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Remembering Nottingham

A guide to leaving a
gift in your Will

"What we have done for ourselves alone
dies with us; what we have done for others
and the world remains, and is immortal."

Albert Pike

“Thousands of students yet unborn will pass along the corridors and learn in the lecture rooms and wrest the secrets from nature in the laboratories. Their work will link still more closely industry with science, add to the honour of the city and help to increase the well-being of our nation.”

Sir Jesse Boot, on the opening of the Trent Building in 1928

Foreword from the Vice-Chancellor

It gives me great pleasure to write a few words to introduce The University of Nottingham's guide to leaving a gift in your Will.

It seems fitting to begin with reference to the origins of our modern university. In 1881 a generous gift of £10,000 from an anonymous benefactor – worth around one million in today's money – enabled Nottingham's first civic college to be opened, the foundation stone being laid by former Prime Minister W E Gladstone. Subsequently the vision of Sir Jesse Boot, with a gift of land which now forms part of University Park, led to more extensive growth of University College Nottingham, receiving its Royal Charter in 1948 and the authority to award degrees in its own name. On these pages you can see the construction of the University's magnificent Trent Building, which continues to play such an important role at the heart of the University, and which was made possible in part thanks to a public appeal to the people of the city of Nottingham. Without these acts of philanthropy throughout its history, it is fair to say that the University as we know it would not be here today.

We can't all donate large areas of land or give millions to charitable causes. But for many of us, a gift left in our Will is the most significant gift we ever make. After we have considered our family and friends, we can choose to support the causes which have been closest to our hearts during our lifetime with a gift that will make a lasting impact long after we have gone. I know that many of you reading this do indeed hold our University in high regard, not least for the way in which your own unique experience of Nottingham has touched your life. If you choose to remember Nottingham in your Will, I believe you can do so in safe knowledge that your legacy will be felt by those who stand to benefit from all the rich and diverse opportunities the University provides.

When the time is right for you to make or change your Will, I sincerely hope that this brochure will help you make the decisions that feel right for you and your family.

Professor David Greenaway
Vice-Chancellor

Construction of the Trent Building at Highfields, now University Park, completed in 1928.



Our memories of Nottingham are so varied: courses studied that helped to pave the way for our future careers, lifelong friends and those who burned bright in our lives for the time we were here, the staff who inspired and guided us along our chosen paths, the halls we lived in and the canteens and bars we socialised in, and for some, even the places we first met our husband or wife. Our campuses are not just seats of learning but hold a special place in the surrounding community, especially true of University Park which continues to be enjoyed by the public. Little wonder then that these rich associations with our University have inspired so many to remember Nottingham by leaving a gift in their Will. Hardly surprising too the number of different ways that people have chosen to direct this gift. Listed below are four broad areas which have greatly benefited from the generosity of legacy gifts.

Supporting bright young minds

A gift to our students in your Will is a precious thing: the gift of education for those generations yet to come. Your legacy in this area could be directed where the need is greatest, or to support students in a particular subject area.

Philanthropic support can ensure students benefit from Nottingham's first class teaching and learning environment and the vibrant, stimulating and supportive community that our University provides. We want to ensure that the brightest and best students have access to a Nottingham education, whatever their circumstances, and that when they arrive here their talent is nurtured and developed in order that they fulfil their potential. Students like Nicola Armstrong, who received a Bartle & Simpkin scholarship to help with her study of Economics: 'I am very passionate about my course and am putting in a lot of hard work and dedication but I was having severe financial difficulties in my first year. My student loan and grant barely covered my accommodation expenses leaving me with just £15 a week on which to survive. With the finances behind me last year I was able to get involved much more heavily with the University. I obtained a place on the Students in Free Enterprise presenting team, I have taught in a deprived part of Sri Lanka and studied for part of my course in China. Without the scholarship I may not have been able to carry on studying or do any of this.'

Changing lives through brilliant research

At Nottingham we are researching some of the most pressing human concerns and global social challenges. How can we better understand and treat cancer, stroke, and heart disease? What can we do to secure the world's food supply in the face of climate change and a growing population? How can we best source and use energy in a sustainable way? Through sustained investment in the best researchers and state-of-the-art facilities, we are helping to find the answers by establishing a flourishing, high quality creative research environment across all our campuses.

Please do let us know if you would like to hear more about our research, or if you have an interest in a particular research field.

An inspiring place to study

As you would expect, at Nottingham our libraries now house a comprehensive volume of texts, both in traditional and electronic format. Alumni and friends of the University play a crucial role in ensuring that the very latest resources are available to all students and that multiple copies of the most popular texts are within easy access. Legacy gifts to this area have a direct, tangible impact on our student's learning experience, whether centrally in our libraries or at School level.

