



A Guide to *Charity Wills*

Make or amend your Will this September in aid of Cash for Kids

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Every year, Thorntons designate one month to help raise money for the Radio Tay and Radio Forth listeners' charity Cash for Kids by running a Charity Wills campaign. This September, instead of paying us a fee for making your Will, we will ask you to make a donation to the charity. Last year over £62,000 was raised during Charity Wills month.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if I need a Will?

We strongly advise anyone who owns property, other assets or has dependants, to make a Will. Having an up to date Will in place makes everything much more straightforward and saves considerable time and money at a later date. People also mistakenly think that if they are married or are in a civil partnership, their assets will go immediately to their spouse or partner. This isn't always the case. A Will makes it clear where you want your assets to go giving you peace of mind.

How long does it take?

The whole process is usually completed in approximately 4-6 weeks, depending on how quickly you respond to us to let us know the draft Will we have prepared fits your requirements.

How much should I donate?

Whilst the amount you give is discretionary, many people ask us to make a suggestion. We suggest £200 for a single Will and £250 for a couple making Wills together. A more complicated Will should result in a larger donation. This represents a discount from our usual charge for straightforward Wills. Every penny you donate goes to Cash for Kids.



Thorntons raises a record-breaking amount for Cash for Kids



“Thorntons has raised an impressive £62,000 after pledging its support to Cash for Kids by waiving their fees for making or updating Wills throughout September 2018.”

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What do I need to think about before my appointment?

We suggest you make a note of your assets such as property you own, your pension, life policies, savings and investments etc. An approximate amount will suffice. Also jot down your liabilities such as your mortgage, other loans etc. This will help us calculate the value of your estate and take into account any tax implications. Also, give some thought to who you would like your executor or executors to be. They will be the people who will deal with the administration of your estate. Finally, also think about any specific legacies you would like to leave such as jewellery, paintings etc. Please bring along information on any beneficiaries to be included in your Will (for example, full names and addresses).

I already have a Will. Under what circumstances would I need to renew it?

If any of your personal or financial circumstances have changed, such as marriage, divorce, the arrival of children or grandchildren, purchase of property and so on, we would strongly recommend you make a new Will. We advise our clients to review their Will every 5 years to make sure it is still fit for their needs.

What do I need to bring with me to my appointment?

As well as a note of what is mentioned above, we ask you to bring along two forms of ID – one photographic such as a driving licence or passport and something with your address such as a utility bill or Council Tax statement.

How do I make an appointment?

Appointments are available at our offices in Anstruther, Arbroath, Cupar, Dundee, Edinburgh, Forfar, Kirkcaldy, Montrose, Perth, and St Andrews. Contact details for our offices can be found on the last page of this document.

You can also contact us via our website at thorntons-law.co.uk/charitywills



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