updated for free.

How it works:

- 1 Simply let us know that you wish to be referred to the National Free Wills Network and we'll do the rest.
- 2 The National Free Wills Network will send you a voucher and a list of participating solicitors in your area.
- 3 Choose a solicitor from the ones provided and make an appointment at a time convenient to you within 60 days.
- 4 Your preferred solicitor will help you draw up your Will free of charge.



Yes, I'd like to be referred to the National Free Wills Network:

- Visit www.tyhafan.org/will-you and fill in our simple online form
- Phone **02920 532255** and speak to our friendly Supporter Care Team
- Email supportercare@tyhafan.org and ask to be referred to the **National Free Wills Network**.
- Return the reply slip at the end of this booklet.

By asking to be referred, you agree for Tŷ Hafan to pass your data on to the **National Free Wills Network**. You can view how they manage your information by reading their privacy policy at nationalfreewills.net/privacy-policy



Your gift could make all the difference.

There is no obligation to leave a gift in your Will to Tŷ Hafan, however we hope that after taking care of your family and friends, you will consider what an amazing difference your legacy could make.



1%

**of an average estate
(£5,000)**

could pay for families to have monthly hydrotherapy sessions in our specialist pool. Our Hydrotherapy pool offers seriously ill children a chance to move freely away from the confines of wheelchairs, beds or other equipment. It's a space where parents can hold their child close, in ways that aren't always possible. You can gift an activity the whole family can enjoy together, making memories to cherish, for years to come.

3%

**of an average estate
(£15,000)**

could pay for sensory toys to give seriously ill children the gift of play, allowing them to have fun and communicate often in ways that have never before been possible for them. These toys allow children to make music and draw pictures through the slightest movements of their body or eyes. Your legacy is a future where parents can experience the joy of seeing their child at play and create magical memory making experiences.

5%

**of an average estate
(£25,000)**

could pay for all the medical supplies and equipment needed at the hospice for a whole year. Your gift will enable our amazing nurses to provide vital medical care for seriously ill children, giving parents a much-needed break from worrying about their child's medical care.

10%

**of an average estate
(£50,000)**

could pay for our emotional bereavement support project for siblings to help them cope with the death of their sister or brother. Your gift will allow our specialist child bereavement counselors to help siblings cope with everyday situations like being asked 'how many brothers or sisters do you have?'

15%

**of an average estate
(£75,000)**

could pay for a team of specialist Family Support Workers for a year. Your gift will build lasting relationships that provide immeasurable comfort and support to families whose child's life will be short. Your legacy will be there through that child's life, death and beyond.



How to write a Will

Writing a Will gives you the peace of mind that your loved ones will be looked after and is the only way for you to choose what happens to your estate and personal possessions once you pass away.

We recommend you use a solicitor or legal professional to write your Will. Tŷ Hafan have partnered with the National Free Wills Network to help you write your Will for free (you can find out more about our free Will writing offer on page 11).

Here are four simple points to help you plan for writing your Will:

- 1 Make a list of your assets and their value.**
This is valuable information to take with you to your solicitor. Your assets can include elements such as property, savings and other key items of value.
- 2 Make a list of outstanding finances.**
Please consider any outstanding mortgages, loans or bills. Taking this into consideration will give you a clearer understanding on how much your estate is worth.
- 3 Decide a list of beneficiaries.**
Your beneficiaries could include your family and close friends, as well as any charities you would like to support. Making a list of your beneficiaries will help you decide how you would like to divide your estate between them.
- 4 Arrange an appointment with your solicitor.**
This could be face to face, online or over the telephone. An executor will need to be chosen to implement the terms of your Will and to ensure your wishes are carried out correctly. Most people choose a solicitor or family member as their executor.

Remember to keep your Will safe and up to date. Most people choose to leave their Will in the care of their solicitor or legal professional, as well as keeping their own copy in a safe place known to their executor.

How to leave a gift

If you have kindly decided to leave a gift in your Will to Tŷ Hafan, you can ask your solicitor to use one of the following texts. You may wish to take these details with you to an arranged solicitor appointment to help make the process as simple as possible.

For a share of your estate (residuary gift):

I leave _____ percent of the residue of my real and personal estate to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX, Registered Charity Number 1047912 for its general charitable purposes.

For a specific sum (pecuniary gift):

I leave the sum of _____ (words) pounds £ _____ (figures) to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX, Registered Charity Number 1047912 for its general charitable purposes.