Nottingham's beautiful campuses

Our award-winning grounds are among the most beautiful at any university and a central part of the Nottingham experience. They contribute to the University's attractiveness to students, staff and members of the local community. Those who have enjoyed our campuses often feel an affinity with them, placing close value on helping to maintain and develop the environment for future generations. We would be delighted to speak to you about ways in which your legacy can have a lasting impact on the University's campuses, benefiting the whole University community for years to come.

We appreciate that making or changing your Will is a deeply personal decision. If after reading this brochure you feel that you would like to speak to us about remembering Nottingham in your Will, we will treat your enquiry in strictest confidence. Please do contact us if you would like further guidance. Your actions today will contribute to future generations here at our University, and help to ensure Sir Jesse Boot's original vision remains alive.

Why remember Nottingham?

Studying in the bacteriological laboratory, on what is now the Sutton Bonington Campus.



Trent Quad during Freshers' Week, 1964.
Photograph donated by Jenny Butterfield.



Derby Hall Float - Carnival 1963.
With thanks to Margaret Gillan.



Skating on the Lake 1960/61.
Photograph donated by David Richardson.

What are your memories of Nottingham?



"My five years at The University of Nottingham (1963-68) had a profound effect on my life and subsequent early career. Despite being an engineering student which was very demanding of time available, I somehow got

involved in many extra-curricular activities - Sherwood Hall, the Students' Union, the review group and so on.

Despite living abroad for some years, I managed to keep in touch with the University and I was privileged to have been involved in the University's governance during a particularly exciting time of strategic planning.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to support the University financially over the years, but in addition, I have decided to leave a legacy to the University in my Will. It is a source of great satisfaction to me knowing that Nottingham will benefit from my estate – and that I will be able to put something back to an institution that has been so important to me during my life – and one that has achieved a preeminent place in Higher Education not only in Nottingham, but globally."

Ron Haylock

BSc Chemical Engineering (1968), Hon LLD (2005)
President of the Students' Union 1966/67
President of the University Council 1996-2003

As the photograph (below) suggests, many of my happiest memories are associated with the Boat Club whilst a student at Sutton Bonington in the 1950s. This certainly kept us fit, with river outings on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday; circuit training in the OTC Drill Hall on Tuesdays, two hours of Scottish country dancing on Wednesdays followed by the Student Hop in the JCR, road running on Thursdays and not to mention the cycling to and from the boathouse. I recall frequent flooding of the boat house and surrounds. This did not seriously curtail our training, although the coxes had to skilfully avoid floating debris in the fast flowing flood waters and also remember where the course of the river was to avoid being grounded in a field.

Transporting ourselves and the blades to regatta was a problem solved variously by the kind loan of a converted ambulance by the Vicar of Ashby de la Zouch, borrowing a Ford Popular from the School of Economics, and latterly an ex-WD converted pick up I purchased from a scrap yard in Carlton.

We inherited 3 clinker 'fours' which were presumably designed for schoolboys and so were extremely difficult for heavier crews to sit in. This was a distinct advantage when we loaned them out for local rowing events as if we drew them we were on home territory, and if another club drew them we knew they would have problems!

Professor RH Graham Suggett OBE JP DL
HonDSc, Captain of Boats 1956-58



Head of The Trent 1957: Reg Squires, Graham Suggett, Graham Jones, Brian Hardaker, Colin Small.

Whether they are memories of University Park, Sutton Bonington or one of our newer campuses; teaching, learning or socialising: we would love to hear what makes The University of Nottingham special to you. Perhaps you might even have an old photograph like these you could lend us? Or anecdotes to share? We'd be delighted to hear from you by post or e-mail – please see full contact details on the back of this brochure.

“It all started nearly 20 years ago when I was telephoned by a student, encouraging graduates to make a contribution to the new arts centre that the University was looking to build. A few years down the line I decided I wanted to give something back to my old university on a regular basis.

The Campaign Office helped me establish the Jim Lees Prize in Philosophy, in honour of one of my former lecturers who had a profound effect on me. I had thoroughly enjoyed studying Philosophy as part of my course during my time at Nottingham, and so I was happy to sponsor the prize in the knowledge that it would help current students. It has given my wife and I a great deal of pleasure to come back to The University of Nottingham,

meeting the prize winners and seeing what a difference the extra money can make to their studies. We were very lucky in our day – it cost £60 to stay in halls for a term and that included three meals a day!

I would very much like to continue supporting current students in this way for as long as possible. A couple of years ago I realised that the best way to ensure this was to make a change to my Will. My legacy gift to Nottingham will mean that the prize can be endowed, and continue to be awarded beyond my lifetime.”

Richard Benson
(Politics, 1965)

The impact of legacies to Nottingham



Christine Humfrey outside the Portland Building.

I have decided to leave a legacy gift to The University of Nottingham as a mark of gratitude for what I have gained from my time there, and as a contribution to the continuing impact provided by the University – both nationally and internationally.

