

# A Gift in Your Will

Give the Gift of Myton Care  
and Leave a Lasting Legacy



Gifts in Wills  
fund the care  
of 1 in 4 patients



We have hospices  
in **Coventry,  
Rugby &  
Warwick**  
and specialist nursing  
teams that care for  
people in their own  
homes

We care for people  
aged 18+ living with a  
**wide range of  
terminal illnesses**  
including Respiratory  
conditions, Heart conditions,  
Cancer, Organ failure and  
Neurological conditions

Every year we  
provide specialist,  
tailored support for  
**thousands**  
of **people &**  
their families

We are not just  
**about end of  
life care,**  
we are here to support  
patients and their  
loved ones right from  
the moment they are  
diagnosed



We are the **only**  
**provider** of  
**Hospice**  
**Inpatient Beds**  
in Coventry and  
Warwickshire

Everyone should  
have the right to die  
without pain  
and with dignity  
**Too many**  
people on the waiting  
list for a Hospice  
Bed at Myton will  
die before they can  
access one

# Welcome



**Ruth Freeman**  
Chief Executive Officer

“ When we look back on our lives we'd all like to feel that we've made a difference and that the things we've achieved along the way won't be forgotten when we are no longer around. We will also want the people and causes closest to our hearts to know how much they have meant to us; one way for us to show this is by the gifts we leave to them in our Will.

What happens to our money and the things that are most precious to us when we're gone shouldn't be left to chance – this is why writing a Will is so important. Of course, making sure our loved ones are provided for will be top of your priority list but if The Myton Hospices is one of the causes you have cared about in your life time – I would ask that you consider leaving us a gift too.

As a local charity we rely on donations and support from our communities to continue providing our services free of charge to people living with a life-limiting illness, and their families, across Coventry and Warwickshire.

It may surprise you to learn that **one in four of our patients are cared for with money left to us in Wills**. You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference to people's lives; large or small, a gift from you can help our patients and their families at a time when they need us the most.

By including a gift in your Will for Myton you will be supporting your local charity, making a positive difference for your community and leaving a lasting legacy.

Hopefully you will find the information in this booklet helpful. If you have any questions or if there's anything at all that we can help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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## Give the Gift of Myton Care...

*"In these situations, and the one we found ourselves in, nothing you can do can ever make it better and the best outcome is to never need Myton. But Myton truly is the best place to be for everyone and I can't imagine anywhere else doing a better job*

*"The impact they had on me, our sons and the rest of our family is a legacy I'll carry with me forever."* Tom Cronin



Tom's wife Katie died at Warwick Myton Hospice aged just 37. The couple have two children, Cass and Percy who were aged just 4 and 5 when their mum died.



# Rayanne made a Will and left a Gift for Myton, here she shares her story

“Mum spent the last week of her life at Coventry Myton Hospice after being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Being at Myton gave us the gift of time to spend a last precious week together. We laughed, cried, reminisced and discussed mum’s wishes. Although the last few days were hard to experience I can honestly say that Mum had a good death.

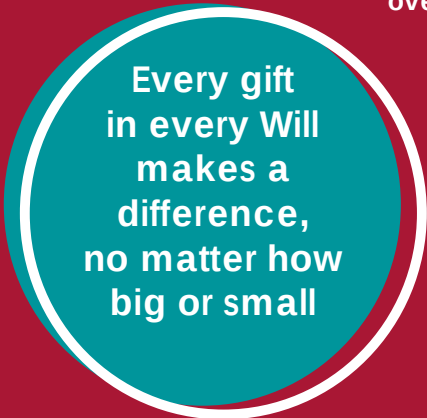
It had always been important to mum that all her affairs were organised after her death. Fiercely independent she hated the thought of leaving a mess for others to sort in her absence and had made a will many years ago.

Making a will was something my husband Mark and I always had on our ‘to-do list’ but we finally got round to it this year. It couldn’t have been easier and we wondered why we hadn’t done it earlier! The

whole process took less than an hour

over two visits. It also enabled us to leave a gift in our will to

Myton. Don’t hesitate, your gift really will make such a difference to patients and those they love.”



Every gift  
in every Will  
makes a  
difference,  
no matter how  
big or small

# Give the Gift of Myton Care...



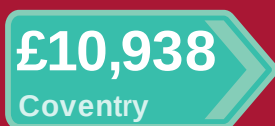
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# Give the Gift of Myton Care and Leave a Lasting Legacy by including a Gift in your Will for Myton

## The difference your support makes...



could fund our  
Inpatient Unit at  
Warwick Myton  
Hospice for one day



could fund our  
Inpatient Unit at  
Coventry Myton  
Hospice for two days



could fund the  
recruitment, training  
and salary for a  
registered nurse for  
one year

## You might be surprised to know...



We are a  
charity, we are  
not the NHS.

