

The National Railway Museum

Here at the National Railway Museum we are very proud to be recognised as the world's leading railway museum and the most visited museum outside London with over 800,000 visitors each year.

Our visitors come from all over the world because they are enthused by the collections and the story they represent. We put our success down to our world renowned collection; our dedicated staff and our partners who are advocates and supporters of our work.

It is our aim that people from all walks of life will come to the Museum to explore how railways have shaped and continue to shape our world. In order to achieve this aim we must ensure that the Museum offers a changing programme of enthralling activities and that our exhibitions remain relevant and attract and engage a diverse audience.

Our Plans for the Future

We have many plans for the future of NRM. Below you will find just a small insight into one of our ambitions.

In the coming few years we are planning the total transformation of our 8,500m² Great Hall with a view to attracting more than 1 million visitors to the Museum each year, and ensuring that we continue to engage and fascinate people with our unique collections, display and programmes. Our new displays will explore the impact of railways on our life, our world and our culture.

The new Great Hall will bring these themes to life using more objects than ever from our world class collections, displayed and interpreted in exciting new gallery environments. The new displays will include a mix of the old favourites from the current Museum together with exhibits not previously featured.

This is just one of our plans. We have many more which will see the NRM thrive and develop in the future and we would be delighted to share these with you and show you in person how together we can ensure that NRM remains the world's leading railway museum.

A legacy gift of any size, from £50 to £5million, really does make a huge difference to our work and the future of the Museum.

If and when the time is right for you to include a legacy in your will, please remember us.



If you have any queries or questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Katie Watkinson at the National Railway Museum on 01904 686 280, katie.watkinson@nrm.org.uk or by post at NRM, Leeman Road, York, YO26 4XJ.

Below you will find the answers to just a few questions that you might have. We understand that you may have other queries and would invite you to get in contact with us using the telephone number at the end of this document to discuss these and any other questions that you might have.

I would like to leave the NRM a legacy but is it a charity?

The Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the NRM) is an exempt charity under the Second Schedule of the Charities Act of 1993 and is recognised as charitable by HM Revenue and Customs. Exempt charity status means that the charity was set up by statute. The trustees of the Museum are appointed by the Prime Minister and are accountable to HM Government rather than the Charity Commission.

The National Railway Museum is part of a family of museums who are jointly known as the National Museum of Science & Industry (NMSI). The trustees of NMSI are legally known as the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum, and govern all of NMSI.

Whilst the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the NRM) receives government support to allow it to open its doors to the public, many of the Museum's plans for the future can only be realised through additional funding, including legacies.

How should I word my Will to include a legacy for the benefit of the National Railway Museum?

An appropriate form of wording to be used when you make a Will is available on the next page of this pack, but please do consult a qualified solicitor as this is only intended as a guide.

Can I choose what my legacy is spent on?

Yes, you can request how your money is spent; however leaving a legacy for us to use in the way we feel best allows us to target funds where they are most needed at any given time.

I want to add a legacy to my Will but would prefer not to rewrite the whole document. Is there a simple way of adding a legacy?

You should only change your Will by adding a codicil to it or writing a completely new Will. A codicil is a supplement to a Will which makes some alterations but leaves the rest of it intact. A codicil form can be found in this pack, but again we would advise you to consult your solicitor regarding making a codicil to your Will.



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How to Include a Legacy to the National Railway Museum in Your Will

It is very simple to leave a legacy and you may find the following form of wording helpful as a guide. However, we would always advise you to consult a solicitor if you are making a Will or changing your wishes to ensure that no technical mistakes are made.

Suggested Wording

To leave the whole or part of your estate after specific gifts have been made (“Residuary Legacy”)

I give to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the NRM), the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London, SW7 2DD [xxx] [%] [all] of the residue of my estate for its general purposes at the National Railway Museum, York.

To leave a specific sum (“Pecuniary Legacy”)

I give to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the NRM), the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London, SW7 2DD the sum of £xxx for its general purposes at the National Railway Museum, York.

A gift for a Specific Purpose

If you wish to state the area you are interested in supporting, we suggest the following wording:

I give to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the NRM), the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London, SW7 2DD the sum of £xxx for its general purposes at the National Railway Museum, York.

- Conservation
- Education
- Exhibitions
- The NRM Library and Archive

After you have made your pledge

Anyone making a legacy pledge will be offered the opportunity to receive information about the National Railway Museum’s activities and will receive invitations to special events.

If you are considering pledging a significant sum, we would be delighted to discuss opportunities for recognising your support and creating a lasting memorial in your name or that of a loved one.

Thank you so much for your support – it really does make a huge difference to our work.

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How to Update Your Existing Will

You can easily add a legacy to your existing Will using a codicil. Your solicitor will advise you how to do this so that no legal or technical mistakes occur but an example of the form this is likely to take is shown below for information.

I (name)
Of..... (address)
Declare this to be a codicil which I make thisday of 20[10] to my will dated.....
In addition to any legacies given in my said Will I give to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the NRM), the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW72DD
The sum of £.....
To be used for the NRM's general purposes (or specific area of work.....)
I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.
In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any other codicils thereto.
IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand the date and year first above written:
Signed by the said [NAME]..... as a codicil to [his/her] Will dated in our joint presence and then by us in [his/her] presence and in the presence of each other
Witness Signature.....
Witness Name.....
Address.....
Occupation.....
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Notifying Us of Your Intended Gift

We understand that your Will is completely personal to you, so there is no need to inform us of your pledge unless you wish to do so.

However, if you would like to tell us about your plans we would be very grateful if you could complete this form and return it to the address provided.

This will help us with our forward planning and enable us to provide you with appropriate information and invitations to see our work more closely.

The pledge is not binding and you are free to change the conditions or withdraw it at any time. Please accept our warmest thanks for your generosity and support.

Title	First Name	Surname
Address		
		Postcode
Telephone No.		Email Address
Your Gift	I plan to leave the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (as administrators of the National Railway Museum)	
A Cash Gift	With a value of £	
A percentage of my residuary estate	With an estimated value of £	
The following asset(s)		
Designating your Gift	Please let us know if you are happy for your gift to be used wherever the NRM's need is greatest	
	YES/NO	
If you would prefer for your gift to be used for a specific purpose please tell us here:		



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