I have been fortunate to see this University from the perspective of both a student (my two higher degrees are from Nottingham), and as a member of staff. I have been impressed and

inspired by the vision of its strategy and the quality of its implementation. One of Nottingham's many strengths is the aspiration to educate all its students as global citizens and so to make a real difference in whatever profession they select.

I am pleased to give to a fund which allows increasing numbers of home and international students to study in one another's countries and so take a broader view of the world through experience of life and study overseas. Having contributed to this fund during my lifetime it makes absolute sense to now include a gift in my Will, so that future generations will benefit.”

Christine Humfrey
(MEd Education 1979, PhD Education 1983)



Remembering Bill and Monica Partridge

She was an alumna and Britain's leading expert in Slavonic Languages and he was Head of the School of Pharmacy at the University and a talented local artist.

Following Monica's death in early 2008, aged 92, the University benefited from a legacy of £255,000 from the Partridge Estate. Over the next 10 years this gift is supporting the Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies to undertake undergraduate, postgraduate and staff activities which enable contact with the region. The University has also received the proceeds from the sale of some paintings by Bill – a keen watercolourist – which are being used to fund cancer research at the University.



A lasting reminder to Joe

Dr Li Wai Shing (Joe) and his wife Gladys Hong (both studied Education, 1987) met and fell in love at The University of Nottingham. They returned to the University regularly and planned to celebrate their own Jubilee connection with Nottingham in 2012.

Those plans were sadly not realised when Wai Shing died suddenly at his work at the Hong Kong Institute of Education in 2008. But a devastated Gladys decided she would name a tree in Jubilee Avenue as a permanent memorial to her husband and their happy days at the University.

"Our precious memories are in Nottingham – our studies, our love, our career, our life. We wouldn't have been together without The University of Nottingham."



A gift to remember happy days

When the late Bob Baker made his will he left a sum of money to the University accompanied by the simple phrase "to reflect my joy at being a student there".

A year after his death in 2009, his sister and nephew, Dr Hilary Baker and Michael King, made a special visit to the University to present Bob's legacy in the form of a generous gift of £130,000.

His gift has been used to enhance the student experience for current and future students living in Lincoln Hall. The Coveney Library has been completely revamped, with huge improvements to computer facilities made and new book cases constructed, enabling books to be properly shelved. Bob's legacy has also enhanced and developed the popular programme of tutorial dinners which brings tutors and their students together socially outside of the lecture theatre.

"By using the gift to support students in Chemistry, Lincoln Hall and the upgrading of the hall's library facilities I think Bob would have been delighted"

Dr Hilary Baker

There are practical benefits too, if making a gift through your Will

- Free of inheritance tax, a donation made in your Will can also help reduce the tax liabilities on your estate
- Under UK legislation taking effect from 1 April 2012, if you leave 10% or more of your estate to charitable causes, the rate of any inheritance tax payable is reduced from 40% to 36%.
- If you are a US taxpayer, you will be able to direct your legacy gift to Friends of The University of Nottingham: America Inc., a Private Charitable Foundation under American law (Tax Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3619622) and receive US tax benefits. Please contact us for further information.

What happens next?

Included in the back of this brochure are some additional sheets that you may find useful in considering your legacy gift:

Suggested wording for your Will or Codicil contains some guidance on how to include a gift to the University in your Will, including a brief explanation of some of the legal terms.

The **Codicil** is there for your use if you have already made a Will but you would like to change it, for example to include a gift to The University of Nottingham. This is not a difficult or expensive process, but please do let us know if we can help to ensure that any change is worded correctly.

The **Pledge Form** is included so that you can let us know if you have decided to remember Nottingham in your Will. It is not a legally binding document, but it will mean that we are able to thank you for your legacy pledge during your lifetime and communicate with you appropriately in the future.

When writing or updating your Will, we strongly recommend you seek professional advice from a solicitor.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information – we would be pleased to discuss any specific areas you would like your bequest to support. All information shall of course be treated in the strictest confidence.

The Revis Circle

Anyone pledging to leave a gift in their Will to The University of Nottingham is invited to join the Revis Circle, an exclusive donor recognition society created to thank those who are supporting the University in this unique way.

In 1924, W. H. Revis left a bequest to what was then University College Nottingham to fund scholarships and grants. This was one of the most significant donations that the College received. Even today, the W. H. Revis bequest fund continues to give financial support to our postgraduate students.

If you intend to leave a legacy to The University of Nottingham in your Will, then we would very much like to hear from you so that we can thank you.

It is entirely up to you whether or not you wish to disclose any of the details, although it does help us to plan for the University's future if we know your intentions.

You can also use the enclosed form to share your intentions with us or to find out more about bequests to The University of Nottingham.

