

INSPIRE THE FUTURE


THE BOWES
MUSEUM

Leave a gift in your will
to The Bowes Museum



Your legacy

Be a part of The Bowes Museum by leaving a gift in your will. Every gift will ensure the museum, our collection and parkland are here for future generations to enjoy.

Our Founders, Joséphine and John Bowes, created The Bowes Museum through their own spirit of philanthropy. Through their vision, a unique purpose-built museum with an extraordinary collection was gifted to benefit the people of Teesdale and County Durham. Their generosity enables over 100,000 people to visit, enjoy and experience the wonderful museum, collection and parkland every year.

Their gift has created a truly remarkable and extraordinary legacy for all generations to enjoy.



Why gifts in wills are important

As a charity, we are heavily reliant on donations to care for our historic collection, buildings and parkland. Gift in wills help us to protect and look after everything in our care. All gifts in wills make a lasting difference and we are grateful for your support and generosity.

Leaving a gift in your will

Be a part of The Bowes Museum legacy by planning a gift in your will.

Gifts in wills are used at the heart of our work and enable us to:

- **Conserve and care** for our world-class collection for you to enjoy
- Showcase **outstanding exhibitions** in northern England
- **Inspire people of all ages** through our extensive learning programme
- Support **artists, designers and makers**
- **Protect and enhance** our 22 acres of parkland



A member of staff getting an object ready to display in the Hive.



Children looking at a commissioned artwork in the exhibition, *From Joséphine Bowes: Trendsetters and Trailblazers*.



An artist maker helping a visitor be creative in an artist workshop.

How to make a gift in your will

In planning your gift, always make sure you consider providing for your loved ones in the first instance.

There are a variety of types of gifts:

- **Pecuniary or ‘cash’ gifts**
This is a specific sum of money left to a charity, e.g. £10,000.
- **Residuary gifts**
A share of your estate, e.g. 5%. The residue is what is left after any specific or pecuniary gifts have been made from the estate and all expenses and taxes have been paid.
- **Specific gifts**
A specific gift is where a specific item is left to charity.

We are not able to provide legal advice for your plans and would always encourage you to speak with a solicitor when preparing your will or adding a codicil. However, do make sure you name **The Bowes Museum** and use our charity number (**1079639**) in any wording you use.



Tell us about your legacy plans

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will to The Bowes Museum. Your generosity will help protect and share our collection, building and programmes for future generations to enjoy.

About you

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Preferred contact method:

Email Phone Post

Please select all that apply:

- I have already included a gift to The Bowes Museum in my will
- I am considering leaving a gift to The Bowes Museum in my will
- I would like more details about how to leave a gift to The Bowes Museum
- Please contact me to arrange a confidential conversation

Tell us more

You do not need to share details, but if you would like to tell us more about your wishes, or what inspired your decision, please use this space.

Privacy note: Your response is completely confidential and not legally binding. You can change your wishes at any time.

Please detach this form and return to: Development Office,
The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, DL12 8NP, or email
development@thebowesmuseum.org.uk



A family exploring in the museum's parkland.

“ Regular visits to The Bowes Museum were part of life for me, growing up in Barnard Castle. I would look out for my favourite exhibits in each room. Later, visiting museums, galleries and palaces in Europe and beyond, I came to realise both the wealth of The Bowes Museum's collection and the rich legacy it had given me. I have therefore chosen to leave a gift to the Bowes in my will so that others can continue to enjoy and be inspired by the treasure house of this wonderful museum. ”

Christine Dipple,
Supporter and legator

Get in touch

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss your gift intentions, please contact:

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Visit us at **thebowesmuseum.org.uk/legacy**

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