



# Leave a Lasting Connection

A gift in your Will could help keep connection, community and support alive for future generations across West Lothian.



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If you are reading this booklet, the chances are you are already considering leaving a gift in your Will, and for that, thank you.

You will likely already know the difference West Lothian 50+ Network makes in people's lives, and we want to make sure that continues for years to come.

Every group, every conversation and every friendship starts with someone choosing to be part of something bigger. What exists across West Lothian today has been shaped by members supporting one another, giving their time, and helping the Network grow into what it is now.

For many people, the Network is the difference between being alone and feeling part of a community.

Leaving a gift in your Will is one way to help make sure that continues for others in the years ahead. It is not something we expect, and it is not something everyone will choose to do, but it is one of the most meaningful ways you can support the future of the Network.

Any gift, no matter the size, will directly support future members to find friendship, connection and a place to belong.

Quite simply, gifts like this help make sure no one is left behind.

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# Why Your Support Matters

Across West Lothian, many people experience loneliness and isolation, particularly later in life.

For some, it can mean long days without conversation, few opportunities to get out, and feeling disconnected from the community around them.

West Lothian 50+ Network exists to change that.

Every week, our groups bring people together. Friendships are formed, confidence grows, and people begin to feel part of something again.

This is what your support would help make possible.





## The Difference Your Gift Could Make

A gift in your Will helps us to plan for the future with confidence and continue supporting older people across West Lothian for years to come.

It allows us to grow in a way that is sustainable, ensuring that the Network is here not just for today's members, but for those who will need it in the future.

Your gift could help to:

- start new groups in communities where people feel isolated and opportunities are limited
- keep our Hub in Bathgate open, welcoming and accessible to all
- support and develop the volunteers who make local groups possible
- provide affordable activities, events and trips that bring people together

Most importantly, it helps ensure that connection, friendship and community continue for future members.



## What The Network Means To Me

*Real experiences shared by our members across West Lothian*

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Stops me from being lonely

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It gives me something to look forward to instead of sitting at home.

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I now have a full social life with many new friends

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It has opened up access to local people and activities and stopped feelings of isolation

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Following the death of my husband, joining the Network helped me try new activities and meet people

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I was new to West Lothian and knew no-one. I now have a full social life with many new friends

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It is the best thing for me since retiring



## A Gift That Works for You

Leaving a gift in your Will is a personal decision, and one that should always feel right for you.

There are no expectations, and we understand that your family and loved ones will always come first. Many people choose to leave a gift after taking care of those closest to them, as a way of supporting something that has meant something in their life.

### Things to Keep in Mind

- you can change your Will at any time
- you are under no obligation to leave a gift
- any gift, no matter the size, makes a difference
- your gift will help support future members across West Lothian

### Looking Ahead

By choosing to leave a gift, you are helping ensure that the Network continues to be there for people who may need it in the future.

For someone who may be feeling isolated, new to the area, or simply looking for connection, that support can make a real difference.



## How to Leave a Gift in Your Will

Leaving a gift in your Will is a straightforward process and can be done when making a new Will or updating an existing one. Many people choose to do this after taking care of family and loved ones, as a way of supporting a cause that has meant something to them.

There are a few simple ways you can leave a gift:

### **Types of Gift**

#### ***A share of your estate***

A percentage of what remains after other gifts have been made. This is one of the most common ways, as it keeps your Will flexible over time.

#### ***A fixed sum***

A specific amount of money.

#### ***A specific item***

Such as jewellery, property or another item of value.

### **What to Do Next**

We recommend speaking to a solicitor when making or updating your Will. They will ensure everything is clear, valid and reflects your wishes. If you already have a Will, it can usually be updated easily without needing to start again.

### **Suggested Wording**

If you decide to leave a gift to West Lothian 50+ Network, the following wording can be used:  
"I give to West Lothian 50+ Network (SCIO), registered charity SC051335, the sum of £\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_% of my estate for its general charitable purposes."



**If you choose to support the  
West Lothian 50+ Network  
with a gift in your Will, your legacy will  
help ensure that our community lives on  
for others**

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