

## SHOULD YOU LET US KNOW IF YOU DECIDE TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE MUSEUM?

We understand that a person's Will is a very personal document but, if you feel it is appropriate to let us know about your future plans, please do get in touch. We would be very happy to discuss your intentions, answer your questions and provide you with a further opportunity to reflect on, for example, whether you wish your act of kindness to be openly acknowledged.

### WHO CAN YOU CONTACT?

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift to support the future of our Museum, please contact our Curator, Sara Taylor, or the Chair of the Trustees. Arrangements can be made through an initial telephone call to 01992 582686. Further information also is available on the Museum's website [www.hertfordmuseum.org](http://www.hertfordmuseum.org).



### PLEASE REMEMBER:

- A decision to leave a legacy gift is a positive act for the future that can give you real satisfaction NOW!
- A legacy gift can be big or small-you can be sure the gift will be managed carefully and in line with financial best practice
- A legacy gift can ensure your commitment to our Museum and to the Hertford area is tangible for many years to come



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TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE





For over 100 years Hertford Museum has collected, conserved and shared a remarkable collection that tells stories of local history and global exploration.

The work of the Museum has only been possible thanks to the generosity and hard work of individuals. Will you become a part of our Museum's history by supporting its future?

## WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD A GIFT IN YOUR WILL MAKE TO OUR MUSEUM?

Legacy gifts will play a crucial role in the future of the Museum. No matter the size, a gift will have a lasting impact.

Your personal gift would help to support:

- Caring for the Museum's collection of over 100,000 objects
- Ensuring the Museum is a place of learning, enrichment and fun for children and adults alike
- Continuing the Museum's commitment to local schools, villages and community groups



- Maintaining the programme of outstanding exhibitions and gallery displays
- Preserving and ensuring the sound structure of our Grade II Listed Museum Building

A legacy gift will inspire future generations to discover, understand and connect to Hertford, the villages of East Hertfordshire and to the wider world.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER BEFORE LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT?

If you are thinking of leaving a legacy gift, you will be reflecting on the special place the Museum holds in your life. You may have valued a particular role at the Museum, enjoyed memorable visits with your family, friends, children (and grandchildren) or have a sincere commitment to the cultural life and to learning in our town and surrounding area.

The process of writing or amending your Will need not be complicated but we do recommend you consult a solicitor who can advise on a number of matters including how a legacy can reduce inheritance tax. If you already have a Will, a solicitor can explain about making a small change known as a codicil.



Before making a decision, you need to think whether to leave a gift of a fixed sum or, instead, to leave a percentage of your estate. Some people prefer offering a restricted gift (i.e. where you specify what it should be used for) while others prefer an unrestricted gift (which can be used to support the Museum's greatest needs).

