

Supporting a sustainable future

Leaving a legacy gift to Garden Organic



Gifts given through Wills are vital to Garden Organic

All gifts, no matter how small, have a significant impact on the work we are able to achieve and the people we are able to reach. Garden Organic, the working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association, stands as a lasting tribute not only to the work and vision of Lawrence Hills, but to all those who have contributed to that vision.

A gift in a Will is always a positive step for an organic future. Such a gift to Garden Organic is a sign of believing in an organic, sustainable future for the precious biodiversity that we share our planet with.

Your gift could help us in one of many ways, for example:

Supporting the next generation of organic growers

Our training, communications and campaigning work provides skills and knowledge to the next generation of organic growers, continuing your passion for sustainable, organic growing long into the future.

Protecting heritage varieties

At any given time, we have a backlog of varieties waiting to be trialled for inclusion in the Heritage Seed Library. The longer these varieties sit waiting, the less viable the seed is. A gift in your Will could help us protect more varieties within the library, and support the essential day to day management of this vital collection.

Furthering our research work

Our members' experiments are the very reason that the charity was founded and remain at the heart of our work today. The findings from our citizen science continue to influence organic growing methods but there is still much more we would like to research.

Leaving a gift to Garden Organic

There are several ways in which you can leave a lasting gift to Garden Organic. If you don't already have a Will, we recommend seeking advice from a solicitor to ensure what you do is legally binding. We have a Making a Will booklet available to help in this respect. Request a copy by calling 024 7630 3517 or download a copy at www.gardenorganic.org.uk/legacies

If you already have a Will and you would like to add in a gift to the charity, a simple way to change it is to ask your solicitor to prepare a Codicil. You will need to decide what type of gift you would like to make, and how you want it to benefit the charity – for our general work or for a particular part of it. We have full details of the different options within our Making a Will booklet.

Wording to help you leave a gift to Garden Organic in your Will

If you would like to leave a bequest to Garden Organic, please take this page to your solicitor so they use the correct wording:

- **Pecuniary gift (fixed amount) to Garden Organic**

"I give the sum of pounds, free of all tax, to Garden Organic (working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association) of Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG, registered charity number 298104. I direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive of the Association shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."

- **Residuary gift (part of what's left after all specific gifts) to Garden Organic**

"I give to Garden Organic (working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association) of Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG, registered charity number 298104, a % share of my residuary estate for the general purposes of the Association. I direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive of the Association shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."

- **Specific gift (for example a property or painting)**

"I give to Garden Organic (working name of the Henry Doubleday Research Association) of Wolston Lane, Coventry CV8 3LG, registered charity number 298104, my (name and description of item). I direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive of the Association shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."



Garden Organic's role, now and in the future

Just think:

- 100 years ago, the only way to garden was organically, and whether for a cottage garden or a country estate, gardeners were adept at making the most of their space, their climate, their earth.
- 75 years ago the focus had changed, chemicals arrived en masse with the Second World War need to make every inch productive to maximum capacity.
- It was people of vision, like Lawrence Hills and early members who saw the fundamental unsustainability of this approach and what it would mean to lose our biodiversity.
- 65 years on, the value of and need for an organic approach is being recognised again. Garden Organic needs to continue to support and inspire the next generation of organic growers and pioneers.

A gift in a Will to Garden Organic ensures you have a lasting role in our work and an investment in our development, our outreach and our commitment to a sustainable future. It will enable us to better meet our charitable objectives as we work towards achieving our goal.

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