



Why make a will?

You have worked hard during your lifetime and have gathered assets along the way. Making a Will is the only guaranteed way of ensuring that your assets are distributed in accordance with your wishes so that the people or

charities you have chosen will benefit from them. Making a simple Will should cost about £100 but could be more if it is complicated.

If you are unsure about how to make a Will please take a look at www.cfa-international.org/Will where we have provided information on the process you would expect to engage in with your legal adviser.



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...as well as helping to care for whole ecosystems and the people who benefit from them.



The purpose of the Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA) is to support the professional development of those working with trees and forests.

To achieve its purpose and mission, the CFA provides the following services:

- Dissemination of information to members, policy makers and the public
- Education and training of members
- Facilitation of national capacity building
- Recognition of excellence in the field of forestry
- Encouragement and promotion of interaction amongst members
- Representation at international meetings

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Leave your lasting support for the world's forests...

...remember the **Commonwealth Forestry Association** in your Will

Leaving a legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will to the Commonwealth Forestry Association could help make a difference to the future of forests throughout the world.



The mission of the CFA is to *promote the conservation and sustainable management of the world's forests and the contribution they make to people's livelihoods.*

The CFA achieves this mission through practical support to the world's foresters. We publish technical and policy-related journals and books that are widely available in hard copy and in electronic format. We participate in the organisation of such events as the Commonwealth Forestry Conference. We also organise in-service training courses and award fellowships, especially to young foresters.

Your gift will help the CFA to continue to provide these services and to expand them.

Maintaining forests throughout the world is extremely important for conserving wildlife, supporting local livelihoods,

maintaining water systems, and combating climate change. We need people who have a broad vision and wide range of skills to ensure that the future is green.



Foresters work in many social, economic, and environmental settings...



How to leave a legacy to the CFA

Leaving a legacy is not difficult and you do not necessarily need to re-write your existing Will. You can prepare a Codicil (additional text to your Will) which has to be signed, dated and witnessed in the same way as your Will. Your solicitor can advise.

As the CFA is an exempt charity, gifts are not liable for Inheritance Tax. Such a gift could thus bring the value of your taxable estate below the level at which tax is charged.

When considering leaving gifts in your Will there are a number of options:

A pecuniary Gift: The gift of a fixed sum of money.

A residuary Gift: The residue of your estate (or a percentage of it) after all other legacies, inheritance, tax, debts and expenses have been paid.

A specific Gift: You can bequeath specific personal possessions including property and/or shares.



...they work together raising young trees, improving quality, predicting yields, and harvesting products...



A reversionary Gift: You can give assets to a chosen beneficiary while allowing a different named person to benefit from the assets during his/her lifetime.

Whatever you decide to give to the CFA, it will be well used.

The following paragraph is an example of the wording to send to your solicitor to prepare a Codicil (or to include in a new Will) to make a pecuniary legacy to the Commonwealth Forestry Association.

"I give to the Commonwealth Forestry Association of The Crib, Dinchope, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 9JJ (Registered Charity No. CC250739) the sum of

pounds

(£.....) and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being or other authorised officer of the said Association shall be a good discharge to my Executors in respect of such a legacy."