

Gifts in wills

Can you help us to secure the long term future of the Arcadian Thames and to remember the landscape you and your loved ones are passionate about? Any gift, no matter how large or small, makes a lasting difference to help conserve the place that is special to you. Remember the Arcadian Thames with a gift in your will.

Why leave a gift in your will

The Arcadian Thames between Weybridge and Kew forms one of the most remarkable and iconic landscapes in Europe. The parks and gardens, houses and wildlife, views and avenues are much cherished and often cited as the reason why people choose to live in this part of the world. These special places do not simply look after themselves however – they need constant care and management so that future generations can enjoy them as much as we did.

The Thames Landscape Strategy is a not-for-profit organisation whose sole aim is to conserve, enhance and promote the Arcadian Thames including the river corridor in Kew, Brentford, Isleworth, Richmond, Ham, Twickenham, Teddington, Kingston, Thames Ditton, Hampton, Molesey, Walton and Weybridge. Over the past ten years we have carried out over 285,000 volunteer hours of work and raised £20M to conserve the Thames landscape through our project work. This work is only possible because of the generosity of our funders and would not have happened without your contribution

Legacies play an important part in helping us to conserve and enhance the Arcadian Thames. Making a will or an amendment to an existing will is more straightforward and less expensive than you might think and can have many long term benefits. Any legacy that you would kindly wish to leave the Thames Landscape Strategy should be directed through the Father Thames Trust – the charitable arm of the TLS.



How to leave a gift

Whether you're making a will for the first time or simply changing an existing will, it's easier than you might think to leave the Father Thames Trust a gift. Of course, family and friends will be your first priority. But you can also leave a gift to the next generation, and many generations to come, whilst helping to conserve the remarkable Arcadian Thames. No gift is too little to make a lasting difference – we're grateful for every act of generosity and every penny we receive.

A small contribution could help replant a lost tree in a historic avenue, or cover the costs of a volunteer day along the riverside. It could help rebuild a crumbling footpath, ensuring one of the Arcadian Thames' glorious views are protected. Every gift makes a difference. It's always helpful to have gifts in wills that can be used wherever they're most urgently needed and in particular to help support the small but dynamic team at the Thames Landscape Strategy. Every year we need to raise a minimum of £100,000 simply to keep the organisation going. But we also understand that you may wish for your gift to benefit a specific place that's important to you. Simply tell us what your wishes are. We'll be pleased to honour them.

First, you'll need to decide what type of gift you'd like to leave and whether you'd like it to be used in any particular way, for example you may leave an un-restricted gift or you may wish to protect a particular place such as 'Petersham', or a view such as 'The View from Richmond Hill', the towpath or a particular park or garden such as 'Canbury Gardens'. You may even specify what your wish would be in any given place and we will do our best to implement these wishes. Next, decide which type of gift to leave. With a residuary gift, you can leave the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of it, once family and friends have been provided for. With a pecuniary gift, you can specify a particular amount of money or a valuable saleable item, like a piece of jewellery, a property or furniture. If you're liable for inheritance tax, it's possible to reduce it by leaving a gift to the Father Thames Trust or another charity. We recommend that you speak to a solicitor before making your will and once your will is written to keep a copy of it with your solicitor or bank, and hold a copy yourself. You should also tell your executors where they can find the original.

Every penny that is received by the Father Thames Trust goes towards the Thames Landscape Strategy. You will need to provide the Father Thames Trust's full details in your will (below in bold) and also specify that your gift to the Father Thames Trust is for the Thames Landscape Strategy. For an informal discussion or if you have any further questions about legacies please contact Jason Debney at Holly Lodge. Rest assured that whatever gift you leave will be used wisely and effectively.

The Father Thames Trust, c/o Thames Landscape Strategy, Holly Lodge, Richmond Park, Richmond TW10 5HS. The Father Thames Trust is registered with the England and Wales Charity Commission registration number: 1054655 and works with the Thames Landscape Strategy as its preferred charity.

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