



**YORKSHIRE**  
AIR AMBULANCE



## Leaving a Gift in Your Will

Help us to save lives  
across Yorkshire

[www.yaa.org.uk](http://www.yaa.org.uk)



# 1 in 3 missions are funded by Gifts left in Wills

Thank you for thinking about leaving a Gift in your Will to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Gift in Wills not only go directly towards helping save lives across Yorkshire, but also help the Charity build and secure the future of our life-saving, emergency service.

For many of our supporters, a Gift in their Will is their most heartfelt donation to us. It is often a way of continuing what may be a very personal, emotional, or even lifelong relationship with the Charity.

# Our Charity Promise to you

- Patient care and welfare are at the heart of everything we do.
- As a Registered Charity, we operate with transparency, honesty and pride.
- We respect the privacy of our donors, and do not share data with third parties. We are GDPR compliant.
- We promise to spend each £1 donated effectively, wisely and where possible, that money will be spent in Yorkshire.



“Thank you so much for your trust and helping us to save lives across Yorkshire in years to come”



# There when you need us

“We have always been proud to provide the people of Yorkshire with a first-class air ambulance service and along with recent medical advancements, having our specialist Critical Care Team on board every day means we are now capable of bringing life-saving critical care to the scene, saving vital minutes and in many cases, lives.”

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is an independent Charity providing a life saving rapid response emergency service to 5 million people across the whole of Yorkshire. **We fly seven days a week, 365 days a year.** On average, we attend five incidents each day, that's five families' lives which are changed, every single day. Your gift could help secure the future of this amazing service which is so important to the people of Yorkshire and all who need our help.

## Quick Facts



We attended 1,858 incidents in 2018



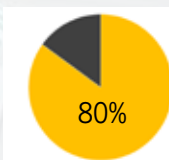
12 mins average flight time



on average 5 patients treated every day



1 in 10 missions are flown using night vision goggles



On average, over 80% is spent directly on saving lives

# Meet some of our patients



**Patient Name:** Scott Housley

**Incident:** A fall of 30ft

**Location:** North Yorkshire

Scott Housley, 72, from Harrogate, was walking near Moughton Scar on the side of Ingleborough with a group of his friends, when he slipped on a steep fell side and fell 30ft.

Scott was flown to Leeds General Infirmary, where it was revealed that he had fractured his eye socket, broken his nose, broken his jaw, fractured his wrist, finger and his clavicle. Scott is now one of our registered volunteers.

Scott said: *"I knew of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance in principle, but after my accident I began researching further into the Charity and I knew the organisation was something that I wanted to be a part of."*



**Patient Name:** Sue Kesic

**Incident:** A head on collision

**Location:** Steeton, West Yorkshire

Sue Kesic and her family were driving back from the Lake District when she was involved in a head on collision with another vehicle.

As a result of the car crash, Sue suffered a multitude of life changing injuries, including a broken back bone, wrist and right humerus, plate damage, a patella fracture on the right leg and patella fracture on the left leg as well as heel and shin damage.

*"If it wasn't for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, I wouldn't be here today and I'm forever grateful."*



**Patient Name:** Beatrice Grenfell

**Incident:** Five year old girl's Influenza B contraction unmasks hidden chronic illness

**Location:** Whitby, North Yorkshire

Beatrice Grenfell, aged five, from Whitby was sent home from school due to feeling unwell.

Not long after, Bea had been sick and was staring blankly into space, before going into a prolonged seizure and turning blue. Her mum dialled 999 and Bea was subsequently airlifted to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, where she was put into an induced coma and transferred into paediatric intensive care where she remained for three days. Initial results showed that Bea had contracted Influenza B, but later tests revealed that she has Neurofibromatosis, a rare genetic disorder.

