

Bequests and Donations

Over the years RTCS has received a number of bequests, including a particularly generous bequest from the late Brian Harmer. These have allowed the Society to provide larger grants for churches than would be possible from Society subscriptions.

Bequests. Bequests are dedicated in their entirety to funding work and repairs in churches. This ensures a lasting legacy which enables future generations to understand and enjoy better our ancient churches. Making a bequest does not require that you rewrite your will. You can add a ‘codicil’ or write a Memorandum of Wishes which you place with your will or give to your solicitor for safe keeping.

Bequests come in two forms. A ‘pecuniary gift’ is the bequest of a set sum. A suggested wording for a Pecuniary Gift is ‘I bequeath free of all taxes to The Round Tower Churches Society (Charity registration number 267996) the sum of £..... the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said society to be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said sum’.

A ‘residuary gift’ is the bequest of some or all of the remainder of your estate once bequests to friends and family have been met. A suggested wording for a Residuary Gift is: I give% of my residuary estate to The Round Tower Churches Society (Charity registration number 267996) and the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said society shall be deemed a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors’.

Donations. Making a donation means that you are able to enjoy the benefits your money can make in your lifetime. As an example one member recently gave the Society a four figure donation in memory of her late husband. That very week we received an urgent appeal from a churchwarden telling us about the sudden collapse of their roof timbers during repair work and the Society we were able to use this donation to offer immediate – and much needed- assistance.