



Will Week 2017

Monday 6th - Friday 10th March

Make your Will during Will Week and not only will you get peace of mind, you'll also be supporting an amazing local charity.

For more information, please visit www.sah.org.uk/willweek or get in touch on **0161 498 2099** or legacies@sah.org.uk.

No one knows what the future holds and our circumstances change throughout our lives. There's always a good reason to make or update a Will, but only a third of adults who die in Britain are covered by a Will. This Will Week, take the opportunity to get your affairs in order, gain peace of mind and ensure that your wishes will be carried out.

Why make a Will?

- It ensures that you can decide what happens to your personal possessions
- It can prevent disagreement about who inherits what from your estate
- If you live with a partner but you're not married, you can ensure that your partner and any children are adequately provided for
- It can allow you to deal with any necessary tax planning to avoid or reduce inheritance tax
- It can provide a way for you to continue helping the charities/good causes that you support during your lifetime

Why Will Week?

Will Week is an ideal opportunity for you make or update your Will, whilst supporting an amazing local charity. We have around 40 local solicitors who are taking part, kindly giving up their time and inviting you to make a donation to St Ann's instead of paying them their usual fee. Every donation helps us to continue providing our services, free of charge, to local patients and their loved ones.

This opportunity is only available once a year, so please book your appointment early to avoid disappointment.



It's easy to make or update your Will during Will Week . . .

Contact us for your Will Week pack

Please get in touch on 0161 498 2099 or legacies@sah.org.uk. We'll send you a pack, which includes a list of participating solicitors in your local area.

Choose your solicitor

Contact your chosen solicitor to make your appointment. Appointments are limited so please contact us if you need details of other participating solicitors near to you. If you're unable to get to a solicitor's office, please ask them if they have any alternative options.

Prepare for your appointment

- Choose at least one executor – people you trust to ensure all your wishes are carried out when you die
- Think about the people (including any charities) you wish to benefit, perhaps making a note of their names and addresses

Turn your wishes into a Will

Your solicitor will draft your Will or any amendments to an existing Will. There is no obligation to leave a gift in your Will to St Ann's, but if you would like to do so, they can include this for you. Remember, you'll need a second visit to the solicitor to sign your Will.

Help St Ann's

Contained in your Will Week pack is a donation envelope. Please complete your details and add your donation, seal the envelope and give it to your solicitor at your appointment. They'll pass your donation directly to us. The solicitors are giving up their time to support St Ann's, and they would like you to give a donation equal to their normal charges for making a Will. This does vary, so here are our suggested donation amounts:

- £90 - Single Will
- £135 - Mirror Will
- £40 - Updated Will / Codicil

After you've made your Will

We'll write to you to let you know we've received your donation and to say thank you. If you ask us to we'll keep in touch and let you know what's happening at St Ann's and how every donation makes a difference.

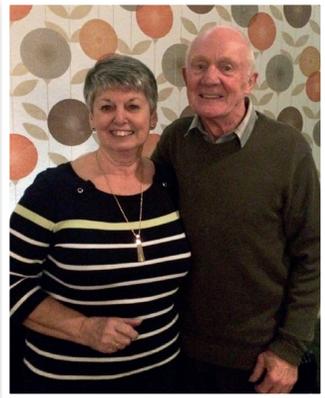
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John and Joyce Bradshaw made their Will during Will Week 2016. Here, Joyce tells us about their experience.

“We hadn’t made a Will before, even though I’d helped my mum make hers. I’d always said we should make one, but John wasn’t sure we needed to. He thought that as we have two sons, anything we left would be split between them, but I wanted to have everything in order and in writing.

“When we heard about the St Ann’s Will Week and saw that there was a solicitor very local to us taking part, we decided to book an appointment. St Ann’s is important to us as they have cared for several of our friends over the last few years, and this seemed like a good way to support them.

“The solicitor was really lovely, and the process was very easy. We made Mirror Wills, and the paperwork was simple, not daunting at all. Now our Will is written we have peace of mind, knowing that our wishes will be carried out. Making our Will during Will Week and giving a donation to St Ann’s instead of paying the solicitor means that we’ve also helped the hospice.”



Frequently asked questions about Wills:

Who should make a Will?

Everyone should have a Will, but certain people are more in need of a Will than others, for example couples who are cohabiting, families with minor children or step children and those with large estates.

What is an Executor?

Executors are people chosen by you to deal with your estate after your death. They’ll collect in your assets, pay your liabilities and distribute the estate according to the terms of your Will.

What is a Mirror Will?

This is when you and your spouse or partner make Wills which contain the same provisions.

Can I change my Will?

Yes, you can update your Will at any time. You can either make a new one or add a Codicil which will be kept with the original Will.