

Leaving a Legacy of Kindness

A life-long connection, a lasting legacy

If your life has been touched or inspired by the services MVA delivers, or if you share in our vision of empowering people and leaving the world a bit better than when we came into it, then leaving a gift in your will is a joyful and lasting way to help make what was once a thought become a reality.

Times are difficult for charities and the people we serve and inspire – that's why MVA needs to be here generation after generation, to help communities to thrive whatever challenges may come.

Legacy Giving With MVA

Once you have looked after your loved ones, leaving a legacy can offer you the opportunity to make a life-long connection to the place, people and services that have touched your life.

Contrary to myth, it's not just financially rich people who leave a legacy – in fact 39% of people in the UK leave a gift to a charity they care about in their will, and this number is growing.

You can decide how you want your legacy to make a difference – do you want it to help wherever the need is greatest or would you like to support an area that's special to you, like our befriending service that touches the lives of Medway & Swale's most loneliest and isolated people? You can talk to us about whatever you'd like your lasting legacy to be and we can work together to make your thoughts a reality.

Your legacy doesn't have to be large to make a difference. Whatever you leave is a truly unique gift; your way of empowering people and leaving the world a bit better than when we came into it.

How to leave your legacy Gift in your Will

Leaving a Gift in your Will to MVA is a very personal and important decision and we are here to help. Please contact the team if you would like to speak to someone about your gift by: Calling: 01634 812850 or Emailing: info@mva.org.uk

Having a will and keeping it up-to-date helps ensure that your property and assets benefit people and causes you personally care about – it also gives you peace of mind that your wishes will be followed.

We would always recommend that you speak to a qualified professional, such as a solicitor, when making or amending your will.

A solicitor will be able to advise you on the required wording to carry out your wishes. If you wish to leave a gift to MVA in your will, all you need is our charity details below:

Council for Voluntary Service (Medway), t/a Medway Voluntary Action
Second Floor South, Fitted Rigging House South, Anchor Wharf, The Historic Dockyard,
Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TZ.
Registered charity number: 1042475



**Every £1
Gifted in a
Will helps us
generate £13
for other local
charities**





If you already have a will and you want to include a MVA in it, there may not be a need to rewrite it. You can ask your solicitor to add an amendment (called a codicil). In general, if the change you wish to make is quite small or simple you can use a codicil, but if the change is more significant or complex you may need to make a new will.

If you have remembered MVA in your Will, we'd love to hear from you. Not only will this help us make plans for the future of MVA, it also means we can thank you properly for your support. Anything you tell us will be confidential and not legally binding.

A Gift in Your Will can help us...

- **Support 1,000+ local charities** and community groups to deliver sustainable services and activities that help and enrich the lives of local people.
- Work with the voluntary and community sector to help them generate an **additional £6 Million** in external income.



- Deliver community engagement and development across some of our **most marginalised communities** – empowering them to tackle issues that are important to them and develop their agency to make their own lives better. **If you can think of an under-served community in Medway and Swale, MVA are likely working with them** – including: homeless, vulnerable migrants, sex workers, addiction and recovery, LGBTQIA+, People of Global Majority, People living with mental and physical difficulties, GRT, victims of modern slavery and individuals with justice system involvement.

➤ Facilitate collaborative working and to provide platforms **for charities to radically transform** how they operate – future proofing their services for those that need them the most.

- Provide befriending support that can provide **a lifeline for some of the most lonely and isolated people** in Medway & Swale.
- Work alongside communities experiencing the greatest health inequalities – **providing practical information on cancer screening and earlier diagnosis** as well as empowering people to develop their own interventions through our Community Power and Self-Organisation model.



“One of the most effective, relevant and current sessions I’ve ever attended. Absolutely fantastic.”

Charity participating in MVA's VCS collaboration session



“The group helped me see a positive in a dark situation.”

Without it, he wasn't sure how he would have coped.

Allan, Befriending service member