

Pass on your **love** of gardening...







**“The RHS has given me a lifetime of tranquility, horticultural skills and knowledge. A legacy seems a perfect way to say thank you.”**

Mrs Anne Fragniere, legacy pledger

Do you remember when you fell in love with gardening? Perhaps it was helping your parents to weed, growing cress at school, or when you first had a garden of your own? As we all know, once you’ve caught the gardening bug, there’s no going back... You probably pass on that love by sharing tips and plant cuttings with others – but have you considered passing on your love of gardening by leaving a legacy to the RHS?

## **...with a legacy to the RHS**

A charity with over 200 years of expertise, we are driven by the belief that gardening can enrich and inspire the lives of people of all ages – as we hope we have inspired you.

We demonstrate the highest standards of horticulture in our four gardens and at our shows, with diverse plant collections and innovative planting. We enthuse gardeners of every age and ability to get growing, nurturing swathes of colour and scent from the bare soil. We also help thousands of school children gain green fingers by planting their very first bulb.

**We need the help of passionate gardeners like you to pass on your love of gardening to future generations. Without your support, our gardening heritage could be at risk.**





**"I love visiting the wonderful gardens and shows, and I have learnt a great deal too. I want to leave a legacy so that the RHS can continue its vital work for the enjoyment and benefit of generations to come."**

Mrs Linda Knight, legacy pledger



What do you love most about your favourite RHS Garden? Is it the Glasshouse at Wisley, the Cottage garden at Rosemoor, the herbaceous borders at Harlow Carr, or the dry gardens at Hyde Hall? All four gardens are living examples of our work. Behind the scenes we research how best to cultivate plants and protect them against pests and diseases, garden sustainably in a changing climate and encourage biodiversity.

## Our gardens are living examples of **excellence** in horticulture

Our gardens have an illustrious history, rooted in the vision of their founders. Scientist George Fergusson Wilson created Wisley with the ambition to make 'difficult plants grow successfully'. Lady Anne Palmer filled her collection at Rosemoor with plants drawn from as far afield as Brazil and Japan; while Dr and Mrs Robinson turned a windswept hill at Hyde Hall into a green oasis. Finally, Harlow Carr – founded as a spa in 1840 by Henry Wright – became ours in 2001. Since these exceptional gardens have been in our care we have pushed the boundaries in design, ideas and techniques, enriching the lives of many.

**You too can play your part in our future by leaving us a legacy.**



In the modern world, where people have less and less contact with nature, there is an urgent need to pass on gardening skills and prevent centuries of practical knowledge from dying out.

## We inspire gardeners of all ages across the UK

Today, we're inspiring a whole new generation to pick up a trowel and get digging. Our Campaign for School Gardening has been embraced by 12,000 schools – introducing children to growing fruit and vegetables, learning about healthy eating and helping to nurture a lifelong passion. Through our learning centres and education programmes at our gardens, we take teaching outside the classroom. We encourage families and communities to develop their gardening skills and make their local environment a cleaner, greener and more colourful place to live. And we share our knowledge through our world-class horticultural libraries and advice services for the benefit of all gardeners.

**Please do consider leaving a legacy to the RHS to help us keep alive and develop more than two centuries of horticultural knowledge – and pass it on.**



**“When I open a broad bean pod the children are amazed. They are fascinated by watching seeds grow into a plant and many are now growing vegetables at home.”**

Anthony Pizzoferro, Deputy Head of St Leonard's primary school, Streatham



# Will you pass on your love of gardening with a legacy to the RHS?

Please complete this form if you would like to pledge a legacy to the RHS, or find out more by attending a legacy event, and return it to us at the address below.

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| Title                             | First Name |
| Last Name                         |            |
| Membership Number (if applicable) |            |
| Address                           |            |
| Postcode                          |            |
| Telephone                         |            |
| Email                             |            |

- ☐ I have left a gift in my Will to the RHS.
- ☐ I would like to talk to someone about leaving a gift in my Will.  
Please call or email me.
- ☐ Please send me details of a legacy event at my local RHS Garden.  
(On these days, our staff will take you on a guided tour, giving you inside knowledge of our plans, and answer any questions you may have about legacies.)

Legacies not tied to particular areas enable us to spend our supporters' money wherever the need is greatest. However, if you have a specific area you would like to support, please do contact us to ensure we can fulfil your wishes.

**Legacies, The Royal Horticultural Society,  
80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PE**

## Thank you for your support

If you pledge a legacy to the RHS, we would like to send you a young tree as a thank you for your investment in our future. We hope that you will enjoy planting this tree as a small contribution to reducing climate change and encouraging biodiversity.

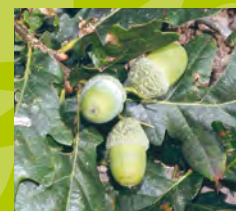
Please indicate which tree you would like to receive:



☐ Field Maple\*



☐ White Beam\*



☐ English Oak

\*suitable for smaller gardens

We have chosen these three trees to suit most soil types and different sizes of gardens. This gift has been made possible through the generosity of Oakover Nurseries in Kent who donate all trees.



If you have left a legacy to the RHS or are thinking of doing so, we'd love to know why. Please tell us here. Thank you.

- ☐ Please tick if you are happy for us to share your thoughts in future legacy materials – it will help us find more people like you.

# Your legacy could help the RHS:

- Bring inspiration and joy to gardeners of all ages through our four living examples of horticultural excellence: RHS Gardens at Wisley, Hyde Hall, Harlow Carr and Rosemoor
- Reach thousands of school children and young people, passing on horticultural skills and a love of gardening to future generations
- Fund the scientific research that underpins an understanding of plants and the development of horticultural knowledge for gardeners worldwide.

**If you would like to discuss leaving a legacy to the RHS or would like to attend an information event to find out more, please contact our legacy team on 020 7821 3125.**

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