

# *leaving a gift in your Will*



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## PLEDGING TO SUPPORT FORCE

**FORCE has been supporting LOCAL people affected by cancer since 1987 and we are dedicated to improving the lives of families, friends and colleagues in our communities now and in the future.**

You can help us do that.

By leaving a gift to FORCE in your Will, you'll be investing in our mission to continue offering the best possible support for people dealing with cancer, face to face and close to home.

We have spent more than £10million right here in Devon on supporting cancer patients and the people they care about.

We provide support and information to thousands of local people every year, we fund cancer research projects, we buy equipment to improve diagnosis and treatment and we pay for specialist nurses to deliver chemotherapy.

We're passionate about ensuring that all those things are available for generations to come and you can be a part of that vision.

None of what we do is possible without the incredibly generous financial support of the people we serve. **We rely mostly on voluntary donations so gifts in Wills are a vital part of our income.**

They offer the gift of hope and guarantee that your support for FORCE lives on.

Every penny we receive is spent locally and **we are committed to putting your gift to good use where it matters most.**

We can't predict exactly what the future holds but with **your help** we can be ready to tackle whatever it brings.

**Thank you for making a difference.**



Every **two minutes** someone in England will be told they have cancer



Half of people born **since 1960** will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime



The **national spend** on cancer care in 2013/14 was £6.7bn growing to an anticipated £13bn by 2020/21

## PETER'S STORY

Looking back at my career as a local solicitor, I don't think there were many weeks when I didn't advise a client about the importance of making a Will. It always amazed me how many people had not quite got round to it!

I have seen first-hand how things can go wrong if a person dies without making their intentions clear in a Will. It can lead to heartbreak, injustice and a lot of upset.

Making a Will doesn't take a lot of time and need not be expensive. In my opinion it is best to seek the help and advice of a solicitor to make sure all matters are considered and that the Will is properly completed.

When you make a Will you want to ensure your loved ones are properly



provided for first but, if there is some spare cash, I would urge anyone to leave a little something in the form of a legacy to their favourite charity – FORCE.

A few years ago, I worked in the fundraising department at FORCE and saw how valuable a legacy can be. It can be a game changer as it allows FORCE to fund some of the extras which they couldn't otherwise afford. This in turn allows FORCE to provide even better service to the many thousands who seek their support year on year.

I urge you to think seriously about making a Will and, if you are able, to include a legacy to FORCE to help people in the future.

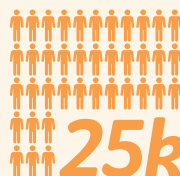
**Peter Payne**

# 10+

More than half of people receiving a cancer diagnosis will now live **10 years** or more



In 2012, nearly 30,000 patients were living **locally** with a cancer diagnosis; this is predicted to rise to 57,600 by 2030



There are 25,000 **visits** per year to the FORCE Cancer Support Centres in Exeter, Tiverton, Okehampton and Honiton


## A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO FORCE CAN MAKE A MASSIVE DIFFERENCE

When you make or amend your Will, we hope you will consider leaving a gift to FORCE so that we can help support anyone affected by cancer in the years to come.


Every legacy that FORCE receives is precious and has the power to transform lives.



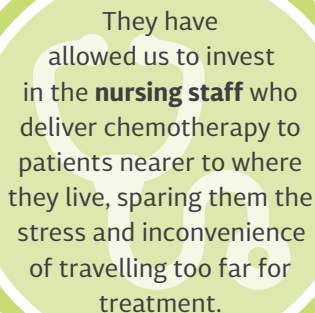
They have enabled us to take our services into more **communities**. Our FORCE@ initiatives in Okehampton, Tiverton and Honiton mean thousands of people can access the support they need closer to home.



They have paid for **equipment** like the Pinpoint machine that allows cancer specialists to save lives, reduce unnecessary treatment and cut costs to the hospital.



They have helped us inspire cancer **researchers** of the future at the University of Exeter Medical School.



They have allowed us to invest in the **nursing staff** who deliver chemotherapy to patients nearer to where they live, sparing them the stress and inconvenience of travelling too far for treatment.

