

A draft text to make a gift to the Trust in your will

I bequeath to DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST of Suite 1, Mey House, Bridport Road, Poundbury DT1 3QY (Registered Charity Number 282790)

Clearly specify your bequest here:

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It may be helpful to use the following wording, choosing the appropriate options:

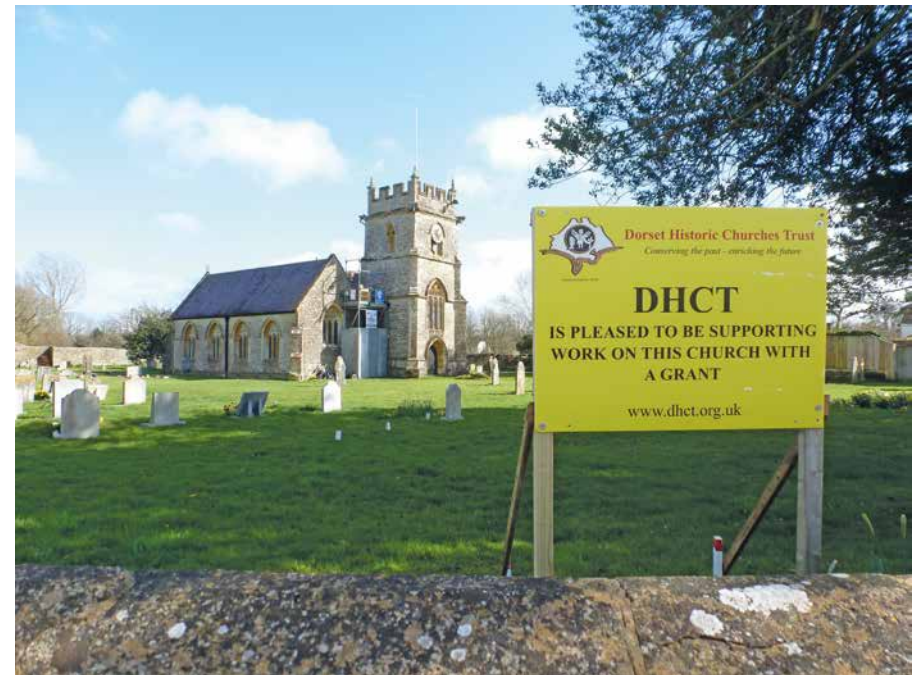
- (a) “all the residue of my estate absolutely”
- (b) “one share (..... %) of the residue of my estate absolutely”
- (c) “the sum of £ absolutely”

To be applied to the general purposes of the said DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other authorised official for the time being of the DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST shall be sufficient discharge of the bequest.



Dorset Historic Churches Trust
Conserving the past – enriching the future

Please remember Dorset Historic Churches Trust in your will



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The Trust is a volunteer-led organisation dedicated to supporting the county’s historic churches when they need repair – a need that has never been greater. Churches are vital parts of our landscape and heritage and with your help we can ensure they remain so.



Fifehead Magdalen – tower repairs

The Trust aims to award grants of more than £150,000 every year to help with conservation, restoration, installation of facilities and repairs. This is more than we receive in income from our fundraising activities which is why we need your help.

We see at first hand the challenges faced by churches, particularly smaller ones, that are damaged by the weather, or the ravages of time, or both. The cost of repairs is rising, the number of applications is increasing, and even relatively small projects require significant sums to be raised which are often beyond the ability of the local community to fund. A major roof repair can cost upwards of £300,000.

Your legacy will enable more – and more generous grants to be made now and in the future

You can leave a set figure to the Trust and know that you will be playing a part in maintaining churches most in need of repair all over the county.

The best way to leave a gift is to leave clear legal instructions in the form of a will or codicil. Your will can be changed at any time, either by making a new one or by recording the alterations in a codicil.

Leaving a gift to the Trust in your will has great advantages:

- The Trust is a Registered Charity (No 282790) so your gift will avoid Inheritance Tax
- Leaving a legacy in your will costs you nothing now
- Having an up-to-date will makes your wishes clear to your family, avoiding trouble and expense
- You may be asset-rich rather than cash-rich, yet able to make a gift out of your residual estate
- Making charitable donations of 10% or more of your estate can result in a lower rate of Inheritance Tax on the residual estate

To find out more about how you can help the Trust visit the website at www.dhct.org.uk