

About Your Intentions

Please consider helping the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust by making a donation in your will. If you have already remembered us, or intend to do so, please complete and return this form to us. This will enable us to thank you and to keep in contact with you in the appropriate way.

This form is not legally binding and all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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My intentions

- I intend to include the Soldiers of Oxfordshire in my will
- I have already included the Soldiers of Oxfordshire in my will
- I would like to find out more about how a legacy can help the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust

Please return your completed form to:

John Bridgeman, Legacy Trustee, SOFO, Harrisons Lane, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1SS or email it to legacy@sofo.org.uk

Why Support Us

“Oxfordshire has a remarkable military history which has done much to shape the development of the county over the ages – I would urge anyone who has an interest in the county to leave a legacy to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, the Custodian of this history.”

David Innes, legacy supporter



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Visitor access to SOFO is through
the Oxfordshire Museum.



A legacy

Lasting connections
making a difference

A legacy to SOFO

We know that when making a will, your first priority is to provide for your loved ones but many people find that even after they have done this they can leave something to a cause they hold dear.

Whether you served as a member of the Armed Forces, have a love for the county of Oxfordshire or perhaps were inspired by the work of our museum, anyone can leave a gift to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust in their will.

We receive no government funding and rely completely on donations and grants from other charitable foundations. Leaving a legacy gift to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is a truly valuable contribution, securing our future for generations to come. Any gift, whatever the amount, helps us to continue providing high level care for our collections, as well as allowing the museum to run its regular thought provoking and inspiring exhibitions for education and enjoyment.

If you have not yet made a will or want to add to an existing one, please consider the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. Often people like to leave a gift in memory of someone important in their lives and SOFO is happy to work with you to ensure this gift is reflective of that person.

We recommend that you consult your legal expert when making or changing your will.



When considering leaving a gift to us we feel you should have the option of how and where your kind donation could be used. Below you will see some of the ways in which we use our funds and how vital your support can be.

Conserve and enhance

The museum is continually conserving the collections, to safeguard them for future generations. We are very lucky that we have a modern building with excellent storage facilities but we do have to outsource the majority of our conservation work. A gift from you could help us continue to care for this important historical heritage.

We are always seeking to enhance our museum experience, curating new exhibitions and sourcing the latest interactive technologies. We like to keep our museum evolving and with such vast collections and limited exhibition space we are keen to display as many artefacts and tell as many stories as possible using modern museum techniques. We also want to attract repeat visitors through a changing exhibition programme. Your legacy donation could help us to provide a fascinating new story for people to experience.

Educate and Inspire

Here at SOFO we pride ourselves on our excellent links with the community. We educate and inspire people from all walks of life. We work closely with school children and adults, including people with special needs and the elderly through our education and outreach programme. Your contribution would allow us to expand this area of our work and reach a broader audience.

Acquire

There are often artefacts of important historical interest which could further enhance the stories of Conflict and County. Occasionally such items may come up for sale which we would be able to acquire if you leave us a gift to our acquisitions fund.

The greatest need

Sometimes our benefactors are happy to leave us a gift to spend wherever the need is greatest. The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust is a not-for-profit charity which means that every penny is invested into the museum.



What sort of gift can you give us?

There are several kinds of legacy gift:

A Pecuniary or Cash gift: allows you to give a specific sum of money to the Trust. This can be for a specific use, such as conservation, education, acquisition or it can be for the Trust to use wherever the need is greatest.

A Residual gift: is a bequest of a portion or the whole of your estate remaining after all debts, expenses, inheritance tax and legacies have been paid. It is important to note that should you choose to leave 10% or more of your estate to charity this can reduce the amount of tax paid on the remainder of your estate. Please consult your legal expert for further information.

A specific gift: might be a personal possession which has monetary or heritage value, for example a painting or an object that will enhance the permanent collections of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. If you are considering leaving us a specific gift in your will, please consult us beforehand.

It is important to remember that all gifts left to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust are exempt from inheritance tax as we are a registered charity. Should you wish to leave us a gift in your will it is important that you include the following details:

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, Registered charity number 1145408, SOFO Office, Harrisons Lane, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1SS.

If you have an existing will, you may want to ask your solicitor to add a codicil to include a legacy to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust. This document lets you make minor changes without the need for drafting a new will.

If you have already included a legacy to the museum in your will, please accept our heartfelt thanks. We know that your decision to include us in your will is a very private one, but if you would like to discuss your intentions and wishes with us, we should be delighted to do so. Any information you provide is not legally binding and will be kept in our strictest confidence.

