

## Updating an existing will

If you already have a will and wish to include a gift to SWALLOW, ask a solicitor to help you complete a Codicil form and store it with your will. This allows you to alter your will without needing to make a new one. The Codicil needs to be both signed and witnessed with the same legal formalities as a will.

Please ensure your solicitor uses our full name, address and charity registration number in your will: SWALLOW (South West Action for Learning and Living Our Way), The Old Engine House, Old Pit Road, Westfield, BA3 4BQ, Registered Charity number 1045893.

““ My father generously donated a gift in his will to SWALLOW and I know it has made a huge difference to them ””

Jerry Hann



## The impact your support can have

““ I've achieved so much with SWALLOW. They help me to get out and about, live my best life and do the things I love. ””  
- SWALLOW member

““ My son can do so many more things since joining SWALLOW's Base House. He's learnt to make his bed independently and to do the hoovering. He's got a friendship group now which he's never really had before. When I ask him where he wants to go, he says Base House! - this just says it all really. ””  
- parent of a SWALLOW member

““ SWALLOW supported me to get my first job and I'm so happy - now I'm a businessman like my dad, getting paid! ””  
- SWALLOW member

## For more information about SWALLOW Charity:

Info@swallowcharity.org . 01761 414 034

[www.swallowcharity.org](http://www.swallowcharity.org)

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Westfield . Radstock . BA3 4BQ

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## A gift in your will can change lives

Empowering teenagers and adults with learning disabilities





## How your legacy can help

By leaving a gift in your will to SWALLOW, you can make a lasting difference to people with a learning disability in your community.

Legacies are very important to SWALLOW, they help us to be there in the future and to help those who need our support.



## The importance of writing a will

You can help us ensure that our vital services continue to be delivered. We appreciate that writing a will is one of the most important documents that you will produce in your lifetime as it is the only way to make sure that your wishes are carried out after you die.

If you die without making a will, you give up your right to express your wishes as to who should benefit from your estate. We encourage you to leave a gift to SWALLOW for general purposes rather than for a restricted purpose, we can then use your gift to make the most difference.

## Different ways of giving in your will

### A residuary gift


is a way of leaving what remains of your estate (the total value of all property and assets) or a percentage of it, once all gifts to your loved ones have been made. A residuary gift is by far the most effective way of remembering us, as its value tends to adjust in line with inflation.

### A pecuniary gift

or a cash gift is a specific set amount of money, large or small, will be greatly appreciated and beneficial, however it is worth considering that the value of this type of legacy may decrease as the cost of living rises over time.

### A specific gift

is a particular item or asset such as land or a family heirloom.



All legacy gifts to charities are exempt from inheritance tax. Please consult a solicitor for advice on making a will and the most appropriate way for you to leave a gift to SWALLOW. You can find local solicitors who specialise in wills by contacting the Law Society at [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk). Please do let us know your intentions by emailing or writing to us.

## Who we are

SWALLOW Charity is user-led and supports teenagers and adults with learning disabilities to live life to the full, in and around Bath & North East Somerset, since 1993.

We provide a wide range of help and support including supported housing, independent living skills training, day activities, work skills, outreach in the community and social activities.

“ Legacies are vital for us to be able to continue our work into the future ”  
Bev Craney, Chief Executive