



Owned and volunteer run by the Halifax Thespians Limited

Legacy Giving

Understanding Legacy Giving Leaving a legacy is something everyone can do.

Remembering us in your Will can make a great difference to our work in the future and your support will have a lasting impact on the Halifax Playhouse and the Halifax Thespians. One simple sentence in your Will is all it takes to ensure a dynamic future for Halifax Playhouse.

And leaving just 1% of your estate can make a difference. Our theatre holds a special place in the hearts of many. This may be because their career began on our stage or because of the wonderful memories of meeting friends and family for a night of joy and wonder. Please consider leaving a gift in your Will and help us continue bringing joy for years to come.

Gifts in Wills

The first thing to remember when leaving a gift to us in your Will is to include our full name, registered address, and charity number: **Halifax Thespians Limited, King Cross Street, Halifax HX1 2SH. Registered Charity Number: 1103913.**

The second, is that your gift can take multiple forms. You could leave:

- A pecuniary gift (such as a cash legacy or particular asset).
- A share of your residuary estate (once you've taken care of loved ones).

You can:

- Leave a gift to us when you make a new Will.
- Amend your existing Will using a codicil form.
- Complete a letter of wishes (although this is not legally binding). As a registered charity, no inheritance tax is payable on the amount of your gift. So, in addition to supporting us, your legacy gift could also reduce the inheritance tax liability on your estate. Anyone leaving a minimum 10% of their taxable estate to charity can qualify for a reduced rate, down from the usual 40% of taxable wealth to 36%.

Legacy gifts support all our work at the Halifax Thespians Limited with the upkeep of their Grade II listed building, the Halifax Playhouse.

You may wish to stipulate a specific area of the Theatre you would like your gift to go towards. If so, we would please ask you to consider expressing your wish as a non-binding wish. The Will then allow us to put your money to use in other areas in case the area stipulated in your Will is no longer applicable.

We recommend you seek the help of a solicitor when writing your Will.

Jargon Explained

Will – a legal document containing details of who you want to receive your estate when you die.

Pecuniary gift – a cash gift of a specific amount.

Estate – everything you own at your time of death, both physical such as your house, and non-physical, for example investments.

Legacy – a gift of a specific amount or item that you leave in your Will.

Letter of wishes – is not legally binding and acts as a record of your intentions.

Residuary Estate – the sum to be distributed to the named beneficiaries after expenses, legacies, and liabilities have been deducted. **Asset** – parts of your estate which are worth money.

Codicil – a codicil is an addition or change to your Will.

Non-binding wish – the charity can choose whether or not to comply with your wish