

Sample Wording

Whilst you would need to make your final clauses with your solicitors we enclose some sample wording as a suggestion to pass on to them for inclusion. Our Legacy Officer will also be able to assist you with any more detailed wordings you may desire.

Pecuniary Legacy

I give tax free to
The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association
(Registered Charity No. 1127688) of
New Romney Station
2 Littlestone Road
New Romney
Kent, **TN28 8PL**

the sum of £ _____ for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of the Association shall be full and sufficient discharge.

Residuary Legacy

I give the whole of my estate not otherwise disposed of by my Will (or % as desired) to the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association (Registered Charity No. 1127688) of New Romney Station 2 Littlestone Road New Romney Kent, **TN28 8PL**

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Specific Gift

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Codicil

We can advise on the wording of a Codicil to your existing Will if you require.

If you are interested in the future of The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway then please complete this form and either hand in at the nearest station or post.

- I would like to speak with your Legacy Officer
- I would like to support you now with a donation of £ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Email _____

Please return this form to:

**Sandra Refault
Legacy Officer**

Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association
2 Littlestone Road
New Romney
Kent. **TN28 8PL**

Email legacies@rhdra.org

Web www.rhdra.org

We will not divulge or share your information to any other organisation and will hold it for administrative purposes only

- I would like to receive further information about the RH&DR or the Association

The RH&DR reserves the right to alter any or all of the information contained in this leaflet without reference or notice

Registered Charity No: 1127688

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Dymchurch Railway
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Why remember the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association

The Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway has been an institution on the Romney Marsh for nearly 90 years.

In its history the railway has faced somewhat challenging times resulting in near closure in the late 1960's.

There were, however, a great many people for whom such a prospect was unthinkable and so the Association was born in 1967 to support the running of the railway to ensure it remained open for future generations.

The current structure of the railway, put in place by Sir William McAlpine in the early 1970's, was supported from the outset by the Association, a role that we continue to undertake to this day.

We know that the railway has played an important part in many peoples' lives over many generations either as local users or visiting holiday makers and these memories never fade-away.

Through its membership the Association provides a great many volunteers who undertake a wide variety of operational tasks alongside the less glamorous roles like track and infrastructure construction & maintenance to help ensure that the railway will continue to provide these memories for generations to come.

In 2009 the Association became a registered charity no. 1127688 with the objectives

TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THE HISTORIC MINIATURE TRAINS AND ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS ON THE ROMNEY HYTHE & DYMCHURCH RAILWAY FOR THE BENEFIT AND EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A HERITAGE CENTRE AS WELL AS FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

As a registered charity the Association offers a tax efficient route for those who would like to leave a legacy, be it financial or specific gift to the railway.

If you would like to support the future growth and development of our wonderful railway and perhaps discuss a legacy then please complete and return this form.

Thank you.

Steve Godden
Chairman – RH&DRA
chairman@rhdra.org

Legacies can make a lasting difference

It was a legacy that enabled the Association to recently fund the installation of new Volunteer Accommodation at New Romney.

This accommodation offers superb facilities for volunteers to stay and work on the railway from a single night or a weekend through to longer periods. But as important as volunteer accommodation is, the Association has other aims and objectives as well. There is the conservation, restoration and overhaul of our fleet of historic steam and diesel locomotives to support.

There is also nearly 90 years of heritage of the railway to record for the education of future generations both locally and from a national perspective through a planned new Heritage Centre that can record the development of 15" gauge railways in the UK.

Can I specify what my legacy is used for?

Yes, but it is helpful if the funds are unrestricted to avoid any potential problems when funds become available and the use specified is no longer appropriate. In this respect we can suggest general areas where funds are always useful.

Unrestricted legacies are invaluable because they enable us to target funds where they are most appropriate at any given time.

So you can see a gift of any size makes a real difference to us and is very welcome. Your legacy will play a vital part in enabling us to maintain our fleet of historic steam and diesel engines and the route on which they run.

And no legacy will be used for the general running costs of the railway.

Why make a Will?

Making a Will is important to safeguard your loved ones. It is surprising but only 1 in 3 people actually make a Will but without one your estate may not be distributed as you would wish and in some instances could even go to the Crown.

A Will enables you to distribute your estate as you wish and to remember those people and organisations closest to your heart.

How do I leave a legacy?

It is usually sensible to consult a solicitor when first preparing a Will.

There are two types of legacy:

Pecuniary – A specific sum

Residuary – The whole or part of an estate after specific gifts have been made

Alternatively, you can also leave a Specific Gift, an item of value which could be sold for the benefit of the charity or the future benefit of the railway such as property, shares or historic items such as antiques relating to the railway.

If you already have a will in place you can also complete a simple Codicil and leave this with your Will (do not staple or in any way attach it to the Will as any marks can delay probate) but it is worthwhile advising your next of kin or solicitor of your decision.

If you wish, you could tell us why you have decided to remember The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association in your Will. We would love to hear your story as a part of our ever growing Heritage Collection.