



Leaving a Legacy



Many charities help secure their future ability to fund their work by setting up legacy schemes. Remembering a charity in your will is very simple so once you've looked after your family and friends, please think about leaving a legacy to Froglife or having a memorial collection.

How your legacy or memorial collection will help



Froglife is a conservation charity with a mission to conserve reptiles, amphibians and their habitats. We have three main strands of work that your legacy will support:

Help us to create habitats

Froglife works to create new habitats - digging and restoring ponds, creating meadows, log piles and hedges to make sure that there are places for reptiles and amphibians to go. We have successful projects in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, London, Glasgow and North Lanarkshire, with a plan to reach out to more and more areas in a blue revolution! You can help create and restore habitats across the UK.

Support learning and education

Froglife strongly believes that conservation is for everyone. We lead the field in creating exciting ways to teach people about amphibians and reptiles, and the things we can all do to help. From creating giant papier mache toads to illustrate the issue of Toads on Roads to training job-seekers in reptile surveying - Froglife helps people understand more about the wild world around them. With your help we can inspire even more people to care about amphibians and reptiles.

Reach more people as a source of advice

As well as doing things ourselves, Froglife also empowers others to take part in our mission. We can support experts and novices alike - providing expertise in helping reptiles and amphibians. Your legacy can create new publications, online resources and training materials.

What your money means to us...

By leaving a legacy to Froglife or having a memorial collection you can directly influence our capacity to act, helping us ensure the UK's frogs, toads, newts, snakes and lizards survive for future generations to love and enjoy. Even a small amount can make a significant difference to our work and, for some people, legacies can reduce or remove tax liabilities that impact on your Estate.

All donations to Froglife are greatly appreciated - and we can do a lot with a little. For example, £50 or £100 might only be enough for a new pair of shoes but we can kit out a team of volunteers with gardening gloves and fleeces so they can get out there and make a difference, whatever the weather. If you can spare a little more, £1000 could print and distribute a colourful new advice booklet, providing vital information for gardeners, schools and allotment-holders, or even allow us to access a further £100,000 of co-funding for our conservation and education projects; £5000 would keep our Toads on Roads project running for a whole year or could fund a vehicle to help transport volunteers and tools... the opportunities are endless.



Erik Paterson

Memorial collections

A really simple way to make a difference is through a memorial collection at your own or a loved one's funeral. Rather than flowers, many people are now choosing to ask people coming to the service to bring a donation for charity. This can be a way for them to contribute to something positive at a difficult time.

To set up a memorial collection for Froglife, you can ask the venue holding the service or the funeral director for help; they will often provide a collection box for you on the day. To carry on collecting after the funeral you could set up a Virgin Money Giving page enabling people to donate online and leave personal messages. You can do this at www.virginmoneygiving.com (choose The Froglife Trust as your charity). Do contact Sam at Froglife if you would like any help - her contact details are on the back page.

How to leave a legacy

A legacy is part of your Will. Including Froglife in a Will is a straightforward way to support our charitable work and ensure it continues. If you already have a Will, it simply involves adding a short paragraph known as a Codicil.

Remember that as a registered charity, legacies to Froglife are free of inheritance tax. For information on inheritance tax, visit the HM Revenue and Customs website www.hmrc.gov.uk/cto/iht.htm but also ask for advice from your solicitor or tax advisor.

There are three types of legacy and to help you we have prepared some sample wordings that you may wish to take to a solicitor. They include the essential information they need.

Residuary Legacy

This is a gift of all or part of your net estate (what remains after all taxes, specific gifts and the cost of administering the estate have been paid). This type of legacy is expressed as a percentage or share of your estate.

Legacy clause wording for England and Wales:

(i) I give ____% share of my real and personal property not hereby or by any codicil hereto specifically disposed of after payment of my debts, pecuniary and specific legacies, funeral and administration expenses and any taxes in respect of my estate to The Froglife Trust (registered charity number 1093372) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX.

(ii) I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor/Trustees.

Legacy clause wording for Scotland:

I direct my Executors/Trustees to pay and make over a ____ share of the residue of my estate to The Froglife Trust (registered charity number SC041854) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX for its general charitable purposes absolutely and I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor/Trustees.

Specific Legacy

This is the gift of a specific item or asset such as a property, shares or jewellery. The charity then has the opportunity to sell or auction these items to raise funds. If you are considering leaving Froglife a specific legacy, please contact Sam in the Froglife office to discuss your ideas. Her contact details are on the back of this leaflet.

Legacy clause wording for England and Wales:

(i) I give my [short description of property/item given] free of tax to the Froglife Trust (registered charity number 1093372) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX.

(ii) I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor/Trustees.

Legacy clause wording for Scotland:

I direct my Executors/Trustees to pay and make over my [short description of property/item given] to The Froglife Trust (registered charity number SC041854) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX for its general charitable purposes absolutely and I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor/Trustees.

Pecuniary Legacy

This type of legacy is a fixed sum of money. It is worth bearing in mind that inflation can erode the value of pecuniary legacies, so it is a good idea to review your Will on a regular basis, whether or not your circumstances change. It is a popular way of giving because it does not need to be updated to account for changes in values and ensures that your other priorities have been fulfilled first.

Legacy clause wording for England and Wales:

(i) I give the sum of £_____ free of tax to The Froglife Trust (registered charity number 1093372) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX.

(ii) I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor/Trustees.

Legacy clause wording for Scotland:

I direct my Executors/Trustees to pay to The Froglife Trust (registered charity number SC041854) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX the sum of £_____ free of inheritance tax and other fiscal impositions for its general charitable purposes absolutely to be paid [within ____ months of my death and in priority to all other legacies given by this will or codicils hereto OR as soon as convenient after my death but without interest thereon] and I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor/Trustees.



Adding a Codicil to an Existing Will



Remember that to make a Codicil you must have two adult witnesses and there are exemptions as to who these can be. You do not need to reveal what is in the Codicil to any witnesses unless you wish so to do. You can add changes to your Will at your solicitor's office if you wish.

The Codicil form must be dated and be signed in the presence of the two witnesses. They should also write their names, addresses and occupations on the reverse of the Codicil. You and the witnesses must be present together while each of you signs the Codicil. Keep the Codicil in a safe place ideally filed with your current Will but not attached to it. A copy of your Will and Codicil should be given to your executor with a note indicating where the originals are held.

Codicil wording:

I [full name] of [full address including postcode] declare this to be a [first/second/third/or as appropriate] Codicil to my Will, dated and made the [date of original Will].

Please insert as appropriate:

Either: The following specific item(s), namely... [detail of item/s]

And/Or: The sum of £(amount in pounds) to The Froglife Trust (registered charity number 1093372 and SC041854) of 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Peterborough PE1 5TX for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the duly authorised officer of The Froglife Trust shall be sufficient discharge of my Executor/Trustees.

In other respects I confirm my Will and any other Codicils thereto.

It is entirely your decision if you would like to tell Froglife that you have left us a legacy in your Will. We do encourage people to inform us of their legacy decision, so that we can continue to inform you of our work and projects. However, we respect and appreciate that often supporters may want to keep the nature of their Will confidential.

If you have any questions and would like to speak to someone, in confidence, please contact Samantha Taylor on 01733 558844 or sam.taylor@froglife.org.



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