



Leaving a gift in your Will - a Lasting Tribute



Leaving a gift in your Will to the
Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust

Preserving the past for future generations



Legacies are a vital source of income for the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust.

Every gift in a Will makes a huge difference to the development of the Severn Valley Railway.

Gift in your Will

For over five decades, the Severn Valley Railway has graduated from relative obscurity to a prominent position in British railway preservation. Nowadays, the initials 'SVR' are synonymous with a world-class heritage railway bringing joy to over 200,000 passengers every year.

The day-to-day costs of running the Severn Valley Railway are covered by ticket sales, commercial activities and 1,500 volunteers giving their time and dedication. However, the SVR Charitable Trust needs to raise money to help fund the development of the Railway, now and into the future, to ensure the Railway continues to put smiles on the faces of children, families and enthusiasts for the next fifty years. We are asking those closest to the Railway to consider leaving a gift (legacy) in their Will to achieve this.

There are numerous ways in which you can leave a gift in your Will, and your solicitor will be able to advise which form of gift is most suitable for you. We recommend you use a solicitor to draw up your Will who will ensure that its execution is simple for your beneficiaries after you are gone.



A legacy to the SVR Charitable Trust is exempt from inheritance tax. In certain circumstances a charitable bequest can be a useful way to avoid the payment of inheritance tax on some or all of your estate. Your solicitor will be able to advise you further on this matter.

www.svrtrust.org.uk

I am delighted to support the Severn Valley Railway by leaving a legacy in my Will to the SVR Charitable Trust. I have spent many happy days and much of my spare time supporting and enjoying everything this splendid Railway offers. Knowing that my support will continue to benefit the Railway when I am no longer here to help is immensely reassuring.



My first and most important consideration when thinking about making a Will was my nearest and dearest and ensuring they were cared for. After that I began to consider other causes that I could support. Everyone will have a different reason for wanting to leave a gift to the SVR Charitable Trust. For me, my involvement as a devoted volunteer and enthusiast inspired me to want to support its future.

Many people think they cannot afford to support charities in their lifetime. You can – leaving a gift in your Will can help the Railway to plan its future, and most importantly it doesn't cost you anything now!

I'd ask you to consider joining me in leaving a gift in your Will. Big or small, your gift will make a huge difference.

Make a Difference

A gift in your Will costs you nothing now and any amount you would like to leave will play an important role in securing the future for the Severn Valley Railway for future generations. Making your Will now will give you the peace of mind to know that your loved ones will be looked after and your wishes will be carried out after your death. You can update your Will at any time, if and when your circumstances change.

Your Will ensures your loved ones are taken care of and can help remove potential anguish for them at a difficult time. It is also a chance for us to leave behind a very special gift to help the causes closest to our hearts.

Stewart Clark

SVR Guardian, volunteer and champion of the Severn Valley Railway.



SVR Guardians' Club

The SVR Guardians' Club is a special club we have established, to recognise the commitment from all those who have indicated they will be leaving a gift in their Will to the SVR Charitable Trust. On receipt of notification of your legacy pledge we will send you a Guardians lapel pin badge and updates on the work of the SVR Charitable Trust throughout the year. As a Guardian you will be joining a generous group of people who are securing the Railway's future by acting now.

A Thank You from us - A Lasting Tribute

Donations in Wills are essential for the long-term survival of our much loved Railway. To recognise and thank the most generous of our Guardians who have left a gift in their Will of over £25,000 we would, after you have died, like to give your family and loved ones the opportunity to celebrate your life and your commitment to the SVR by visiting the Railway and travelling in a luxurious observation saloon pulled by a heritage locomotive (steam or diesel) along the 32 mile round trip of your beloved Severn Valley Railway. We are calling the day a Lasting Tribute, as this is exactly what we see your final gift as being.





Your Life, Their Celebration, Our Gratitude

A Lasting Tribute provides your loved ones with a memorable and fitting way to celebrate your life and your achievements, it empowers you (through your gift in your Will) to ensure that the Railway continues to receive vital support and it enables the SVR Charitable Trust to provide a meaningful and lasting tribute to the contribution you made to the SVR in your lifetime.

A Fitting Farewell

With an SVR Lasting Tribute the scattering of your ashes is entirely up to you - you can have the send-off which reflects you, your life and your passion for heritage railways. Whilst travelling along the line in the observation saloon your family and friends can arrange, according to your wishes, for your ashes to be scattered down the track, placed in the locomotive firebox or, scattered at a specific location on the SVR dear to your heart, giving you and your loved one's the ultimate in fitting farewells.

For more information on this special Lasting Tribute please contact Shelagh Paterson on 01562 757941.

Other ways you can support the Railway

There are many other ways you can support the Railway such as setting up a regular gift, giving a one off cash donation, or making a donation in memory of a loved one. Many families also choose to make a donation in lieu of flowers at a funeral. It can be a great comfort to remember a loved one in this meaningful way. All of these different types of donations will make a real difference in helping to preserve the Railway for future generations.

If you would like to know more about the different ways you can support the Railway by donating to the SVR Charitable Trust please contact us on 01562 757940 or email administration@svrtrust.org.uk.



The SVR Charitable Trust is a registered charity, set up by the Severn Valley Railway family to help ensure the long-term future of the Severn Valley Railway. The Charitable Trust focuses on raising funds for the restoration of rolling stock and infrastructure and is the main funder of the Heritage Skills Training Academy.

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If you have already included the SVR Charitable Trust in your Will, it is helpful to let us know, as this allows us to plan as a charity.

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If you have left a gift to the Railway be sure it reaches your intended beneficiary by specifying the SVR Charitable Trust registered charity number 1092723 in your Will.

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We are working with a number of solicitors across the region to provide discounted Will writing services for supporters of the SVR. Please contact us on 01562 757940 or visit www.svrtrust.org.uk for an up to date list.



We're here to help...

Leaving a gift in your Will is an important decision and the most personal gift you can make. If you are considering leaving a legacy in your Will to the SVR Charitable Trust and would like to talk to someone about it please contact us on 01562 757940 or email administration@svrtrust.org.uk

Title: Mr Mrs Ms

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone no:

Email:

Date of birth:

I have already remembered the SVR Charitable Trust in my Will, please send me a legacy pledge card.

I would like to talk to someone about my legacy plans

Please contact me on:

Telephone no:

Email:

I would like more information on the SVR Charitable Trust's Lasting Tribute.



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