

Leaving a Gift in your Will

Help us safeguard the future of the museum and its collections by leaving a legacy to Ely Museum.

As a charity we rely on the kindness of our visitors and supporters to open our doors and tell the stories of our Ely. Leaving a gift to the Museum in your Will, after you have taken care of your family and loved ones, no matter the size, will help us to inspire future generations with these stories.

There are several ways in which you can support Ely Museum through a gift in your Will, and we recommend that you seek independent legal advice when doing so to ensure that it is legally valid and accurately reflects your wishes.

Gifts to charities are tax free, so 100% of your gift will go to Ely Museum. There are three different types of gifts which you can leave:

A Residuary Gift – This is a gift of a percentage or part of the value of your estate (e.g. 5%), once all your other commitments have been settled.

A Pecuniary Gift – This is a gift of a specific sum of money (e.g. £5,000).

A Specific Gift (of an object) – Please speak to us if you are considering this, as we may not be able to accept certain objects.

How your gift might be used?

£1000 – Could buy an item for the collection through the Treasure Scheme

£2000 – Could support a new special exhibition

£5000 – Could fund a programme of conservation

£10,000 – Could help support our service to schools for a year

If you'd like to leave a pecuniary bequest, you might find this wording helpful:

"I bequeath to Ely Museum CIO of the Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely, CB7 4LS, Registered Charity No. 1156024 the sum of £..."

If you'd like to leave a residuary bequest:

"My Executors (these will be defined) shall divide the residue of my estate into equal shares and shall hold such shares as follows: a) as to (specific number) such shares for the Ely Museum CIO of the Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely, CB7 4LS, Registered Charity No. 1156024 absolutely; b) as to (specific number) as such shares for (legatee) of (address) absolutely"