



Headway North Cumbria

www.headwaynorthcumbria.org.uk

the brain injury association

**HEADWAY NORTH CUMBRIA
HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO HEADWAY NORTH CUMBRIA**

INTRODUCTION

1. Having an up-to-date Will is an important part of financial planning. It helps ensure that an individual's wishes will be carried out when they are no longer here. A well-considered Will enables someone to provide for the people and causes that have been important to them in their lifetime as well as giving peace of mind.
2. Many people choose to remember family and friends along with charities which have impacted on their lives. Headway – the brain injury association, like many other charities, relies on voluntary contributions, including gifts in Wills, to help fund its work supporting families struggling to cope with life after brain injury. By leaving a gift you will help this work continue in the future, improving lives and providing vital services.
3. The subject of leaving a legacy to a Headway branch can be a sensitive and difficult subject, however leaving a charity a gift in a will can be really important for some people.
4. Headway UK has produced guidance¹ on how leaving a legacy might be done. This guidance has been incorporated into this document specifically tailored to Headway North Cumbria. This guide is not intended to actively promote leaving a legacy, but is to ensure that relevant information is available should it be required.

AIM OF THE INSTRUCTION

5. The aim of this instruction is to provide a simple guide as to how someone can leave a gift to Headway North Cumbria in their will.

¹ BR 24 – Gifts in Wills for Branches dated October 2023



ROUTES TO WILL WRITING SERVICE

Free will service

6. Headway UK has partnered with expert will writers, Guardian Angel, who offer a quick and easy online service where each will is checked over by a legal expert. The service can be accessed online at:

https://guardianangel.network/online-will?channel=partner&utm_campaign=headwayfree&utm_source=headwayfree&utm_medium=print

7. Guardian Angel also offers a telephone will writing service for those that would rather speak to someone. To find out more simply call the Guardian Angel team on 0800 773 4014 and quote “Headway – the brain injury association”.

Solicitors Directory

8. For those that would prefer to meet with a Solicitor more locally in person, they may, of course, use a solicitor of their choice. Headway UK does have relationships with Solicitors across the UK who offer discounted will writing services to supporters of Headway. Details are available on the Headway website². Please note that these solicitors do charge for their will writing service, but many do offer discounts for Headway supporters.

9. Please note that if you have a complex will which falls outside of the standard free will offer, a quote will be provided by Guardian Angel or the solicitors you have chosen ahead of the process getting underway.

Leaving a gift to your local branch

10. Since Headway North Cumbria is not a charitable entity in its own right (i.e the branch has the same charity number as our parent organisation – Headway – the brain injury association), any gifts in wills must be made to Headway – the brain injury association with instructions as to where it is to be transferred or how it is to be used.

11. For anyone that would like to leave a gift in their will for Headway North Cumbria the following wording would need to be requested to be included in the will:

² <https://www.headway.org.uk/supporting-you/in-your-area/head-injury-solicitors-directory/>



“I wish xxx to be left to Headway - the brain injury association registered charity number 1025852, and on trust by the charity, be wholly transferred to Headway North Cumbria to be used for the general purposes of Headway North Cumbria BUT IF the branch no longer exists at the date of my death, or closes thereafter, or cannot for whatever reason spend the funds on the objects of the local Headway branch then I DIRECT that the funds be applied in the [insert name of region] or county or for the general purposes of the charity.”

FURTHER INFORMATION

12. More information about leaving a gift in your will is also available on the Headway website.³

13. If an individual would like to discuss their plans in more detail please contact legacy@headway.org.uk

³ <https://www.headway.org.uk/donate/a-gift-in-your-will/>