



Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew

**Leave a gift in your
Will to Kew or Wakehurst**

**Help protect the natural world
for generations to come**

Supporting our work

At the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, we're dedicated to harnessing the power of botany to end the extinction crisis and secure a future for all life on Earth.

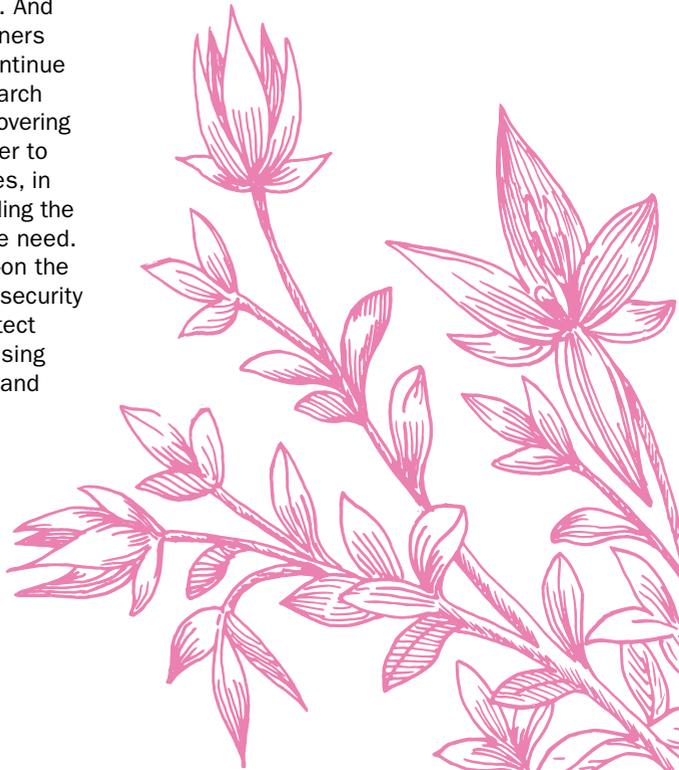
The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is home to two of the world's finest botanic gardens, with visitors enjoying extraordinary beauty at both Kew Gardens and Wakehurst.

In 1881, Charles Darwin bequeathed a foundational legacy to Kew. Since then, a group of the gardens' closest supporters have contributed to that inheritance and left gifts in Wills that ensure that these extraordinary gardens remain a site of inspiration, solace and delight for generations to come.

Our experts have been at the forefront of cataloguing, protecting and researching plant and fungal life for centuries. And today, working with over 400 partners across over 180 countries, we continue to conduct leading scientific research and conservation work. We're uncovering the solutions plants and fungi offer to humanity's most critical challenges, in cleaning the air we breathe, providing the food we eat and the medicines we need. In doing so, we are tackling head-on the impact of climate change, food insecurity and biodiversity loss, helping protect untold lives and livelihoods and using our trusted voice to shape policy and practice worldwide.

As a charity, we simply cannot continue this essential work without our supporters. By leaving just a small percentage of your estate as a gift in your Will to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, you're helping to sustain the gardens for future generations, as well as making a distinctive and substantial contribution to a greener, more sustainable planet.

Together, we will end the extinction crisis and help create a world where nature is protected, valued by all and managed sustainably. Thank you, so very much, for your support.





Palm House



As a charity, we rely on this critical support, not only to sustain the gardens but also to protect global plant and fungal biodiversity for the benefit of our planet and humanity.



Meadow at Wakehurst





The difference you make

Every year, legacy gifts wholly and partly fund many critical projects here at Kew.

Recently, gifts in Wills have enabled us to inspire the next generation of experts, by funding scholarships and apprenticeships in Kew Science and at our world-renowned School of Horticulture. The wide range of educational opportunities offered by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew help people of all ages and at all levels hone their fieldwork skills and prepare for flourishing future botanical careers.

We are also continuing to protect some of the world's most vulnerable habitats, by funding our Tropical Important Plant Areas (TIPAs) work in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Bolivia and New Guinea. Many of the world's plant species at threat of extinction are native to the tropics, where natural habitats are destroyed for agriculture, industry, energy and development. In these areas, data and resources for locating and protecting species at risk are lacking. Kew's TIPAs work takes place in territories across the globe – using simple, scientifically sound and verifiable criteria to identify concentrations of threatened species, enabling national authorities to prioritise their protection.



Testimonials from current legacy supporters

'I love Kew because it plays a large part in my memory of my childhood... It's nice to think that now, by this little gift, I'm playing my part in promoting something that I admire so much.' – Camilla

'I want to leave something to future generations. I think Kew's work is just so important – people will appreciate it for years and years.' – Maureen

'Kew is looking to the future. Scientists at Kew are always looking for answers to fight plant diseases which can affect things like food security, and I think that's a very important thing for them to do, and that's the reason I'm leaving my legacy.' – Stanley

How to leave a gift in your Will

Leaving just a small percentage of your estate as a gift to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in your Will can help secure the future of our planet and will provide lasting benefits for future generations.

Gifts, including gifts in Wills, to charity are inheritance tax free, and if you leave more than ten per cent to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew you can reduce the amount of tax you pay on your remaining taxable estate.

If you would like to include Kew Gardens or Wakehurst in your Will, you can create or update your Will with a solicitor.

If you need to update your current Will, we suggest you contact your solicitor to ensure that the changes you make are legally binding.

When you are ready to make or update your Will and would like to leave a gift to Kew Gardens or Wakehurst, the essential information you will need for your solicitor are our name, address and charity number, which are as follows:



**Name: Foundation and Friends
of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**

Address: Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB

Charity number: 803428

Each gift, no matter how large or small, can make a difference to benefit generations to come.

Personalising your gift

We are here to help you consider the gift that might suit you best.

If you have something specific in mind that you'd like to support with a gift in your Will, and you're not sure which wording to use, please get in touch with us.

Contact us on legacies@kew.org
or **020 8332 3249**.

Our promise to you

- We understand that your family and friends will always come first.
- We understand that this is your decision alone, and will never pressure you to make it.
- We will always respect your privacy and will never sell your personal information, share your intentions or ask about the size or type of gift if you choose to support us in this way – every gift, large or small will have an impact.
- We will keep you as up to date and informed as you wish and will offer you opportunities to come and see us.
- We will ensure that your gift is used to help the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew achieve its mission to understand and protect plants and fungi, for the wellbeing of people and the future of all life on Earth.

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will, we'd love to know, as it helps us plan for the future.

If you should choose to let us know, we can acknowledge your support and keep you up to date with our activities through events and newsletters.

To learn more, do get in touch via legacies@kew.org or on **020 8332 3249**.



Bee on tufted vetch (*Vicia cracca*)



Join us today

Your role as a legacy supporter of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is vitally important.

Each and every legacy gift helps us to inspire an enduring love of nature.

Furthermore, each gift helps our world-leading experts to protect global plant and fungal biodiversity, end the extinction crisis and help create a world where nature is protected, valued and managed sustainably.

Together, we can use the incredible power of plants and fungi to protect all life on Earth. Our future is botanic.

Thank you.







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