

Commemorative Giving at The Workhouse & Infirmary 26/27



What is Commemorative Giving?

Commemorative giving is about care and a way for people to connect with the National Trust, by donating to celebrate and remember.

People give commemoratively for many reasons. It may be care and it may be in response to a social need or may reflect a cultural influence:

- To create symbolic immortality for someone
- To preserve the bonds between loved ones
- To connect with a loved one at a special place
- To celebrate a particular event or date

We are committed to restoring and enhancing The Workhouse & Infirmary through our care and continue to make improvements to our visitor facilities - you can be part of that legacy.

Your donation will contribute to key priorities helping us to upgrade visitor facilities, invest in collections care, research and building restoration.





The Workhouse & Infirmary- The beginning of our social care system

Built in 1824 as a last resort for many people, this rural workhouse is one of the best preserved and most complete in England. It was designed to house around 160 inmates, who lived and worked in a strictly segregated environment with virtually no contact between the old and infirm, able-bodied men and women, and children.

As the site developed, the Infirmary was built in 1871 to care for those deemed too ill to be housed in the workhouse. Here you can glimpse the beginnings of an emerging healthcare system, as social care evolved.

This pack contains information about the opportunities from which you can choose to make your gift to the site. The history and legacies of The Workhouse & Infirmary makes it the perfect place to celebrate a momentous occasion or remember loved ones whilst supporting the National Trust to care for property and collections for future generations to enjoy.



Gardens

ENERGY EFFICIENT TOOLS FOR MAINTENANCE - £250

Using battery powered tools is better for the environment, increase our efficiency and our ability to develop our garden management plan further.

DECORATIVE TREE GUARDS - £50

We look after 16 heritage apple trees – help us to protect them with sturdy tree guards.

BULBS IN THE GARDENS - minimum donation of £40 bulbs or £250 for planter and bulbs

The bulbs around the Gardens help to bring colour, joy and encourage early pollinators to the garden year after year. With locations across the whole site, there are plenty of places to choose from for large or smaller displays.

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SOFT FRUIT BUSHES - minimum donation of £20

We have a variety of soft fruit bushes in the garden including blackcurrants, redcurrant and gooseberries. We would like to expand our collection to provide our food and beverage colleagues fruit to incorporate into their homemade bakes.

CREATION OF NEW NATURE HABITAT- minimum donation of £10 for wildflower seeds, £100 for blossom trees

We want to increase access to nature for our visitors by creating a new nature habitat with blossom trees and wildflowers to invite a variety of pollinators, birds and insects into the site. This will increase biodiversity, give natural spaces for reflection and an opportunity to inspire others to our cause.





Outdoor Spaces

OUTDOOR SEATING

Benches at the Workhouse & Infirmary are a brilliant way to celebrate occasions or remember loved ones in a beautiful setting. We do not permit plaques or memorials but offer peaceful, unique locations for private reflection and special moments, for you and for everyone.

BACKLESS BENCH - minimum donation of £260

A simple backless bench which is made from recycled plastics, has the durability of wood and requires less maintenance. The locations of these benches are along our visitor route including Paupers' Path and along the outside tour route.

CAPTAIN BENCH - minimum donation of £445

These benches, as pictured, are made from recycled plastics, have the durability of wood and requires less maintenance. They are installed on visitor routes and areas that people may wish to rest for longer and take in their surroundings.

ACCESSIBLE PICNIC BENCH - minimum donation of £505

Designed for inclusivity and sustainability. Seating 3-4 people plus one wheelchair, this maintenance-free table is perfect for various settings, promoting accessibility and environmental responsibility.



Collections & House Care

MUSEUM STANDARD DISPLAY CASES - £1200

We have almost 1200 items of collection in our care but only around 3% are on display to the public. To support our strategy objectives to end unequal access we want to be able to showcase more of our social history collection for everyone to learn from and enjoy.

EXTERNAL BUILDING DECORATION - minimum donation of £100

Our historic buildings need regular repair and updating; replacing roofs, windows and doors. Help us to maintain our buildings for our future generations.