**Leaving a gift to FORCE in your Will can make a difference to someone you care about and is a special way to be remembered.**



Within a 5 year period 30% of our income came from gifts in **Wills**



For every £1 donation **72p** goes on helping support those affected by cancer (as at 2018/19 financial year)



**FORCE@ support** in the community began only because of a generous legacy



In 2018 FORCE spent **£123,000** on an endoscopic ultrasound machine, which now enables physicians to provide accurate diagnosis for specific cancers without the need for surgical access



FORCE relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions so gifts from supporters are essential to our work

## A MESSAGE FROM MERIEL FISHWICK, CEO

FORCE is at a pivotal stage in its development. In everything we do there has always been a focus on sustainability and we have continually adapted to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. Our core values remain central to everything we do. To ensure a future for all areas of our work we are dependant on voluntary income and the importance of gifts to FORCE and the people we support cannot be underestimated.



FORCE is not in a position to dedicate big sums of money to promotional campaigns that encourage people to leave a gift in their Will or offer a free Will writing service. So we simply urge you to think hard about your choices and remember FORCE if you are considering charitable gifts.

Thank you.

## KAY'S STORY

FORCE was our lifeline when Mum was ill. They helped her and our family at a time when we so desperately needed support.

Mum was diagnosed with breast cancer and her nurse advised Mum to pop over to FORCE to see what they do. We were blown away by their support. FORCE gave Mum and all the family somewhere to go when we needed a cuppa before or after her hospital appointments, support nurses were there for my Mum to talk through any symptoms and help her understand what was happening at different stages.

Mum attended groups and met friends in similar circumstances, we got help with filling in forms for benefits. FORCE made Mum smile when she attended the Look Good Feel Better group for a makeover and was given lots of makeup and other products to take away. She was so happy. It's a memory I will never forget.

FORCE helped her with wigs and scarves, how to wear them. They helped Mum when she was in remission, how to move forward with life after cancer and again we were helped immensely by FORCE when she was diagnosed with bone, liver and lung cancer.

Once the cancer was terminal, our family needed more support and we all had counselling and bereavement support through FORCE.



FORCE kept us all together and strong for Mum. Without them we would have been in a very different place. We will always be grateful for all their help and making an extremely sad situation that little bit easier.

FORCE cannot operate without public support. Leaving a legacy gives a little bit back to FORCE and enables them to help other people in difficult times when faced with cancer.

I would encourage everyone to make a Will and leave a gift to FORCE, however big or small, to enable them to carry on with the wonderful work they do helping families in times of crisis when faced with cancer.

**Kay Jeffery**



## MAKING A WILL

Making a Will is important because it's the only way to be sure your wishes are carried out.

Having an up-to-date Will ensures that your finances and belongings are passed on in the way that you want.

Otherwise it's the law that decides who will inherit.

When you die, you leave an **Estate**, which is made up of all the assets you own less any outstanding debts and liabilities.

A correctly made Will can also be used to arrange financial affairs in a tax efficient way.

In every case, someone making a Will needs to choose a person to carry out the instructions set out in a Will. This person is known as an **Executor**.

Making or amending a Will shouldn't be complicated or scary and it doesn't need to be expensive.

It is possible to make a valid Will without the help of a solicitor but there can be additional, technical requirements. A Will is such an important document that it is probably best to get help and advice from a solicitor of your choice.

If you would like help finding a solicitor locally, we can help you but we are not able to recommend a particular firm.

Some local firms of solicitors support our work at FORCE and may be prepared to offer their services at more favourable rates, particularly if the Will is relatively straightforward.



## LEAVING A GIFT TO FORCE

If you leave a gift to FORCE in your Will, its worth will be deducted from the value of your estate (your money, possessions and property) before Inheritance Tax is calculated.

Gifts made to FORCE in the seven years prior to your death are also covered by the same exemption from Inheritance Tax.

You can include a legacy to FORCE when you make your Will or you can add a codicil to an existing Will. This lets you make amendments to an existing Will instead of completely re-writing the original document.

Before making or changing your Will we strongly recommend that you consult your solicitor for professional advice.

