



# Box Moor Trust

# Leave behind a legacy

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**Ideas for your will**

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# Leave behind a legacy

Are you thinking about leaving a gift to the Box Moor Trust? From moors to woodland, former quarry to disused cressbeds, the Box Moor Trust looks after nearly 500 acres of land in the Hemel Hempstead and Bovington area. Every parcel of land we look after is important to a huge range of people; leaving the Box Moor Trust a gift in your will enables us to continue to provide the care and maintenance that your special spaces so richly deserve.

Deciding who to support when creating or updating your will is a big decision and we understand that you would like to think seriously before making any firm decisions.

If you do make the decision to support us, please let us know. We would very much like to thank you properly and will keep you informed of our developments, priorities and work, as well as keeping you updated as to how we're using income from gifts in wills. We would also keep you updated on projects related to your gift, if appropriate. If, however, you would like to opt out of updates, you are more than welcome to do so.

Thank you again for your interest and support.

**Left:** Sunrise over the River Bulbourne where it flows through Bulbourne Meadow.

## Ways we can use your gift

There are a host of different ways in which we can utilise a gift granted to us in a will. There are two main types of gifts, unspecified and specified. An unspecified gift enables us to use the funds where the need is greatest at the time. These gifts also enable us to act quickly in the event of a rare opportunity or emergency. Such a gift is invaluable to the Box Moor Trust and can play a large part in allowing us to carry out the work we do.



## Specified or unspecified?

A specified gift is a donation that is tied to a particular location or activity. For example, if you are particularly fond of the Gadespring Cressbeds, you could specify in your will that you would like your gift to be used solely at this site. Likewise, if your interests lie in river management or animal welfare, you could specify that your gift is used in those sectors.

Whatever your preference, you can be assured that your gift will not only be received with the utmost gratitude, but will also be used effectively and wisely.

**Right:** Common Blue Butterfly as seen on the wildflower meadows at Further Roughdown.  
**Left:** The meadows and footpaths of Sheethanger are decked in the colours of early summer.



## What you need to know

Writing and updating your will is the only effective way to ensure that your wishes will be taken care of in the future. At the Box Moor Trust we recommend that you seek advice from a professional; although DIY will kits are often the cheaper option, they have been known to cause issues and complications. Appointing a professional to oversee the creation and maintenance of your will will enable you to rest assured that your wishes will be carried out.

## Things to consider prior to meeting a professional

**The total value of your estate:** this includes the value of any possessions including properties you own, minus any debts (such as a mortgage).

**The beneficiaries of your will:** Have an idea who you would like to benefit from any gifts left in your will, such as friends and family.

**Your executor(s):** An executor is someone who will carry out your wishes as laid out in your will. This could be a legal professional, or a friend or family member. It does not matter if your executor is a beneficiary.

## Once you've made your will

**Keeping it safe:** Many people choose to leave their will with their solicitors or in a bank safe deposit box. It may also be worth taking copies of your will; one for you to keep and one for your executor(s). Unfortunately The Box Moor Trust cannot hold original copies of your will.

**Updating:** Your circumstances are likely to change in the future, especially if you originally drafted a will at a young age. It's worth reviewing your will every few years to ensure it is up to date.

**Changing your will:** If you have already drafted your will, but would like to include a gift to the Box Moor Trust, this can easily be achieved by the use of a codicil. Your legal advisor can provide you with more advice on this.

## 1. An unspecified Gift

The most useful type of gift we can receive is unspecified, meaning that the funds can be allocated where they are needed most. There are two different types of unspecified gift, a pecuniary bequest (which is typically a specific amount of money), or a residuary bequest (which is the amount left over after your wishes have been carried out).

If you wish to leave a pecuniary bequest, the following wording may be of some help to you:

*"I bequeath to the Box Moor Trust ('the Trust') of London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP1 2RE, Registered Charity No. 206142 the sum of £..."*

If you wish to leave a residuary bequest this wording may be of use:

*"My executors shall divide the residue of my estate into equal shares and shall hold such shares as follows:..... as to (specify number) such shares for the Box Moor Trust ('the Trust') of London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP1 2RE, Registered Charity No. 206142 absolutely."*

**Overleaf:** Sunrise over Station Moor.

## 2. A specified Gift

A specified Gift is one that is set aside to be used for a specified cause or location. You may find the wording below useful if this is the gift you would like to give:

*"I bequeath to the Box Moor Trust ('the Trust') of London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP1 2RE, Registered Charity No. 206142 [specified sum or share of residue] to be used by the Trust at its discretion for, or toward, the upkeep, maintenance or improvement of [name of favourite location or project]..."*

## 3. Gifting Property

You might decide to leave collections of objects (such as books or paintings) to the Box Moor Trust. The Trust will usually sell these and use the resulting income for the purpose of the Trust. However, if you have a collection that has a historic connection to the Trust, please do get in contact with us.

You may have a piece of land that you feel the Trust would be interested in. If this is the case, then please get in contact with us.

**Right:** The 'Boxmoor Ponies' are a familiar site on Station Moor.





# What Next?

A gift in your will would go a long way towards helping us protect and manage the landscape that is special to you. It would also play a vital role in our long term survival.

If you are thinking about leaving a gift to the Box Moor Trust in your will, please feel free to get in contact with our team who will be able to help you. If you have any questions, we are here to help answer them. Naturally, everything will be in complete confidence.

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**Left:** An Oak tree overlooking  
Dellfield.