



Help us see well into the future

Leaving a gift in your will to Glaucoma UK



Glaucoma and what we do



Glaucoma is a leading cause of preventable blindness. 11,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with the disease each year.

Glaucoma is an eye disease where the optic nerve is damaged. Once sight is lost, it is gone forever. There is no cure. If it's not treated, glaucoma will lead to irreversible sight loss and even blindness. Being diagnosed with glaucoma can be unexpected and frightening.

What would it mean to you to gradually lose your sight; not to see your children or grandchildren clearly; to no longer being able to drive?

Glaucoma doesn't have to mean sight loss. Glaucoma UK can help at every stage of the glaucoma journey, from diagnosis right through to the various treatment options available.

At Glaucoma UK we want to end needless glaucoma sight loss. We campaign to raise awareness so glaucoma is detected early and can be treated, we support people to live well with glaucoma and we fund sight saving research.

We are the only UK charity solely dedicated to supporting and representing people with glaucoma. We champion their needs and ensure they have the advice, care and treatment needed to help them retain useful sight for life.



Hayley's story



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It was a shock when I was diagnosed. I thought that it was a condition that only affected older people. I wasn't aware that close relatives of someone with glaucoma are at an increased risk of developing the condition.”

Hayley Burke was diagnosed with glaucoma in both eyes at age 39. She is pictured here with her daughter Amy Louise.

“My dad had glaucoma and now that I have been diagnosed too, I am concerned that my daughter, Amy Louise (aged 24) and son Ashley (aged 21), may also develop glaucoma.

It gives me confidence to know that Glaucoma UK will be there to support my family in the future and this is because of people leaving gifts in their wills to the charity.

I am grateful to all those who have given in this way - thank you.”

As Hayley was diagnosed early, her life carries on as it was before. She has lost some peripheral vision, but takes eye drops twice a day to control her glaucoma.

With your help, we will be able to reach more people and continue to be here for everyone, like Hayley and her family, from diagnosis onwards.



Will you make a difference?



Making a will is essential to ensure your wishes are carried out but it is also an opportunity to do something amazing.

It is important to make a will, whatever your age. However, it can be difficult to make decisions of this sort as no one likes to think of the end of their life.

Making a will ensures that you are in control of what happens to your possessions and property when you have gone.

By leaving a gift in your will to Glaucoma UK, you will be continuing the fight against preventable blindness. You will help us to continue to represent people with or at risk of glaucoma, ensuring they have the advice, care and treatment which will help them to retain useful sight for life.

We understand that giving donations of this sort is confidential and private to you, but should you decide to leave a gift in your will and would like to let us know, you can do so by using the contact details at the back of this booklet.

“ Many many thanks for being there for me in my hour of need when I was diagnosed with glaucoma. It is so good to know that you can get help when you are in despair.”

A glaucoma patient's thanks to Glaucoma UK



Every gift, large or small, will make a difference



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Types of gifts you may consider leaving are:

Pecuniary legacy (a fixed sum)

To leave a fixed amount of money, you need to give a pecuniary legacy, stating the exact figure you wish Glaucoma UK to receive.

A specific legacy

If you want to leave a particular item to Glaucoma UK, you'll be giving a specific legacy. It's important to describe the item clearly.

Residuary legacy (a percentage share)

Once your beneficiaries of pecuniary and specific gifts have been taken care of under the provisions of your Will, and any debts paid, there is likely to be some money left over, this is known as the 'residue'. It is important to state in your will who should receive it. You can leave the entire residue to one person, or to Glaucoma UK, or divide it into percentage shares.

Residuary legacies are often the best way to divide your estate amongst family and friends as it is a proportional amount based on the value of your estate at the time of giving. This means that, unlike a fixed amount, your gift will not decline in value as time passes and inflation mounts.

Free will writing service

We offer a free will writing service, connecting you with a qualified solicitor in your local area. This makes writing your will simple and convenient.

You can have a simple will drafted free of charge by a local solicitor chosen from a UK-wide network of solicitors, all of whom are supporters of The Law Society. If you already have a will, you can take this opportunity to have it updated. There is no obligation to leave a gift to Glaucoma UK.

The offer applies to writing simple wills. If your chosen solicitor advises you that your will is more complicated, you will be asked to pay the solicitor for the extra work involved. Should this be the case, it is your decision whether to proceed with the service, and there is absolutely no obligation to continue if you don't want to.

For more information please call **01233 64 81 64** or email **fundraising@glaucoma.uk**

Thank you for considering supporting people with glaucoma by leaving Glaucoma UK a gift in your will.

Your kindness and generosity will ensure we will be able to continue providing support services to all who need them, free of charge, for many years to come.

Your kind and thoughtful tribute will make a difference - quite possibly preventing someone from losing their sight unnecessarily.

We understand that giving donations of this sort is private between you and your family, but should you want further information, to discuss this with us or to simply let us know that you are leaving a gift to Glaucoma UK in your will, please call 01233 64 81 64 or email fundraising@glaucoma.uk for a confidential chat.



Leaving a gift in your will to Glaucoma UK
can help change the outlook for people with
glaucoma.

Thank you!

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