

*"When I made the decision to remember the Charterhouse in my Will, my motivation was to ensure that I could play my part in maintaining the sense of history and continuity that being there evokes. I am comforted to know that my gift will help preserve the unique sense of peace and calm that is so important to our visitors and the Charterhouse community."*

Anonymous resident of the Charterhouse



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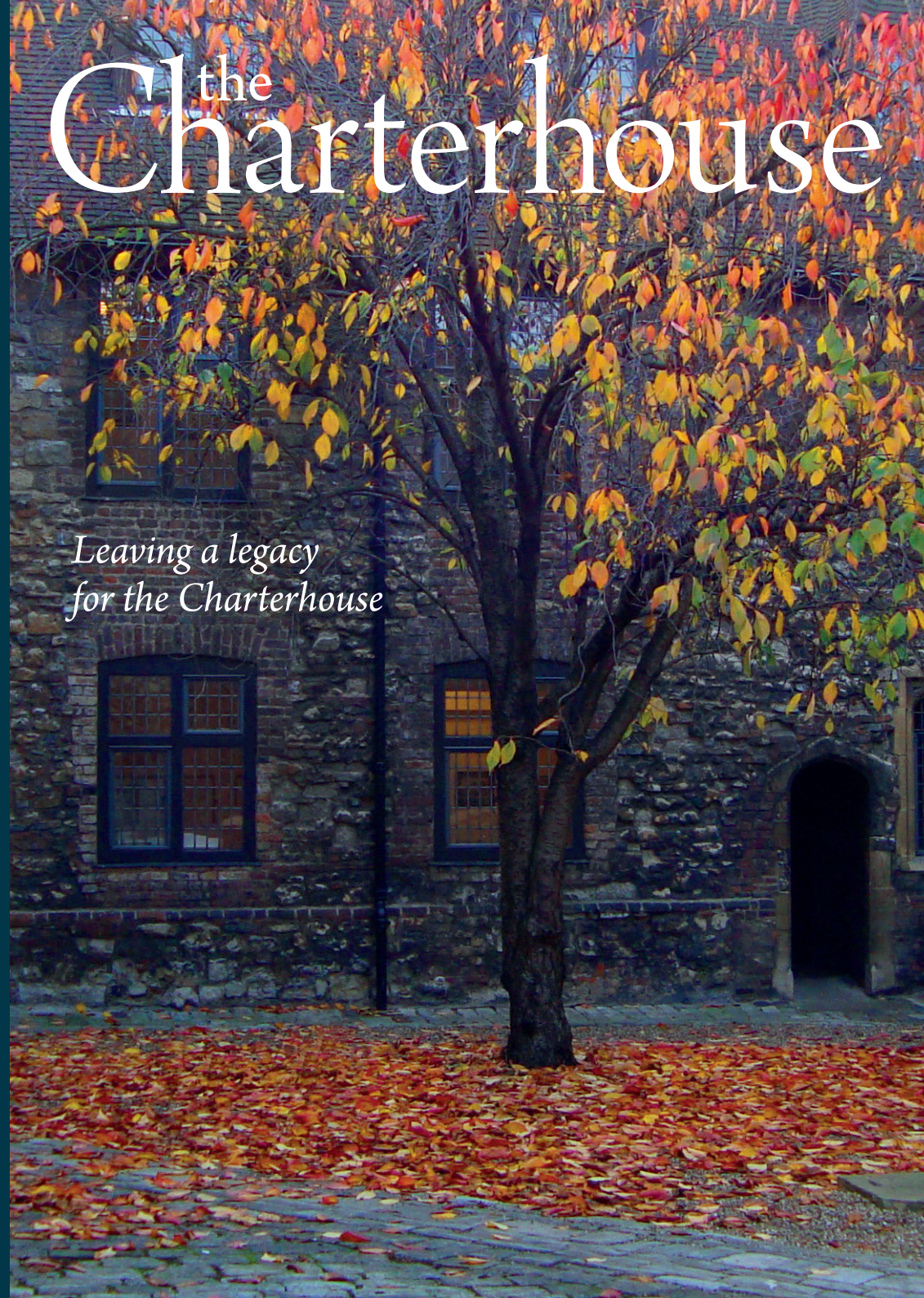
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# the Charterhouse

*Leaving a legacy  
for the Charterhouse*



“...the greatest and noblest gift  
that was ever given by one man,  
public or private, in this nation.”

Daniel Defoe describing the charity one hundred and eleven years  
after it was established by Thomas Sutton in 1611.

