

ROYAL  
BOTANIC  
GARDEN  
EDINBURGH



LEAVE A GIFT  
IN YOUR WILL



Become  
rooted in  
our history

# Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will

A gift in your will to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh can help safeguard our work to protect, celebrate and nurture the extraordinary diversity of plants and fungi for generations to come.

Gifts in wills have contributed to:

- ✿ Recording over three million preserved species in our Herbarium collection
- ✿ Protecting 270 acres of biodiversity across our four Gardens
- ✿ Helping our scientists to discover new species of plants every week
- ✿ Enrolling 6,000 global learners in our education courses
- ✿ Caring for 13,600 different plant species







# Your impact in focus

Herbarium digitisation – connecting science, conservation and global access

Gifts in wills are helping us transform our Herbarium, one of the most significant botanical collections in the world, into a globally accessible digital resource. Thanks to our generous supporters, we celebrated the digitisation of our one millionth specimen in 2024.

By creating openly accessible images of every specimen, we're unlocking centuries of botanical insight, making it available to anyone, anywhere. By including a gift in your will, you could help researchers around the world to better understand biodiversity, track the impact of climate change, and protect fragile ecosystems for generations to come.

# How to leave a gift in your will

Once you have taken care of your loved ones, you can leave a gift in your will to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh in different ways.

## ✿ Residual Gift

A residual gift is a share of the value of your assets, after all fees, taxes and other gifts have been paid. This may be the most consistent way to leave gifts in your will as percentages of your Estate will always remain proportionate against changes in value.

## ✿ Pecuniary Gift

A pecuniary gift is a specific amount of money which can be any amount you choose.

## ✿ Specific Gift

A specific gift may be an item such as property, or a piece of art. We ask that you please contact us to discuss further if this is something you are considering.



We always recommend that you seek the advice of a solicitor when preparing your will. When you are ready to, including a gift to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is a straightforward process. The most important information to include is:

## ✿ Charity name

Botanics Foundation

## ✿ Address

20a Inverleith Row  
Edinburgh EH3 5LR

## ✿ Charity number

SC027758

The Botanics Foundation manage legacy funds and ensure all gifts are used as intended to support the work of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

Every gift, no matter the size, can make a difference. While we value the flexibility of an unrestricted gift, you can also choose to fund a particular project or area of our work. Please add these wishes into your will.

# Why leave a legacy?

My family and I have been visiting the Gardens for many years. As a child, it was a place of wonder and adventure and as I have grown, it has become a place of fascination, delight and comfort. By leaving a legacy, I feel I am helping to future proof this wonderful space for others and helping the next generation of horticulturists to become inspired by their surroundings.

If you would like to talk to someone about leaving a gift in your will to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, please contact us on **07917 837806** or email **[legacy@rbge.org.uk](mailto:legacy@rbge.org.uk)**.





# Legacy Promise

- ✿ We will always respect that leaving a gift in your will is your choice –and we will never pressure you to do this.
- ✿ We affirm that your loved ones and those closest to you come first in your will.
- ✿ We respect your right to privacy and appreciate that you may choose not to share your intentions with us.
- ✿ We pledge to use your gift in a discerning and impactful way.
- ✿ If you intend your gift to be used in a special way, we will ensure its use is in keeping with your intentions.
- ✿ You can find our privacy policy at [rbge.org.uk/dev-privacy](https://rbge.org.uk/dev-privacy).



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