For further information please contact:

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www.nottingham.ac.uk/legacies



I wanted to help ensure that future generations of Mechanical Engineers can benefit from the opportunity to learn and research at a leading university. By leaving this legacy gift to Nottingham, a university which played an important part in my life and career and which I am proud to see continuing to develop from strength to strength, I know I will be helping to achieve this.

Sir Joseph Pope
Hon DSc, 1987

Sir Joseph's bequest will enable the establishment of a Research Fellowship Programme for the Department of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering

Undergraduate students studying on the Downs on University Park Campus, with Derby Hall in the background.



Codicil Form

To add to an existing Will

If you already have a Will and would like to amend it to include a legacy to The University of Nottingham, please complete this form, including your signature witnessed by two people who are not related to you or to any person or beneficiary mentioned in your Will. We recommend that the witnesses are not members of staff of the University. You should then send it to the person who currently holds your Will, either the executors or your solicitors, and ask them to store it with (but not stapled, clipped or pinned to) your Will. We also ask if you able to return a copy of the Codicil form for our records.

I (full name)

Of (address)

Declare this to be a Codicil to my Will dated (date in words)

Which is lodged with (address of Solicitor/Bank/Other)

In addition to any legacies given in my said Will I give The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD (Exempt Charity Number X15294)

The sum of (in figures and words) £

OR

a % share of my residuary estate to be used for general purpose

or for the purpose of

(Please complete as appropriate and cross out the option not required)

I declare that the receipt of the Registrar or other authorised officer of The University of Nottingham shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.

Signed by the above named Date

Witnessed by the following persons who have signed their names in the presence of each other and of the person named above:

Name

Occupation

Address

Signed

Date

Name

Occupation

Address

Signed

Date



Suggested Wording

For your Will or Codicil

Here are some brief guidance notes on the types of bequest along with some suggested legal wording for each.

We strongly recommend that you seek professional advice from a qualified legal or financial practitioner before completing the process.

Residuary bequest

A gift of all or a percentage or share of your estate after allowing for expenses, pecuniary and specific bequests. The advantage of a residuary bequest is that it maintains its real value in relative terms, regardless of inflation.

Wording

"I give to The University of Nottingham all (or a percentage or share) of my residuary estate to be applied to the general purposes (or your preferred area) of the said University and I declare that the receipt of the Registrar or other authorised officer for the time being of the University shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

Reversionary bequest

A gift of assets to a chosen beneficiary subject to the rights of a named person or persons to receive the benefit of those assets during his or her lifetime. For example, it could enable you to leave your residuary estate to an organisation such as the University, but on condition that a spouse or friend could continue to receive the income of that part of your estate (or to continue to live in your house) until he or she died. The capital would then pass to the University on the death of that person.

Wording

The wording above should be adapted to suit your particular needs and wishes.

Pecuniary bequest

A gift of a fixed sum of money. The disadvantage of a fixed sum of money is that because of inflation the value of the gift may reduce over time, which may require the Will to be updated at a later date.

Wording

"I give to The University of Nottingham the sum of (in figures and in words) free from all taxes and duties, to be applied to the general purposes (or your preferred area) of the said University and I declare that the receipt of the Registrar or other authorised officer for the time being of the University shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

Thank you for considering including The University of Nottingham in your Will.



Your Legacy Pledge

If you are thinking of leaving a gift to The University of Nottingham in your Will, or you have already made provision to do so, then please complete this form and return it to us in the envelope provided. The information will help us to communicate with you appropriately in the future and ensure that we are able to honour your intentions, for example if you would like your gift to benefit a specific purpose or subject.

You do not have to complete every section and any pledge you make is **not** legally binding. Please be assured that any information you supply will be treated in strictest confidence.

Title First name(s)

Last name

Address

Preferred contact phone number

Email address

I am a graduate of The University of Nottingham Yes ☐ No ☐

My legacy intentions (please tick any that apply):

- ☐ I have remembered The University of Nottingham in my Will
- ☐ I intend to remember The University of Nottingham in my Will, but I have not yet changed/made my Will to reflect my wishes
- ☐ I would like someone to contact me to discuss my legacy plans

I would like my legacy to support (please tick one box):

- ☐ Unrestricted – I would like to give The University of Nottingham the flexibility to direct my legacy gift to the area where it will make the most difference at the time of its receipt (this could be academic or research related activities and/or student support)
- ☐ Student Support
- ☐ Research (please specify which area)
- ☐ Library and computing facilities
- ☐ Other (please specify)

I intend to remember/I have remembered (please delete as appropriate) The University of Nottingham in my Will, by leaving (please tick as appropriate):

- ☐ A share of my estate
- ☐ A cash sum
- ☐ A specific item

(Optional) The estimated value of my proposed legacy is

I would like to receive further information about the Revis Circle ☐

Please return your form to: Andrew Wright, Campaign and Alumni Relations Office, Ground Floor, Pope Building, The University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD

Thank you very much for your support