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Gloucestershire

Legacies & Bequests

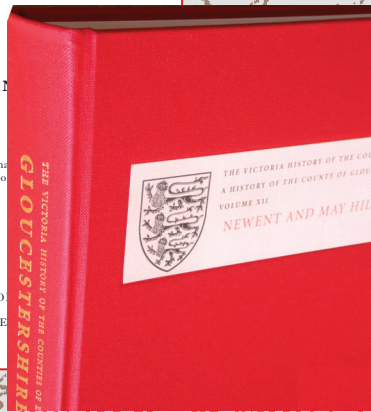
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The Victoria County History (VCH), founded in 1899 and originally dedicated to Queen Victoria, is an encyclopaedic record of England's places and people from earliest times to the present day. It has been dubbed 'the greatest publishing project in English local history'.

The future of the VCH in Gloucestershire now depends on fundraising by the Gloucestershire County History Trust, a registered charity founded in 2010. The Trust believes strongly that it is fundamentally important for the public understanding of the heritage of the county that the work of researching and recording its history should continue. The Trust's work embraces the whole of the historic county, and current details can be found at www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/gloucestershire.

When it comes to your Will, it is only right that your family comes first in your thoughts. But that does not mean you cannot also leave a gift to other causes close to your heart. Legacy gifts, however large or small, are crucial to our future work, and have already helped significantly advance one of our current projects.

By making a gift to the Gloucestershire County History Trust, you will make a very real difference to securing the Trust's future, and addressing our long-term needs. Your personal gift will help us build a further public legacy of learning, for all to share and benefit from.

For those who choose to do so, the Trust will ensure that you are acknowledged and remembered as a benefactor.

Which Kind of Gift?

You may leave to the Trust a sum of money or a share of your estate (a legacy), or specific assets, such as a portfolio of shares or property (a bequest). You may leave us a collection, or specific assets from your estate, which would not be liable to Inheritance Tax.

You may also make a residuary gift, where the Trust receives whatever is left of your estate after you have made specific arrangements for family, friends, or other good causes.

Where Do I Start?

Legacies and bequests are enormously valuable to us. If you have already made a will, all that may be needed is a simple codicil. If you have not yet made a will, now may be the moment to consider it. In either case, you should seek the advice of a solicitor. The gift itself will be tax-free.

The suggested wording is:

'I give to the Gloucestershire County History Trust (registered charity no 1138520), c/o Gloucestershire Archives, Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW a legacy of £xxxx [or: the residue of my estate] for its general charitable purposes.'

Some donors may not wish to draw attention to themselves and would prefer anonymity; we can discuss privately how to fulfil any wishes you may have for the use of your gift.

Inheritance Tax

Because we are a charity, the value of any gift you make to the Trust in your will is deducted by HMRC from the value of your estate before any Inheritance Tax is calculated – so money that might otherwise have been paid in tax can instead go to support the Trust in its work. And currently, if you leave 10% or more of your estate to charity, the standard rate of Inheritance Tax is abated from 40% to 36%. A solicitor can give advice on how this works.

Further Information

If you are considering a legacy or bequest, and would like more information, we are very happy to talk through the options. If you have already included the Trust in your will, we would appreciate being able to thank you personally. In both cases, you are welcome to contact the Chairman, James Hodsdon, at 49 Pittville Crescent Lane, Cheltenham GL52 2RA, or via vchglos@btinternet.com.

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