Even before Thomas Sutton established  
his charity, the precinct of the Charterhouse  
was a London landmark.

From its origins as a Black Death  
burial ground in the mid-fourteenth  
century, the Charterhouse has  
witnessed many of the key moments  
in the story of our nation.

Elizabeth I spent the first days of  
her reign at the Charterhouse and,  
early in the seventeenth century, the  
Charterhouse became home to the  
charity that thrives to this day.

James I of England was among the  
first Governors of the charity and  
since that time every monarch has  
played the same role.

In 2017 the Charterhouse garden  
square was enlarged and restored  
while a museum and learning space  
was created in the Tudor mansion.

For the first time, the general public  
can join the residents to discover the  
part the Charterhouse has played  
over the centuries.

Our charitable mission is to provide  
support, care and wellbeing for older  
adults in need, whilst preserving  
and sharing our heritage for future  
generations. The provision made by  
Thomas Sutton in 1611 still provides  
for our residents but the ever-  
increasing costs of supporting our  
ageing community and the ancient  
buildings means that we must  
generate further income.



Memorial detail above Thomas Suttons' tomb  
Front cover: Washhouse Court

## Securing the Charterhouse

Our responsibility to our beneficiaries is clear and we have a further duty as custodians of the remarkable assemblage of buildings and collections. We must ensure they can be cherished and enjoyed now and in the future. Currently this comes at a cost of £750,000 every year or about £2,000 per day. This does not include the additional costs necessitated by urgent remedial works that are often required by ancient buildings of this kind.

For the first time since the 1950s, we are also seeking support for an essential £3 million conservation management plan which will ensure that these precious buildings are enjoyed now and preserved for future generations.

We are most grateful to those who have already remembered the Charterhouse in their Wills. Some who have left legacies are inspired by their love of history, others by our architecture or the tranquillity of the Charterhouse, borne of the charity's enduring purpose. We hope you too will be moved by the Charterhouse and our community and that you will consider remembering the charity in your Will. All donations are of immeasurable help, whatever their size.

Since the Charterhouse was opened, many thousands of our visitors have taken delight in their encounter with living history. We are determined to ensure that the Charterhouse continues to inspire into the future. By leaving a legacy to the Charterhouse you will play an important and greatly appreciated part in making this happen.



## 1611 Society


Everyone who informs us that they have left a bequest to the Charterhouse automatically becomes a member of the 1611 Society (although they can, of course, choose not to take up their membership). This society is named after the year of our foundation. Every year we host an evening for the members of the society to show our appreciation which features a talk from an expert and a few glasses of wine for members and their guests.

*"The particular highlight of my membership of the 1611 Society has been our special annual gathering. It has provided us with a glimpse into how the charity looks after its treasures, with talks by experts, each one of whom has been informative and fascinating."*

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The Great Hall



Those who have already remembered the Charterhouse in their Will appreciate the comfort that comes from ensuring that their estate is contributing to benefit something of real importance to them and to the nation

We would be very grateful if you would let us know that you intend to remember the Charterhouse in this way, or if you have already done so. This will enable us to thank you and to activate your membership of the 1611 Society. We will also ensure that you receive our regular newsletters and that you are invited to events at the Charterhouse.

## There are four ways you can help the Charterhouse by remembering us in your Will

### Pecuniary Legacy

A specified sum as decided by you.

### Specific Legacy

You may like to leave a personal possession or an asset that has some link to the Charterhouse (for example texts and works of art).

If you are considering leaving a specific book or work of art to the Charterhouse, it would help us if you would let us know before you commit them to your Will. This will help us to plan for the growth of the Collection.

Other possessions in this category could be property and stocks and shares.

### Residual Legacy

This is a donation of the residue (or remainder) or a specified percentage of your estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been made.

### Reversionary Legacy

This type of legacy allows you to leave assets to provide for your loved ones to enjoy during their lifetime with the whole or a portion reverting to the Charterhouse on their death.

Adding a Codicil to your Will is a straightforward matter. It might be worded as follows:

*This is the (first, second etc) Codicil to my last Will. I give to the Hospital Branch of Suttons Hospital in Charterhouse (Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6AN, charity number 207773) the sum of £xxx 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	Witness 2
Name	Name
Address	Address
Occupation	Occupation
Signed and dated	Signed and dated

All those who leave a legacy to the Charterhouse can rest assured that we will respect the terms of their bequest. Those legacies that are unrestricted will be directed towards the fund that helps us to secure the future of the buildings.

Gifts of this kind can prove extremely tax-efficient as they are not subject to inheritance tax and can reduce the taxable value of your estate.