

# Leaving a Legacy



DERBYSHIRE  
HISTORIC  
BUILDINGS  
TRUST

*Saving our heritage*

Leaving a gift to Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust in your will enables us to continue our valuable work – even a small donation can make a big difference.

## About us

Established in 1974, Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust (DHBT) has been responsible for the rescue of many historic buildings throughout Derbyshire. Using their skills and knowledge, members of the Trust identify neglected and abandoned historic buildings and then work to bring them back into new sustainable use.

DHBT is a non-profit registered charity that is committed to the heritage of Derbyshire; working with its own in-house professionals to provide help and advice to groups and individuals sharing a passion for historic buildings.

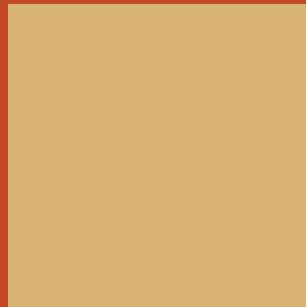
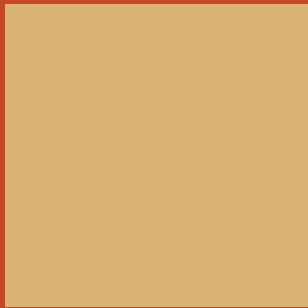
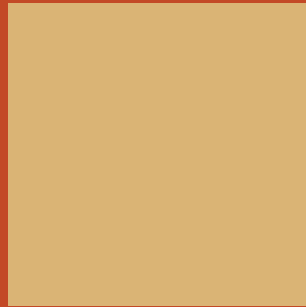
DHBT is independent of government and local authorities. It relies entirely on generating its own income through grants, membership fees, commercial activities and donations.

Legacies and donations – large or small – play a crucial role in helping us continue our work to ensure the architectural gems of Derbyshire survive.

## Invest in our future by leaving a gift in your will

Making a will is one of the most positive things you can do. A will ensures that your estate is divided as you choose; providing for your family and, if you wish, a charity or charities of your choice.

You can leave a legacy to DHBT whether you are making a will for the first time or making an addition to an existing will. DHBT advises anyone making a will or legacy to take legal advice.



Top: Hopkinson's House, DHBT HQ, before and after restoration  
Middle: Aqueduct Cottage  
Bottom: Wingfield Station

## How to leave a gift to DHBT

A gift in your will is also called a 'legacy' or a 'bequest.'

If you do not already have a will in place, you will need to consult a solicitor, who can guide you through the process and explain the options regarding gifts. Alternatively, if you do already have a will and would like to include a gift to DHBT, a solicitor will also be able to advise you on making a revision to your will, known as a codicil.

There are different types of legacies that you may wish to consider – the three most commonly used are:

### A Pecuniary Gift

This allows you to leave a specific sum of money to DHBT. Over time, the actual value of this gift may decrease with inflation so you may wish to review this regularly. To ensure that it keeps its value over the years, your solicitor can include an instruction that it is index-linked.

We can supply simple standard wordings if you are considering this type of gift.

### A Residuary Gift

This is a bequest of a portion or a percentage of your estate remaining after all debts, expenses, legacies and Inheritance Tax due have been paid. This protects the gift against inflation (e.g. 10% of your estate will always be 10% of your estate regardless of the amount.)

We can supply simple standard wordings if you are considering this type of gift.

### A Specific Gift: Property, shares or valuable artefact

This allows you to leave a specific item or property to DHBT, which can include a historic property or an investment property, or both, in your will. Any gifted property or artefact must either have an income or dedicated sum sufficient to cover costs of repair and maintenance and be free from undue legal restrictions. The Trust reserves the right not to accept a property or artefact if it considers this criteria has not been met.

If you are kindly considering this form of gift, please contact us to discuss your wishes.

## How your gift can make a difference

Leaving a gift in your will is a valuable source of funding to support the work DHBT does. Whatever its size, your legacy can help us achieve our mission to:

- **Safeguard the historic buildings we treasure** – ensuring Derbyshire's historic buildings are maintained in good condition for the benefit of current and future generations.
- **Creatively reuse buildings no longer fit for purpose** – rescuing 'Buildings at Risk' by acting as a catalyst, enabler, partner or developer in order to restore them to a viable active use.
- **Help people to live or work in their historic buildings** – encouraging every historic building owner in Derbyshire to be a good custodian of their heritage.
- **Increase people's access to, and enjoyment of, their heritage** – increasing public awareness of our built heritage through community involvement, interpretation, education and training.

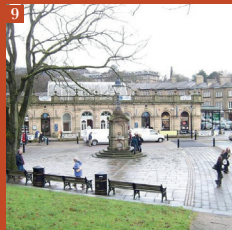
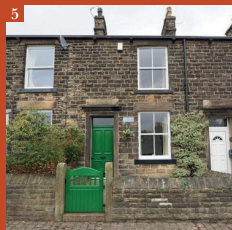
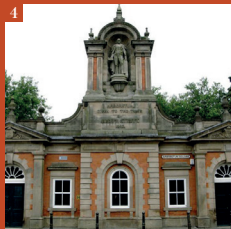
### Inheritance Tax

Currently all legacies to charities, including DHBT, are free from Inheritance Tax.

It is important to consult a solicitor on the detailed rules on inheritance tax and your will.

# Our Past Successes

1. 51 Church St, Melbourne | 2. 31-33 The Dale, Wirksworth | 3. Barlborough Old Hall | 4. Arboretum Lodge, Derby  
5. 19 Midland Terrace, New Mills | 6. Methodist Chapel, Wirksworth | 7. The Brunswick Inn, Derby | 8. Hopkinson's House, Wirksworth  
9. Thermal Baths, Buxton | 10. 17 Long Row, Belper | 11. Torr Top Cottages, New Mills | 12. Golden Valley Cottages, Riddings  
13. Blacksmith's Shop, Wirksworth | 14. Railway Cottages, Derby | 15. 1 The Dale, Wirksworth | 16. Toll House, Derby



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