

Although the school was to outgrow the site and move to Surrey in 1872, the almhouse has remained within the beautiful central London estate, but for a short period when almhouse and school were temporarily reunited on the school campus in Godalming as a result of the Blitz in the Second World War. It is for this reason that the Charterhouse is home to an historic and fascinating array of buildings, some of which date back to the fifteenth century. In its environs visitors and Brothers (of the almshouse) alike inhabit surroundings that evoke the slow passage of time and where the history of London and England are easily recalled.

Bequests to Sutton’s Hospital in Charterhouse (registered charity number 207773) play a vital role in preserving and enhancing the buildings so that future generations can continue to visit this London treasure and engage with the lives of generations of our forebears. Those who support the Charterhouse in this way assist us in delivering our principal function which is to provide accommodation and support to a community of elderly men (the Brothers of Charterhouse) who have demonstrated that they are in need of financial and social support. Brothers come from a wide variety of professions. These include teachers, clergymen, writers and editors, musicians and artists. Many have served in the armed forces. At entry they are usually between 60 and 80 years of age and have to be in good health. They must also have a desire to live together in a community following a very simple set of rules. However, their accommodation is entirely private. The Brothers are supported by a ten bed infirmary registered with the Care Quality Commission.

HOW LEGACIES HELP

The oldest part of the Charterhouse dates back to 1349 and the site includes mediaeval, Tudor and Jacobean buildings. Maintaining this important and historic estate is very expensive, one that becomes more so with each passing year. In order that future generations can experience this living monument the Governors of the Charterhouse have created a new endowment fund. This has been ring-fenced so that the capital is protected and only the income generated annually from this fund can be spent. In this way this fund will provide revenue for the estate in perpetuity and may also be utilised for the care of the Brothers of Charterhouse, who have served their communities well during their lifetimes but who do not have the financial resources to enjoy their old age. Any bequest will be put into this fund unless otherwise advised.

Bequests to the Charterhouse will enable us to continue to serve the young, through our education programmes, and old alike just

as Thomas Sutton made provision for four hundred years ago.

If you wish to direct your legacy towards a particular area, for example to support the maintenance of the estate, you can rest assured that we will respect the terms of legacy gifts as stated in your will.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Writing a will is neither complicated nor unduly expensive and, if you have already done so, you will recognise the comfort that comes from ensuring that your estate will be used to benefit the people and causes that are closest to you.

There are two principal types of legacy gift; a residuary bequest and a pecuniary bequest. A residuary bequest is one which either the residue or a specified part of the residue of the estate in question will go to the stated recipient after taxes and other deductions have been made. A pecuniary bequest is a specified sum of money and as a result is neither inflation-proofed nor adjusted according to circumstances. If you have already made a will and have not named the Charterhouse as a beneficiary but would like to, you can use a codicil. This adds a new instruction to your existing will. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on how to do this. Alternatively, please see some suggested wording on the back page of this leaflet.

If you intend to leave a bequest to Sutton’s Hospital in Charterhouse, or if you have already done so, we would like to be able to thank you and to keep you informed of news at the Charterhouse. We would therefore be grateful to you if you would complete the attached confidential form and return it to us, or alternatively you might prefer to speak to someone directly and we would be delighted to receive your telephone call.

Everyone who has informed us that they have left a bequest to the Charterhouse becomes an honorary member of The 1611 Society, named after the year of our foundation. Every year, Charterhouse will host an evening of entertainment for members of the society and their guests. This will present members with an opportunity to hear news of the Charterhouse directly from those who live and work within its historic walls. Members will also receive an annual report.

For more information on the Charterhouse and how you can support us, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Director on +44 (0)20 7336 7520.

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LEAVING A LEGACY
the Charterhouse

LEGACY RESPONSE FORM

If you are planning on leaving a gift to the Charterhouse in your Will, we would be most grateful if you could return this form to us. The information will be treated as entirely confidential to the Charterhouse and is not legally binding.

(Please complete as appropriate in BLOCK CAPITALS and delete where necessary)

- ☐ I intend to remember the Charterhouse in my Will
- ☐ I have remembered the Charterhouse in my Will
- ☐ I would like someone to contact me to discuss my legacy plans

I would prefer to be contacted by:

- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Telephone

Title _____

First Name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Date _____

Please return this form to the following address:

The Development Director
The Development Office
The Charterhouse
Charterhouse Square
London EC1M 6AN

Suggested wording for Codicil:

This is the (first, second, etc) Codicil to my last Will. I give to the Hospital Branch of Sutton’s Hospital in Charterhouse (Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6AN Charity number 207773) the sum of for the General Charitable purposes of the said Charity. In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any existing Codicils thereto.

Signed and dated.....

Witness 1

Name
Address
Occupation
Signed and dated

Witness 2

Name
Address
Occupation
Signed and dated



Four hundred years ago, Thomas Sutton, then considered to be the most wealthy commoner in England, established the almshouse and school that were to become known collectively as Charterhouse.

He was to die six months after he had purchased the site but had made provision in his will to ensure that these two great institutions would endure.

His generous legacy was described by Daniel Defoe as “the greatest and noblest gift that was ever given by one man, public or private, in this nation”.