For an index linked specific sum

(This means any amount pledged will keep its value in line with inflation):

I leave the index linked sum of _____ (words) pounds £ _____ (figures) to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX. Registered charity number 1047912 for its general charitable purpose.

For a specific item:

I leave _____ (write in here whatever you wish to give) to Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX. Registered Charity Number 1047912 for its general charitable purposes.

If you would like to amend your Will you can either revoke your current Will and make a new one or you can add an amendment/s to your current Will. This amendment is known as a codicil and must be written and signed in the presence of two independent witnesses. Your solicitor can advise you about what to state.



FAQs

Do I have enough to leave a gift?

Absolutely. We appreciate all gifts, however large or small, and every pound we receive will make a difference to the lives of children with life-shortening conditions in Wales.

Can I write my own Will?

As a Will is a legal document, we highly recommend that you write or amend your Will through a qualified solicitor or Will writer. Find more information about our free Will writing offer on page 11. This will ensure that your wishes will be carried out successfully.

What happens if my circumstances change?

If your circumstances change you will need to draft a new Will to amend or update your current Will, this is called a codicil. Your new Will will supersede any previous decisions.



Should I let Tŷ Hafan know if I leave a gift in my Will?

This choice is yours as to whether you choose to tell us. However, if you do let us know, we can take the opportunity to thank you personally and it will help us to plan for the future.



Why not help now rather than later?

We truly appreciate all the support that we receive. We know that there will be more families to help in the future and gifts left in people's Wills will help protect the longevity of our care for many years to come.

Does Tŷ Hafan pay for the free Will services and why?

As a charity, we carefully consider how we spend our money. We have fixed fees for the services agreed with the National Free Wills Network which cover the cost of simple Wills.

Please note, you may be liable to pay any extra costs needed for complex Wills; these are to be discussed with your Will writing service provider or solicitor. Tŷ Hafan pays for supporters to write or amend a simple Will or pair of simple Wills, as removing the need for supporters to pay for their Will helps to raise vital income for the charity.

Get in touch

If you would like further information about leaving a gift in your Will or our free Will writing offer, please fill in the attached slip and send it to FREEPOST Plus RTBS-YCZU-JZSJ, Tŷ Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX. Alternatively, you can contact our Supporter Care Team at supportercare@tyhafan.org or call 02920 532255.



- I'd like to receive a list of free Will-writing solicitors in my local area from the National Free Wills Network
- I'd like to visit the hospice/attend an event to learn more about the difference my gift can make
- I am considering leaving a gift in my Will to Tŷ Hafan
- I have already left a gift in my Will to Tŷ Hafan

(If you have already told us, you don't need to tell us again.) **Thank you!**

Your details:

Title	First name	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home name or number	Postcode	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Yes please, I would like to be contacted by:

- By email
- By phone or SMS

Email address	Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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If you wish to update your contact preferences, please visit www.tyhafan.org/contact-preferences.

Tŷ Hafan symbols

You may have noticed butterflies, handprints, pebbles and birds throughout this guide.

These are all important symbols for our children and families here at Tŷ Hafan and they represent the precious moments your support creates.



Butterfly

Like the amazing children at Tŷ Hafan, a butterfly lives a short yet beautiful life, leaving an unforgettable impression. It is our mission and privilege to ensure the lives we touch are full, supported, and happy; we imagine a Wales where every 'butterfly' can access the help they need to achieve this.



Handprints

Adorning the walls as you enter Tŷ Hafan are the paint-covered handprints of the children we have supported over the past 25 years (and often their parents and siblings too). A simple yet powerful representation of eternal memory, these colourful and moving snapshots inspire us to reach every family that needs us.



Pebbles

Reflecting the hospice's peaceful seaside location, personalised remembrance pebbles are carved with the names of children supported by Tŷ Hafan who have died. The pebbles are central to our regular services of remembrance held in Summer and Christmas time, where bereaved families are invited to lay their child's pebble in our memorial garden to celebrate their lives.



Bird

When a child dies, our 'Birdsong' project translates their name into a beautiful birdsong, which plays on a loop in the hospice memorial garden. Each unique song is followed by a silence of one second for each year of the child's life. Families can sit, reflect, and hear their child's name in the skies and are reminded that the support we offer in bereavement will continue for as long as they need.

Thank you for considering leaving
a gift in your Will to Tŷ Hafan.



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