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# What will your legacy be?

Leaving a gift in your will to  
The Architectural Heritage Fund



**AHF** Transforming  
Heritage

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## Help us to conserve the UK's unique and irreplaceable heritage for future generations

Since 1976, the AHF has supported nearly 2000 community and heritage-led regeneration projects across the UK through £90m of loan offers and over £37m in grants, helping to preserve and breathe new life into beloved historic buildings and places for the benefit of their communities.

However, built heritage continues to face new threats everyday, from neglect to changing ways of living, with many heritage buildings at risk of being lost forever. Their future depends on finding new uses that serve their community's needs, making the AHF's work more important than ever before.

You can be part of the solution too: by donating or leaving a bequest to the AHF, together we can continue supporting communities and historic buildings for many years to come.

Through our core model, which focuses on advice, early-stage grants, and repayable loans, much of our funding is recycled over time. Therefore, we are extremely grateful for every gift we receive, as a single one can make a difference across the country and across generations.

Thank you for joining us on our journey to conserve the UK's unique and irreplaceable heritage.



**Kelcey Wilson-Lee**

**Director of Programmes and Deputy CEO**

“I first learned about the Architectural Heritage Fund from my father. He was Master of the Gunmakers’ Company in 1997-1998, and the AHF was one of the charities they supported.

I’ve always been interested in historic buildings and could see that the AHF’s work in and around my home in Norwich was helping preserve the character of the city.

Since 1999, I’ve been a donor to the AHF. The charity is keeping alive our history in towns across Britain. I want to support that work to continue, and that’s why I have included the AHF among the charities that will benefit from my estate. Through my bequest, the AHF’s legacy of helping communities to save their heritage becomes part of my own legacy.”

**Simon**

**Legator and Friend of the AHF since 1999**

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Becket's Chapel in Wymondham, Norfolk, England.

# What can your gift help us to achieve?

## Safeguard our heritage



West Boathouse, Glasgow, Scotland. Credit - David Collie.

The AHF exists to help people conserve and find new purposes for treasured historic buildings. From medieval churches to Georgian coaching inns to Victorian mills and Art Deco lidos, hundreds of our projects across the UK showcase Britain's rich history and are sources of deep pride for their communities.

With our help and your generous support, we can ensure that these significant heritage assets - along with their individual tales and legacies - are protected, and that they remain at the heart of our towns, cities and villages for generations to come.

## Support communities to thrive

The AHF works with charities and social enterprises, helping them to adapt and breathe new life into the historic buildings they care about for the benefit of their communities, particularly those in disadvantaged areas.

Through the AHF's work, pubs come into community ownership, former department stores reopen as music venues, and closed high street banks provide workspace and affordable housing. Projects like these help communities across the UK to thrive, creating more spaces to live, work and learn, as well as providing hubs for people to come together to socialise and enjoy arts and culture.

With your support, we can continue helping community groups to secure the most sustainable and beneficial futures for their beloved historic buildings.

The Drewe Arms Community Pub, Devon, England. Credit - Drewsteignton Community Society.



# How to leave us a gift in your will

In order to arrange to make a gift, you may need to either draw up a new will or add a codicil to your present will. In any situation of making or amending your will, you are advised to seek professional legal assistance.

Should you wish to remember the AHF in your will, its proper name is: The Architectural Heritage Fund. Our address is: 3 Spital Yard, Spital Square, London E1 6AQ, UK. As the AHF is a registered charity, it may receive gifts free of tax. Bequests may be made to the AHF free of UK Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax. Within the UK, we are a Registered Charity No. 266780.



The Woolstore, Caledon, Northern Ireland. Credit - Mark Hackett.

An unrestricted gift can be especially valuable to the AHF, as it will allow us to support the greatest needs and highest priorities of the time. In order to leave an unrestricted gift, we would suggest the AHF is named as a beneficiary, with the following wording, 'with the request that it be used for the general purposes of the Fund'.

It may also be possible to direct your gift towards a particular purpose or aim. Please contact us to discuss your aim, should you be considering a gift focused in a particular area.



Old Observatory House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh, Scotland. Credit - Paul Andrews.

If you have already decided to include a gift to the AHF in your will, we would be most grateful to be notified, so that not only can we thank you but we can also plan for the eventual receipt of the gift and its use.

For further information on leaving a gift to the Fund in your will, or discussion of your plans in preparation for doing so, please contact:

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Y Storws, Bardsey Island/ Ynys Enlli, Gwynedd, Wales. Credit - Bardsey Island Trust/ Ymddiriedolaeth Ynys Enlli.

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## Recognising our Legacy Supporters

Leaving a bequest to the AHF can still allow you to enjoy a connection with our charity during your life.

To show our gratitude for your generous support and to enable you to keep up to date with the impact that you have made possible, you will receive our **Stewardship Package**, which includes the following:

- Our bi-monthly newsletter;
- A print version of our Annual Review;
- An annual 'Before and After' special report; and
- An invitation to our Annual Event and other events throughout our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign year in 2026.

## Life Patrons and Benefactors

If you are considering a gift to the AHF in your will, you may also wish to consider joining the following groups, and letting us know of your giving intention:

- **Life Patrons**, bequests of £10,000 or greater, receive our news tracker emails and bi-monthly newsletter, as well as an invitation to attend our Annual Dinner and to accompany staff and trustees on one site visit per year; and
- **Life Benefactors**, bequests of £50,000 or greater, receive invitations to dinners, meetings and site visits across the calendar year.

All of our Legacy Supporters are recognised in our Annual Review.

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The Clocktower, Dufftown, Moray, Scotland. Credit - Dufftown and District Community Association.

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