



Off The Fence

What will your legacy be?

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Changing lives for the better now and in the future

Often the needs of the most vulnerable people in our society fail to be met through official channels. Many are homeless; many are in abusive relationships or have a dependence on drugs and alcohol that takes over their lives. Others, especially the young, may simply not know who to turn to for advice and support when life overwhelms them.

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For over 10 years, the Christian charity **Off The Fence** has helped many hundreds of people turn around their lives and move from hopelessness to a belief that they have a future. The need is as great as ever, highlighting how important your support is. We depend heavily on gifts from individual supporters and such gifts enable us to change lives for the better and show the love of Christ in action.

Every day **Off The Fence** undertakes life changing work through its four projects:

- **Project Antifreeze** - providing emergency support and hope to hundreds of homeless and rough sleepers on the streets of Brighton & Hove each year;
- **The Safe House Project** - enabling young people to gain the vital first steps on their journey towards independence;
- **Women at Risk** - providing friendship and support in a safe confidential environment to vulnerable women;
- **Schools work** - organising lunch time clubs in secondary schools throughout our city to enable the Christian message to be heard by young people in non-intimidating surroundings.

Please remember Off The Fence in your will

Off The Fence is a registered charity. Many concerned individuals have enabled us to work more effectively by supporting us with gifts, both large and small. They have left a lasting memorial, demonstrating their concern for some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people within our society.

Very often a legacy is a gift that people could not have afforded to give in their lifetime. This generous way of giving changes things for the better for many hundreds of people in need; allowing them to see that somebody does care.

By leaving a gift to **Off The Fence** in your will you can continue to make a difference to people's lives long into the future.

Making a will fulfils the calling on Christians to be responsible stewards and is a powerful declaration of the beliefs and values we hold dear as Christians. It is a way of acknowledging that everything we have been given comes from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as such should be used as a testimony to His goodness.

There are different ways of making a legacy. Three options are outlined below with the relevant wording that can be used when you use each method:

Pecuniary legacy - a fixed sum which can be gradually reduced by inflation.

"I give to the registered charity number 1108777, the sum of (amount in figures and words) to be applied by Off The Fence Trust for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Director or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

Residuary legacy - a proportion of your estate after specific gifts of money or property (meaning that your gift is unaffected by inflation).

"I give all/I give (write in share e.g. one third) of my estate absolutely to the Off The Fence Trust, 49 Blatchington Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3YJ, registered charity number 1108777, the sum of (amount in figures and words) to be applied by the Off The Fence Trust for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Director or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors."

Specific legacy - this is a gift of a particular item of property owned by you which should be clearly identified in your will.

"I give to the Off The Fence Trust, 49 Blatchington Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3YJ, registered charity number 1108777, (write in here whatever you want to give) with full discretion for the charity to sell such asset(s), the asset(s) or proceeds of the sale to be applied by Off The Fence Trust for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Director or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors."

The tax benefits of leaving a legacy -

Inheritance tax is complicated but there are benefits in leaving a legacy to charity. You can leave free of tax at present a maximum of £285,000 with the remainder being taxed at 40% (please check with your legal advisor for up to date figures). So a properly drafted will could reduce any inheritance tax bill.

Your legacy
will provide long term
practical and spiritual support

Bringing hope
to some of the most
vulnerable and marginalised
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What people say about us...

"Antifreeze saved my life. If it wasn't for you guys I don't know where I would be today."

Adam
A Project Antifreeze Client

"Their support and outreach services are of immense value to so many vulnerable people."

Those who work for 'Off The Fence' give so willingly of their time and their kindness sheds a light into the lives of those they help. 'Off The Fence' has seen demand for its quality service expand and it deserves all the support and help it can get."

Councillor Brian Oxley
Brighton and Hove Council

"We have valued the excellent work and support given to the homeless people across the City by 'Off The Fence'."

Together we have established a successful partnership arrangement to provide move on accommodation for homeless young people at the 'Off The Fence' Safe House. This has been a successful venture and has enabled a number of young people to gain confidence and skills in independent living."

We hope to continue to work closely with 'Off The Fence' in the future, particularly in providing housing for young people in need."

Hove YMCA

"To say that these projects are lifesavers is not an exaggeration. The team engage with extremely vulnerable people, providing essentials that keep people alive, with this they give a touch of humanity that has been lacking in so many of their lives."

The Big Issue

"The projects signpost young people to the relevant organisations, helping those sleeping rough to obtain support in their housing, mental health and other needs. Their service is invaluable in our sector."

Clock Tower Sanctuary



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Please use this page to keep us informed

If you have included a gift to **Off The Fence** in your will please be assured of our sincere thankfulness. We would also be very grateful if you would use this form to let us know.

(please tick) I have remembered **Off The Fence** in my will

Forename

Last name

Address

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Postcode

e-mail

Tel:

(please tick) if you would like more information about **Off The Fence** and our work

**Please return this form to: The Director,
 Off The Fence Trust, 49 Blatchington Road,
 Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3YJ**

It is advisable to consult a solicitor when making your will. He/she can also discuss any inheritance tax issues with you so that your giving can be done in the most tax effective way.