If you are considering a gift in your Will to FORCE, your solicitor will need the following information about our charity: **FORCE Cancer Charity – registered charity number 1140676**

## THE VALUE OF SUPPORT

If you would like to talk to us about making or amending your Will, please get in touch on 01392 406150 or via email to [olly.watts@forcecancercharity.co.uk](mailto:olly.watts@forcecancercharity.co.uk)

Or why not visit us to see first-hand what a positive difference your support for FORCE can make.

We would be delighted to show you around our Support and Information Centre and talk about all the things we are able to do thanks to gifts in Wills.





## WAYS YOU CAN LEAVE GIFTS TO CHARITY IN YOUR WILL

Making a Will should not be complicated. If you would like to leave a gift to FORCE there are three ways in which your legacy can be given:

### **A Specific bequest:**

a gift of a named item such as jewellery, property or shares.

### **A Residuary bequest:**

a balance or share of your estate once you have looked after your loved ones.

*I give (%) of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to FORCE (Registered Charity No. 1140676) of Corner House, Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 5DW and the receipt of the authorised officer of the charity shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.*

### **A Pecuniary bequest:**

a gift of a fixed sum of money to the charity.

*I give the sum of ..... pounds to FORCE (Registered Charity No. 1140676) of Corner House, Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 5DW and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of FORCE shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.*

Whichever form of words you use please also add:

*If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my Executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.*



## PENNY'S STORY

When my husband was diagnosed with cancer, we visited the FORCE Cancer Centre in Exeter. Its calm and welcoming atmosphere and the quiet garden were therapy in themselves.

The following year my daughter and I did two things my husband would have approved of and enjoyed - we gave half the donations at his funeral to FORCE, as he liked the concept of local charities, and walked the Two Moors Way to raise more money for FORCE. And that was it. I was involved with FORCE!

As well as offering support and information, FORCE funds research and the purchase of equipment for treatment and diagnosis. There was no form of scan available at the RD&E in 1979, so we asked for donations to the Scanner Appeal at my mother's funeral. That reminds me how fast research and development of treatments can move forward if funding is available.

Nowadays, treatments for cancer can lead to an improved quality of life and much better prospects for many people. But those dealing with such conditions still need support and hope, which is what FORCE is so good at.

There is such professionalism and innovative thinking, lots of new ideas and activities are planned and developed and everything is motivated by a wish to benefit patients and their many and varied needs.



FORCE is typical of so many charities. There is no funding from any other source, only what you and I can raise. If you can't do a parachute jump or ride your bike for a hundred miles, what could you do?

Perhaps you would consider including a bequest to FORCE in your Will.

Anybody can make a Will - it is a wise thing to do at any time. The 2020 pandemic has brought home to us all how suddenly life can change. A diagnosis of cancer is equally shattering.

Making a Will could not only help your family and give you peace of mind. Including a gift of some kind to FORCE would be of lasting benefit and have such a positive effect on the lives of others. A wonderful legacy for you to think about.

**Penny Mear**

## COULD YOU CONSIDER...

If a cash gift is not possible there are a number of other ways that your support could leave a lasting gift including:

Artwork • Your Car • Items for our Shop in Heavitree • Jewellery • Property • Stocks and Shares



We are delighted to be working with Tozers Solicitors in Exeter, Newton Abbot and Teignmouth, who will waive their simple Will writing fee in return for a donation to FORCE. This scheme is open all year round to cancer patients, their spouses and partners and supporters of FORCE.

In addition, we are offering patients, their spouses and partners a free Will writing service. You will not be asked for a donation if you are leaving a gift to FORCE in your Will.

For further information, contact Olly Watts on 01392 406150 or via email: [olly.watts@forcecancercharity.co.uk](mailto:olly.watts@forcecancercharity.co.uk)



## THINKING OF LEAVING A GIFT TO FORCE?

**Pledge to make a difference TODAY  
so we can help others TOMORROW.**

To discuss your pledge or for any further information please contact  
Olly Watts on 01392 406150 or via email  
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**LOCAL** people affected by cancer*

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*working locally to support anyone  
affected by cancer ~ face to face*