



**With a bequest to The Vegetarian Society, your lasting legacy will be...**

- Raising the profile of vegetarianism in our communities and across the media
- Supporting new vegetarians and their families
- Providing expert advice to health professionals, teachers and parents
- Encouraging youngsters to follow a healthy, balanced diet
- Inspiring professional chefs to create delicious vegetarian cuisine
- Promoting honest, trustworthy labelling for vegetarian products
- Ensuring a voice for the vegetarian community

*"I've pledged a gift to The Vegetarian Society in my will because I want to help them carry on their good work and contribute to making a vegetarian world after I've passed on."*

**David Pye**, Chair of Council, The Vegetarian Society

## Adding a pledge to an existing will

If you already have a will but would like to make a small change to it, such as adding a pledge to the Society, this is done with a statement called a codicil.

Please complete the form overleaf and send it back to us at the FREEPOST address provided to request a copy of our codicil form.

## Seek legal advice

A will is a legal document and your final wishes are important so we strongly recommend that you seek legal assistance to arrange one. Thankfully, it's now easy, quick and inexpensive to have a will drafted by a qualified professional. If you need help finding a Solicitor in your area, you can contact the Law Society on 0870 606 6575. Alternatively visit their online service at [www.solicitors-online.com](http://www.solicitors-online.com).

## Please contact us

If you'd like to receive further information about making a charitable bequest, or the Society's work in general, please call us on 0161 925 2000, email [support@vegsoc.org](mailto:support@vegsoc.org) or write to the address below. Thank you.

'Legacies', The Vegetarian Society,  
Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham,  
Cheshire, WA14 4QG.

Tel: 0161 925 2000

Fax: 0161 926 9182

Web: [www.vegsoc.org](http://www.vegsoc.org)

Registered Charity No. 259358



## Will the integrity of your lifestyle be represented in your will?



Your guide to leaving a charitable legacy



*"I have been committed to vegetarianism for most of my life, not only in my role as Chief Executive of The Vegetarian Society but also as a local group organiser. I made a will and included a charitable bequest because I want to ensure that the Society's important work continues beyond my life for as long as it is needed."*

**Tina Fox**, Former Chief Executive, The Vegetarian Society

## Why is making a will important?

Writing a will is the clearest way of making sure that your wishes will be followed after you die. With advanced planning, you and your family can have the peace of mind of knowing your affairs will be taken care of in the way you intend. Your will can include details about who will benefit from your estate, who should look after your children or which charities you'd like to support. What's more, with good preparation you can even avoid a substantial part of your estate being lost to the state through Inheritance Tax.

There are a number of good reasons to write a will, including having children, moving home, marriage, divorce or changes in your health. However since your circumstances and intentions many change, it's advisable to review your will regularly and keep it up to date.

## Let your beliefs live on...

When you write or update your will you may like to include a bequest to The Vegetarian Society. We simply can't underestimate the importance of legacies to funding our work and by making a bequest you can ensure that your beliefs live on.

*"It is in loving memory of my late husband, a vegetarian from an early age and because I approve of the work of The Vegetarian Society that I have included a bequest to the Society in my will."*

**Mrs Savage**, Cumbria

## Residuary bequests

Making a pledge to leave the balance of your estate (after fees, taxes and any specific gifts) or a percentage of the remainder to a person or organisation is called making a residuary bequest.

To leave the balance of your estate to the Society, the recommended wording is:

**"I bequeath to The Vegetarian Society (charity number 259358), Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 4QG, the residue of my estate and declare that the receipt of the appropriate officer of The Vegetarian Society shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."**

To leave a percentage of the balance of your estate to the Society, the recommended wording is:

**"I bequeath to The Vegetarian Society (charity number 259358), Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 4QG, \_\_\_per cent of the residue of my estate and declare that the receipt of the appropriate officer of The Vegetarian Society shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."**

## Pecuniary bequests

Making a pledge to leave a person or organisation a fixed sum of money is called a pecuniary bequest.

To leave a fixed sum of money to the Society, the recommended wording is:

**"I bequeath to The Vegetarian Society (charity number 259358), Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 4QG the sum of \_\_\_ pounds and declare that the receipt of the appropriate officer of The Vegetarian Society shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."**

## Would you like to make, or have already made a bequest?

If you have already remembered, or plan to remember The Vegetarian Society in your will, thank you. Please help us to plan for the future by completing and returning this form.

### In confidence,

I plan to, or have already remembered The Vegetarian Society in my will as:

- the balance or a percentage of my estate, once my family and friends have been provided for ('residuary legacy')
- a cash gift ('pecuniary legacy')
- I wish to add The Vegetarian Society to an existing will, please send me your standard codicil form so I can easily make this change.

The current estimated value of my legacy to The Vegetarian Society is £

Ms/Mrs/Miss/Mr:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Membership number:

Signature:

Date:

### Data Protection

The Vegetarian Society will hold your details securely and confidentially on computer. Please tick if you DO NOT wish to receive:

- Regular updates about our activities
- Information from other carefully selected charities
- Or special offers from vegetarian-friendly companies

Please return this form to: **'Legacies', The Vegetarian Society, FREEPOST, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 2BR**