

Remember a Charity Week

Funds left to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust via legacies can make a tremendous difference to our work. They are particularly helpful in enabling us to purchase new nature reserves and to ensure that we can plan for the future of our work, safe in the knowledge that we have funding available to cope with the unseen challenges, or to take up unexpected opportunities.

Remember a Charity Week gives you the opportunity to produce or revise your will to ensure that your family and friends are provided for and that the charities you support can also benefit. Here, Rothera Dowson, one of the many firms supporting the Wildlife Trust with discounts and special offers during and after Remember a Charity Week, highlight some of the common misconceptions surrounding wills & legacies.

1 "I've nothing to leave, and no-one to leave it to"

Hardly anyone has nothing. Most people have a house, cash, possessions. Even those without close family may have distant relatives or friends they wish to benefit.

2 "My family know what I want"

Even if you tell them all the same thing, individuals' recollections may differ later.

3 "It will all go to my spouse/partner"

Not if he or she passes away first. Nor if you don't get married. What if they remarry?

4 "Charity begins at home"

Yes - all responsible charities advise their supporters to provide for their dependants first - but without clear instruction in a will, none of your surplus (known as a residue) can help charities' work continue.

5 "I'll save money by writing my own will or using a will-writer"

This can be false economy if it's not witnessed properly, or you use the wrong wording, or the will "disappears". Repairing mistakes can cost many times more than a solicitor-drawn will. For professional detailed advice on writing a will, contact one of the solicitors listed in the table opposite.

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Remember a Charity Week is a great time to sort out your will, with special discounts at many local solicitors (see list).



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Remember a Charity Solicitors

Bilton Hammond Solicitors (Mansfield) Contact: Miss Sarah Allen Tel: 01623 675 850 www.biltonhammond.co.uk sarahallen @ biltonhammond.co.uk	£60 + VAT for a single will and £80 + VAT for a joint will. Offer applies until Sept. 2012.
Constantinou Solicitors (Long Eaton) Contact: Mr Grant Shaw Tel: 0115 849 8000 www.constantinou.co.uk grant.shaw @ constantinou.co.uk	£70 + VAT for a single will and £110 + VAT for a joint will. Offer applies until 31 Dec. 2011.
Curtis Parkinson Solicitors (Bulwell / Clifton) Contact: Mr Kenneth Curtis Tel: 0115 964 7740 www.curtisparkinson.com kenneth.curtis @ curtisparkinson.com	25% discount for wills and powers of attorney. Offer applies all year.
Jackson Quinn Solicitors (Worksop) Contact: Mr Daniel Lindon Tel: 01909 480 066 www.jacksonquinn.com d.lindon@ jacksonquinn.com	£80 + VAT for a single will and £120 + VAT for a joint will. Offer applies until Sept. 2012.
Freeth Cartwright LLP (Nottingham) Contact: Ms Rachel Gaffney Tel: 0115 935 1860 www.freethcartwright.co.uk rachel.gaffney @ freethcartwright.co.uk	10% discount on wills. Offer applies from 12 Sept. to 31 Dec. 2011.
Maclaren Britton (Nottingham) Contact: Mr Duncan Maclaren Tel: 0115 941 1469 www.maclarenbritton.co.uk dmaclaren @ maclarenbritton.co.uk	£75 inc VAT for a single will and £100 inc VAT for a joint will. Offer applies 1 - 30 Sept. 2011.
Robert Barber & Sons Solicitors * (West Bridgford) Contact: Mrs Hilary Tarran Tel: 0115 878 9000 www.robertbarber.co.uk htarran @ robertbarber.co.uk	50% discount on wills. Offer applies from 12 Sept. to 31 Dec. 2011.
(Eastwood) Contact: Mrs Sue Cheetham Tel: 01773 787 878 www.robertbarber.co.uk scheetham @ robertbarber.co.uk	50% discount on wills. Offer applies from 12 Sept. to 31 Dec. 2011.
(Hucknall) Contact: Mrs Rebecca Wardle Tel: 0115 955 2299 www.robertbarber.co.uk rwardle @ robertbarber.co.uk	50% discount on wills. Offer applies from 12 Sept. to 31 Dec. 2011.
Rothera Dowson Solicitors (Beeston) Contact: Mr David Brydon Tel: 0115 9165 200 www.rotheradowson.co.uk d.brydon@ rotheradowson.co.uk	10% discount on wills. Offer applies 1 - 30 Sept. 2011.
(West Bridgford) Contact: Ms Suzanne McAuley Tel: 0115 914 0077 www.rotheradowson.co.uk s.mcauley @ rotheradowson.co.uk	10% discount on wills. Offer applies 1 - 30 Sept. 2011.
(Mapperley) Contact: Mr Martin Foulds Tel: 0115 9520 900 www.rotheradowson.co.uk m.foulds @ rotheradowson.co.uk	10% discount on wills. Offer applies 1 - 30 Sept. 2011.
(Nottingham) Contact: Mr Jeremy Allen Tel: 0115 9100600 www.rotheradowson.co.uk j.allen @ rotheradowson.co.uk	10% discount on wills. Offer applies 1 - 30 Sept. 2011.
(Nottingham) Contact: Ms Jayne Smith Tel: 0115 916 5200 www.rotheradowson.co.uk j.smith @ rotheradowson.co.uk	10% discount on wills. Offer applies 1 - 30 Sept. 2011.

Please note, we apologise that there were errors printed in the Nottinghamshire Wildlife magazine regarding the offer from Robert Barber & Sons in Eastwood and Hucknall; the correct offers are detailed above.