CORDLESS BACKPACK VACUUM - £1200

Our historic buildings and collections need constant cleaning; having a cordless backpack vacuum means that we can undertake a portion of this cleaning during opening hours, sharing our conservation work with our visitors.

What you need to know:

Terms & Conditions

1. When making a donation towards the cost of a specific item, such as a tree or bench, this is for sponsorship only and not ownership of the item. The item will become the property of The Workhouse & Infirmary and will remain so for the life of the item.
2. Charges will be based on current rates at the time.
3. We will take reasonable care of all legacy items, such as trees and benches during their lifetime, but we cannot replace them in the event of fire, theft or accidental damage.
4. All requests for trees and benches will be treated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis and are subject to a space being available on site.
5. The Workhouse & Infirmary shall not be held accountable for any future works or planning alteration changes to the site(s) or the surrounding areas.
6. All monies are to be paid in full when the final agreement is completed and includes purchase and installation.

7. The Donor will receive an Official Receipt for the monies paid.

8. The Workhouse & Infirmary will hold your personal data for 15 years in regard to any donation and will endeavour to contact you should we need to in the event of changes to the area. After 15 years no such contact will be made. It is the responsibility of the donor to contact The Workhouse & Infirmary with any change of address, otherwise the last known address will be used. If this proves to be incorrect, we are not duty bound to pursue this matter further.

9. Privacy Policy

The information you provide will be stored securely by the National Trust and used to process your donation. Your privacy is important to us, so we'll keep your details secure for as long as necessary for this purpose, and they will not be used for marketing communications that you haven't agreed to receive.

For more information about how we look after your personal data please see our Privacy Policy at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/privacy-policy

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“We” and “us” means the National Trust, charity number 205846, and National Trust (Enterprises) Limited.

Online Donations

Online donations are becoming more and more popular for commemorative donors.

You can donate in memory or in celebration to The Workhouse & Infirmary via the 'Donate' button on the National Trust website, capturing information such as the special occasion and commemorative names. Individual donations can only be made through this page. For collections and tribute funds, please see below.

Tribute Funds

You may wish to set up a tribute fund for funeral collections, wedding gifts or any in memory or in celebration fundraising event or occasion.

We use the Just Giving platform and have specific links we can share with you to create your own fundraising page to celebrate a birthday, wedding, personal challenge, fun run or another occasion.

Please contact giving@nationaltrust.org.uk for more details on how to set up a Just Giving Tribute Fund specifically for The Workhouse & Infirmary, project or appeal. You must clearly state that you want your donation to go to a specific property or project during the set-up process.





Gifts In Wills

Did you know that gifts in wills are one of the National Trust's largest sources of income?

A gift in a will, also known as a legacy, is a percentage of an estate, an amount of money, or a specific item or property left in someone's will. When someone leaves a gift in their will to us, it's often the largest gift they can or will give. It's also a way for people to ensure their values live on, and it's something our supporters care about very much.

Gifts in Wills are vital in protecting all our places. These gifts are used right at the heart of our work; so, any gift, no matter the size, makes a real difference.

Many people choose to leave a gift to go to where it's most urgently needed: an "unrestricted" gift. However, supporters can, if they wish, choose where their gift goes. That could be a property or place special to them, or an area they really love, like the coastline or the countryside.

You can find more information about gifts in wills by contacting the Gifts in Wills team at legacies@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/legacies



Get in touch

The Workhouse & Infirmary provokes personal memories for many of our supporters, from discovering family links to the site to taking the time to reflect on their own lives with many visitors finding the experience humbling. We love that it is these special moments that keep The Workhouse & Infirmary close to your heart. Therefore, your commemorative gift and support is just as important to us, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

NEXT STEPS.....

Step 1: Select a project you wish to support

Step 2: Contact us to arrange a visit and discuss your gift in detail

Step 3: We will arrange for the gift to be accepted by the Property

Step 4: You can choose to add an entry into the Commemorative Book - if you wish to do this, we can agree wording with you

It is with regret that we do not allow ashes to be scattered on the site and we are also unable to place a commemorative plaque or inscriptions on sponsored items.

For more information about commemorative giving, please contact theworkhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk



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