Vicky Grenfell, Bea's mum said: *"The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is an incredible service and they have my ultimate respect. I'm thankful for everything they did that day."*



**Patient Name:** Ian & Clare Ferret

**Incident:** A collision on a motorbike

**Location:** Doncaster, South Yorkshire

Ian Ferret, and his wife Clare, were on a bike ride in the Selby area, when Ian was overtaking a car turning off a motorway, resulting in the collision. Assessments at Leeds General Infirmary revealed that Ian had cracked two vertebrae, broken nine ribs, fractured his shoulder and had two collapsed lungs. Clare suffered from leg injuries, a broken rib and also a collapsed lung.

Speaking of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Clare said: *"If it wasn't for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, I don't think my husband would be here today."*



# Leaving a Gift in your Will is easy

## **“Why I am leaving the Yorkshire Air Ambulance a gift in my Will...**

*“I was suffering acute chest pains, and collapsed in my doorway trying to get help. Thankfully a neighbour opposite saw me and called 999. I live in a fairly rural town in the Calder Valley, surrounded by hills. The air ambulance was able to take me directly to the cardiac unit at Leeds General Infirmary where surgeons operated to save my life. If that journey had been made by road, I would not have made it.*

*I owe my life to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, which is why I am leaving them a gift in my Will. We are so lucky to have them.”*

**Mr H Levene, 71, West Yorkshire Heart Attack**

Having a valid and up to date Will is the only way to ensure your wishes will be carried out as you intend. Your Will is the most important legal document you are likely to write, so we strongly recommend getting independent, professional advice from a solicitor.



# What you need to know

## **What to do**

If you don't have a solicitor already, the Law Society can help you find one close to you. Visit [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk) or call them on 020 7320 5650 for friendly and helpful advice.

**Then:** Make an appointment to see your solicitor and discuss your wishes with them. They will advise you of the best type of Will for you and your estate.

**Next:** Make a list of everything you own and owe. This will help you work out the value of your estate. Then consider what you wish to leave behind to the people, places and Charities that are dear to you.

**Did you know?** Wills require an Executor – someone who will ensure your wishes are carried out as requested. If you do not have anyone who can act as an executor of your Will, you may appoint a solicitor.

## **Have an existing Will?**

If you would simply like to include a gift to Yorkshire Air Ambulance in your current Will and keep everything else unaltered, you don't need to make a new one. You can easily amend an existing Will by adding what is called a 'codicil'.

Your solicitor will be able to advise and arrange a codicil to your existing Will.

# What you need to know



## Leaving a cash sum or specific gift

We are very grateful to receive support in all forms, no matter how big or small. Many supporters have also chosen to leave us a specific gift, such as a financial gift, property or shares.

## Leaving a percentage or share of your estate

This is the remainder of your estate once other bequeaths have been made. You decide on the percentage you wish to gift. As your gift may not come into effect for many years, leaving even a small percentage or the remainder of your estate means the proportion remains constant. Your gift is less likely to be affected by inflation so this is one of the most valuable ways you can donate.

## Charitable gifts are Tax Free

Gifts in Wills are exempt from tax and are an effective way to make a valuable donation. By leaving a gift you may also pay less inheritance tax. This is because the taxable value of your estate is calculated after any charitable donations are made. Your solicitor will be able to advise on this.

## Your solicitor will request the following information:

**Our legal name:** Yorkshire Air Ambulance

**Our registered address:** Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Cayley House, 10 South Lane, Elland, West Yorkshire, HX5 0HQ

**Our registered charity number:** 1084305

No matter what size your gift, you can be sure it will help our crew to help save lives across Yorkshire.

## Questions

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss any information in this leaflet, we are more than happy to help. Please call us on **T: 01422 237900** or email **info@yaa.org.uk**.



# Thank you!



It is so important to us to be able to thank all our wonderful supporters for their generous donations. If you have included a Gift in your Will to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, thank you so much!

We promise your gift will be used where it is needed the most – helping to save lives across Yorkshire!

**Please keep this leaflet somewhere safe.**

We realise now may not be the right time to update your Will. Please keep this information with your important documents for when the time is right for you.