



# Help cure Parkinson's with a gift in your Will



# We need to find a cure for Parkinson's



**Around 153,000 people in the UK alone are living with Parkinson's. This is expected to almost double by 2065. It is predicted that 1 person in 37 will receive a diagnosis of Parkinson's during their lifetime.**

Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world. Despite this, people living with Parkinson's still rely on the same medication that was first prescribed in the 1960s. It provides some temporary relief from symptoms but does nothing to stop the relentless progression of the condition.



**We need to find a cure. You can help us by leaving a gift in your Will to Cure Parkinson's.**

Since our foundation in 2005 by four people living with the condition, we have been striving to find treatments that change the way the disease progresses, and to transform the lives of everyone living with Parkinson's. Thanks to major inroads and constant advances in our understanding of the condition, new efforts to match this emerging science with new treatments are now underway. Our work is to guide, promote and sustain these efforts and ultimately to find a cure.

**// Back in 2005 the word 'cure' was never used...cure was seen as a false hope – and actually, if you don't have hope, you don't have anything. Back then we needed something focused on the research not just the care... it needed to be more energetic, more feisty! This is me – this is us! Together we can find the cure."**



Tom Isaacs, late Co-founder and President of Cure Parkinson's

## We're here for the cure. But we can't do it without you.

Gifts in Wills of all sizes are left to Cure Parkinson's. Some people give because they are inspired by our work with some of the world's leading neuroscientists and neurologists and want to fund and support promising clinical trials. Others simply give with the hope of a future without Parkinson's, for themselves or for their loved ones. Some choose to leave a gift in their Will because their circumstances have not permitted them to help Cure Parkinson's during their lifetime.



Cure Parkinson's does not receive statutory funding, so all the money we raise comes from donations. Gifts left in Wills are the largest single source of donations to the UK charity sector. A gift to Cure Parkinson's in your Will does not have to mean large amounts of money. A small gift can make a very real difference.

Gifts in Wills enable us to plan for future funding of research led by some of the world's top Parkinson's experts. We believe this work will deliver results that lead to millions of lives being transformed around the world.

If you would like to be part of our extraordinary efforts in finding a cure for Parkinson's and would like to give enduring hope to people living with the condition, please consider leaving a gift to Cure Parkinson's in your Will.

**// Successful development of a treatment from lab to clinic can take 15-20 years. Your gift will fund the research of the future."**

Professor Tom Foltynie



We will use your gift to support research that has the potential to cure Parkinson's. Our focus is on disease-modifying drugs. Drugs that will slow, stop and reverse Parkinson's. We are particularly, but not exclusively, interested in repurposing drugs already in use to treat other conditions. This approach accelerates progress, reduces costs and fosters partnerships.

We believe collaboration is the best way to find a cure, so we work closely with researchers, clinicians, other Parkinson's organisations, and people living with the condition.

Our research often acts as a springboard for further funding. For example, it is estimated that £80 million of external funding has been leveraged via the International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) programme - a collaboration between Cure Parkinson's and Van Andel Institute with the goal of evaluating and prioritising new and potentially disease-modifying treatments for Parkinson's – bringing more drugs to clinical trial, and faster.

Since 2005, Cure Parkinson's has funded investigation into at least 41 individual therapeutics across 50 projects, with more than three quarters of these therapies still remaining of interest for Parkinson's. This is a critical and exciting time for our work. Only with the help of supporters like you can we make this research happen and help to identify new treatments.



**30%**

**Drugs evaluated and prioritised by Cure Parkinson's team, found to have the potential to slow, stop, or reverse Parkinson's, account for about 30%\* of curative research trials globally**



**Since 2005, Cure Parkinson's has directly funded 13 clinical trials, involving more than 1320 people with Parkinson's (Cure Parkinson's Impact report)**



**In 2023, Cure Parkinson's supported two of only three phase 3 disease-modifying trials for Parkinson's worldwide\***

\* Statistics taken from data reported in "Parkinson's Disease Drug Therapies in the Clinical Trial Pipeline: 2024 Update", Journal of Parkinson's Disease, vol. 14/5 2024.

Gifts of all sizes are welcomed. There are various types of gifts, some of which are outlined below, that allow you to provide for loved ones first, before considering Cure Parkinson's in the way that best meets your wishes and circumstances. Independent legal advice should be sought in deciding which type of legacy is the most appropriate for you, and in preparing your Will.

