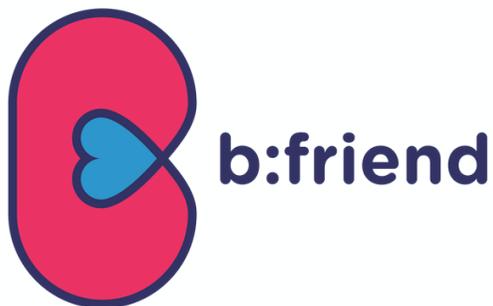


## Help end loneliness in older people, creating joy and friendship for years to come



### A Guide to leaving a gift in your Will to



## A gift in your Will could build lasting friendships for years to come

b:friend supports over 1,000 lonely and socially isolated older neighbours across South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire and mid-Nottinghamshire every year. We combat loneliness by pairing older neighbours with volunteer befrienders who pop in once a week for a chat and a cuppa. We also run weekly Social Clubs to boost our older neighbours' well-being and community connections, with activities from dancing and games to crafts and cultural appreciation sessions.

“My doctor told me to come to the Club because I was in a bad way after my wife died, and the counselling didn't help. And do you know, it's the best thing I could've done. I really enjoy it.”

With your help, we can carry on creating community connections that ensure our older neighbours are valued and find purpose in later life. A gift in your Will would make a lasting difference in your local community for years to come.

We understand that your loved ones will always come first. After taking care of them, a gift in your Will, no matter how large or small, can help ensure b:friend will be here in the future.

Since b:friend began in 2017 we have helped nearly 2,500 older neighbours through our one to one befriending alone.

Over 50% of our 1:1 friendships last over a year.

“I absolutely love her to bits; you couldn't have picked anyone better for me. If I'd have had a daughter, I'd have wanted someone just like her.”

### How to leave a gift in your Will – your questions answered

#### Why should I make a Will?

Making a Will means it's clear who you would like to inherit your estate. If you die without a Will, this may not happen.

#### Do I need a solicitor to make a Will?

Whilst anyone can write a Will, it must meet certain requirements to be valid and to make sure your wishes are respected. It is best to seek professional advice to give you the most peace of mind, especially if your affairs are complex. You can find a list of solicitors close to you on the Law Society website

<https://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/>

#### I want to take care of my family and friends first, can I still leave a gift to b:friend?

We believe in family and we know they come first. After family and friends are provided for, a gift of any size will make a huge difference to b:friend.

## Can I change a Will I have already made?

Yes you can. Amending a Will is called adding a codicil and a solicitor can easily do this for you.



## What type of gift can I leave?

There are two main types of gift;

- Pecuniary gift - a fixed sum on money
- Residuary gift - a percentage of what is left in your estate after all other payments and gifts have been made. This kind of gift does not lose value over time like a fixed sum would.

## Will I pay tax on my gift?

No. Charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. You can find out about other charitable tax benefits at the HMRC website [gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://gov.uk/inheritance-tax).

## Can I change my mind?

Absolutely. You are free to amend your Will at any time, it is your personal document. Any discussions you have with us about your wishes are confidential and you are under no obligation to act on anything.



## Recommended wording

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to benefit our work, it's very important to include our full charity name and registered charity number. Any gift, however large or small will be used wisely and efficiently.

The following suggested wording may be helpful.

### To leave a share of your estate (a residuary gift)

Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give the whole/\_\_\_ % of my estate otherwise disposed of by this my Will to b:friend of The Workstation, 15 Paternoster Row, Sheffield S1 2BX, a registered charity in England and Wales (1171148), for the general purposes of b:friend. I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be full and sufficient discharge.

### To leave a cash gift (a pecuniary gift)

I give free of tax to b:friend of The Workstation, 15 Paternoster Row, Sheffield S1 2BX, a registered charity in England and Wales (1171148), the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of b:friend. I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be full and sufficient discharge.



And finally, from all of us at  b:friend :

**Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will**

### ANY QUESTIONS?

We're here for you. Please contact Helen on:



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