Our costs are at an all-time high

and just **17%** of our  
funding comes from the NHS

It costs over



every year to provide  
our services free of  
charge to our patients  
and their loved ones

# The importance of writing a Will and how to do it

## Why should I make a Will?

Making a Will is relatively easy and probably one of the most important things you can do to ensure your wishes are carried out after you have gone. Making a Will can provide you with peace of mind that your family and loved ones will be taken care of in a way that you would like, and causes that matter to you will benefit when you die.

## How do I make a Will?

We strongly recommend using a solicitor or professional Will writer to help you with this as this will ensure that your Will is both valid and accurately reflects your wishes. We cannot recommend a particular solicitor but if you would like us to help you find solicitors in your area who offer a Will writing service, please feel free to contact us.

## How do I update my Will?

Remember, if you already have a Will it is important to review it at least every 5 years to make sure it is up to date, especially if you have experienced any major life-changing events such as getting married, having children or purchasing a property. If you would like to update an existing Will, you can choose to either make a completely new Will or add a 'codicil' which sets out any changes to your existing Will and can be read alongside it.

## How do I prepare before visiting my solicitor?

Before meeting with a solicitor, it is helpful to make a list of what you own and owe – this can help you to work out the true value of your estate. You may also like to make a list of all who you would like to benefit from your Will, including family and friends, and any charities or causes that are close to your heart.

You should also consider who will be the executors of your Will – an executor is in charge of carrying out the instructions in your Will. Ideally you would appoint two, and these would be people you can trust, such as family, friends or professional advisors.

*“Plan  
for the future  
with a professionally  
drafted Will – protect  
your loved ones, support  
a cause close to your heart  
and potentially reduce an  
inheritance tax liability.  
A small gift to charity can  
make a big difference  
for them and for  
you.”*

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# FAQs

## **Q. Do I have to be rich to leave a gift in my Will to Myton?**

A. No - however small or large, your gift will help to make a difference and enable Myton to continue its vital work. We receive all kinds of gifts in people's Wills and we are grateful for all support.

### **Types of gift you could leave to Myton in your Will:**



**Pecuniary Gift** - this is a cash lump sum (i.e. £5,000).



**Residuary Gift** - this is made up of the remainder of your estate after cash gifts and other expenses have been paid. You can give the whole residue or a portion of it.



**Specific Gift** - such as property, land or an individual valuable item such as a piece of jewellery or art.

## **Q. Can I leave a gift in my Will to Myton in memory of someone special to me?**

A. Absolutely – leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting and wonderful way of remembering your loved one and your gift will forever be recorded as made in their name.

## **Q. Can I save on tax by leaving a gift to charity?**

A. Yes. By leaving a gift to The Myton Hospices you could reduce your inheritance tax bill because the value of your gift is not taken into account when inheritance tax is calculated.

You could even avoid paying inheritance tax on your estate completely by pledging to give everything over and above the inheritance tax threshold to charity.

When you speak to your solicitor they can advise you further on this. For more information visit [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk).

**Q. Do I need to tell Myton that I have left a gift in my Will?**

A. Leaving a gift in your Will is a highly personal decision. It is entirely up to you whether or not you inform us of any gift you have made. However, knowing your bequest will help us to plan ahead and say thank you.

**Q. What details do I need to be able to leave a gift to Myton?**

A. If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to Myton, you will need our details:

The Myton Hospices  
Myton Lane  
Warwick  
CV34 6PX  
Registered Charity Number: 516287

**Q. What wording do I need to use to leave Myton a gift in my Will?**

**A. Pecuniary gift**

I give free of tax to The Myton Hospices of Myton Lane, Warwick, CV34 6PX, a charity registered in England and Wales (516287), the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of The Myton Hospices and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

**Residuary gift**

Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give the whole/ \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to The Myton Hospices of Myton Lane, Warwick, CV34 6PX, a charity registered in England and Wales (516287), for the general purposes of The Myton Hospices and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.





## Give the Gift of Myton Care...

***“Myton was a place for Dad to be safe, supported and cared for in the time he had left.”***



Charlotte Hilton. Charlotte's Dad, Barry, was cared for at Coventry Myton Hospice.

*“From the moment we arrived, I knew how special this place was going to be for us all.*

*The wonderful nurses and doctors kept Dad as comfortable as possible, along with the fantastic complementary therapy team. The care he received, the love the nurses gave him and ultimately the respect they gave him was outstanding.*

*They let Dad carry out every last wish he had and advocated for us as a family in every scenario. They talked to me as a human, with kindness and compassion, and left no questions unanswered.”*



**Our  
promise  
to you**



**We will keep any  
information you  
share with us  
confidential and  
won't pass it on to  
other organisations**



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**We will  
respect what  
your Will says**



**We value all the  
gifts that are left  
to us. No matter  
what size, your  
gift will make a  
huge difference to  
people's lives**



**We will use your  
gift in the most  
effective way  
possible**



# We're here to help!

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

If you have any questions, would like to have an informal chat or arrange a visit to find out more, please do not hesitate to get in touch - it would be lovely to hear from you.

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