- **Pecuniary Legacy**  
A specific sum of money, which could be linked to the Retail Price Index.
- **Residuary Legacy**  
All or part of the residue of your estate – the amount remaining after other legacies have been paid, and debts, taxes and other charges met. It means you do not have to decide exactly how much you wish to leave, or consider the effect of inflation.
- **Specific Legacy**  
Relates to bequests of specified possessions such as property, stocks and shares, and works of art.
- **Conditional Legacy**  
This provides for the eventuality that if none of your dependants survive you, your estate will be left to other named beneficiaries that could include Cure Parkinson's.
- **Deed of Variation**  
If you find yourself to be a beneficiary under a Will, you can transfer all or part of your inheritance to Cure Parkinson's under a Deed of Variation. Amounts transferred are free of Inheritance Tax, affording the opportunity for the charity to benefit during your own lifetime.

There are other types of gifts you can choose to leave in your Will. For more information seek independent legal advice.



We recommend you use a solicitor or professional Will writer to help you write your Will - they will ensure your Will is valid. To find a solicitor you can contact The Law Society if you live in England or Wales or The Law Society of Scotland depending on where you live.

**You could choose to use one of our free Will writing services**

To find out more, scan the QR code, or visit:

<https://cureparkinsons.org.uk/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/>



If you choose to leave a gift in your Will to us, all you need is:

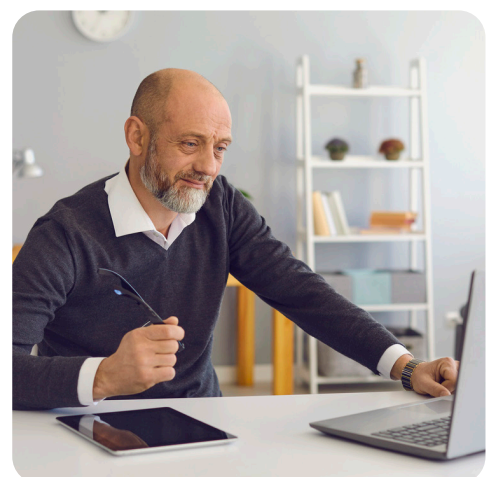
**Our charity name - Cure Parkinson's**

**And number - 1111816 (England and Wales) and SCO44368 (Scotland)**

If your estate is over a certain value, inheritance tax will need to be paid. This amount may change in the future and there are exemptions and benefits available depending on your personal circumstances.

Gifts in Wills are tax free and can reduce the amount of inheritance tax paid. If you leave 10% or more of the total value of your estate to charity, the inheritance tax rate on the rest of your estate will go down, from 40% to 36%.

For more information and advice, speak to a solicitor or visit the HMRC website.



# Once you've written your Will



Make sure your wishes are known - your Will is a legally binding document that sets out how your estate should be distributed in the event of your death. We would encourage you to discuss your Will with your loved ones first so they can be informed of your decisions.

We aren't solicitors, but we can answer any general questions you have about gifts in Wills and about our work towards finding a cure for Parkinson's.

If you wish to discuss making a planned legacy gift to Cure Parkinson's, or reviewing an already existing pledge, please get in touch with the Fundraising Team. All conversations are in confidence and without obligation. Thank you.

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**// Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Cure Parkinson's.**

We understand you may prefer to keep your intentions private. However, if you do want to let us know that you have included Cure Parkinson's in your Will, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Letting us know the motivation behind your Legacy pledge and your intention for the gift allows us to maximise the impact of your bequest and, during your lifetime, involve you in the areas of our work that you wish to support. Your kindness could help millions of people affected by Parkinson's and spare them and their families the struggle of living with this life-changing condition.

**Thank you.**

Helen Matthews, CEO of Cure Parkinson's





- 1** We will always respect your privacy and understand that your Will is completely personal to you
- 2** We understand that your loved ones come first – we respect that and won't try to change it
- 3** We recognise that leaving a gift in your Will to Cure Parkinson's is your decision and that you need to make it in your own time
- 4** You can tell us that you have included a gift to Cure Parkinson's in your Will but you do not have to
- 5** We will keep your personal information secure and confidential and will never ask you to disclose the value or type of gift that you have chosen to leave Cure Parkinson's
- 6** If you would like your gift to be used in a certain way we are happy to discuss your wishes, otherwise we will use it where the funding is most needed at the time and will use it carefully, and effectively, to ensure it has the biggest impact
- 7** At any time in the future you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to us



# Join the conversation

We'd love to keep in touch and let you know about our latest research and fundraising updates.

Scan the QR code below to choose how you'd like to hear from us or visit:

[cureparkinsons.org.uk/your-permissions](https://cureparkinsons.org.uk/your-permissions)



You can also keep up to date with us online on



Or write to us at 'Cure Parkinson's, Freepost' - no stamp or address needs to be added

[cureparkinsons.org.uk](https://cureparkinsons.org.uk)

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