

Why leave a gift in your Will?

A gift in your Will is one of the greatest gifts you can give to any charity. Legacies help care for the places that enrich our lives - supporting the historic buildings and irreplaceable history for everyone to enjoy.

You're never too young to consider leaving us a legacy to ensure that future generations can enjoy the extraordinary archaeology, architecture, history, and artefacts of our county's churches and chapels.

You can help the Trust in its vital work by making a bequest in your Will. The words "I give to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust..." mean more in your Will than the simple phrase would suggest. You will be helping us in the important task of preserving churches and chapels of outstanding archaeological and architectural merit or historic interest, built by our predecessors, and lovingly preserved and maintained by subsequent generations for us today. We owe it to future generations that we do not fail in our duty to maintain our priceless and ancient heritage. The burden of preserving our historic ecclesiastical buildings increases rather than decreases with time.

We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to the historic legacy of churches in Nottinghamshire. A bequest or legacy in your Will is one of the more traditional forms of giving to charity but remains a very important one.

The work of the NHCT helps to ensure that future generations can enjoy the extraordinary architecture, archaeology, history and artefacts contained within these buildings and their surrounds.

If you'd like to help...

All gifts given to charity in your Will are tax-free and are deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. Therefore, you could reduce or remove your estate's potential inheritance tax liability by including a gift to charity in your Will.

Please consult your solicitor or professional advisor who will explain to you why making a gift in your Will to a charity such as the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust can be beneficial to your estate.

There are several ways to benefit a charity:

Residuary bequests

This means that once family and friends have been provided for and any liabilities have been settled, the remainder or a proportion of the estate is pledged to one or more charities.

Pecuniary bequests

This means that you pledge a specific sum of money to a particular charity.

Percentage of estate

This involves specifying a gift of a percentage of the value of your estate.

Company pension

If you belong to a company pension scheme you can complete an "expression of wish" form to benefit a charity in the event of your death.

All legacy income is spent on direct project work and is never spent on general administration costs.

The NHCT is a charity and receives no government funding for its work. Its future, and the future of our ancient heritage, rests in the hands of its friends and supporters.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

raising money to grant-aid historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire



Help protect the amazing heritage of our county's churches and chapels by remembering us in your Will

Some gifts are easily forgotten.
Others last for generations.

Leaving a gift in your Will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust isn't just a gift, it's an investment in history and heritage. Many of the county's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are fighting a battle against the ravages of time. We need to make sure that they get the repairs and renovations they need to remain at the heart of their local communities. Leaving a gift in your Will helps the Trust to preserve these precious buildings for future generations.

The majority of the grants made by the NHCT are for essential repairs and maintenance. The trust has been able to help with projects including work to:

- ◆ stonework and carvings
- ◆ lead-flashing and roofs
- ◆ windows and glass
- ◆ woodwork
- ◆ murals and artworks
- ◆ monuments
- ◆ bells and clocks
- ◆ flooring and pews
- ◆ gutters and downpipes
- ◆ masonry and walls
- ◆ heating and plumbing
- ◆ lighting and wiring

As a small charity with limited resources, your legacy could make a big impact on what we are able to achieve.

Front cover - Restoring bible text panels,
St John the Baptist, South Collingham
Photographs: Dr Chris Brooke



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Bell frame repair at the All Saint's church, Harby



Restoration of the Comper organ at the
Church of Our Lady, Egmanton



Drain replacement at St Peter's church, Clayworth

The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust makes a major contribution to the preservation of our heritage in Nottinghamshire. The Trust, which was founded in 1986, is Nottinghamshire's only countywide charity providing financial grants to help maintain our hundreds of churches, chapels and meeting houses which are open for Christian worship. These are wonderful buildings, some as large as cathedrals and others are tiny chapels; all are full of history and interest, and all represent different architectural styles over the centuries.

Grants for preservation, repair and maintenance are awarded to the churches and chapels which apply to the Trust for assistance, and where the applications have been approved by our Grants Committee.

Our supporters' donations and legacies have allowed us to assist many churches and chapels with essential repairs and restorations, including those which have been subjected to lead theft from roofs.

If you wish to leave a legacy to NHCT in your Will and would like to indicate your intention, please contact one of the Trust's officers, or contact:

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Restoration of the Lexington monument
at St Wilfrid's church, Kelham