

## Leaving a Legacy in Your Will

If you already have a Will it is important to keep it up to date. If you wish just to add COAM to your existing Will your solicitor will simply add a Codicil (a written instruction). This Codicil will need the signature of two independent witnesses. If however you wish to make a number of changes it is advisable to have a new Will drawn up by your Solicitor. We would always recommend that you use a solicitor when making or updating your Will but we have prepared some suggested wording to assist you.

There are three simple ways to include us in your Will: A **Pecuniary Gift** allows you to leave a fixed sum of money; a **Residual Gift** is the gift of whole or part of your Estate after all your specified wishes have been allocated (“the Residue”); or you may prefer to leave a **Specified Named Item** for example, a piece of jewellery, shares, bonds etc.

### **Pecuniary Gift Wording:**

- (i) *I give the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ free of tax to Chiltern Open Air Museum (registered charity number 272381) of Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB for its general charitable purposes.*
- (ii) *I direct that the receipt of the duly authorized officer of Chiltern Open Air Museum shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.*

### **Residual Gift Wording:**

- (i) *I give \_\_\_\_\_ share of my real and personal property not hereby or by any codicil hereto specifically disposed of after payments of my debts, pecuniary and specific legacies, funeral and administration expenses and any taxes in respect of my estate to Chiltern Open Air Museum (registered charity number 272381) of Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB for its general charitable purposes.*
- (ii) *I direct that the receipt of the duly authorized officer of Chiltern Open Air Museum shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.*

### **Specified Named Item Wording:**

- (i) *I give my .....(Description of property) free of tax to Chiltern Open Air Museum (registered charity number 272381) of Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AB for its general charitable purposes.*
- (ii) *I direct that the receipt of the duly authorized officer of Chiltern Open Air Museum shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.*

**Thank you so much for your generosity to the Museum.  
We are very grateful to you for your invaluable support.**