



# Your Legacy

Investing in the future



The  
Geological  
Society



Background Image: Dinosaur footprint

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# Thank you from our Development Committee Chair



The Geological Society has been at the heart of the geoscience community since it was established in 1807.

Providing support to thousands of geoscientists and championing our science globally, the Society's work is integral to our shared understanding of the world.

Leaving a gift in your will is a way of investing in the future of geoscience, ensuring that the next generation has the opportunity to share our passion for investigating the Earth.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



Malcolm Brown

## Join our journey

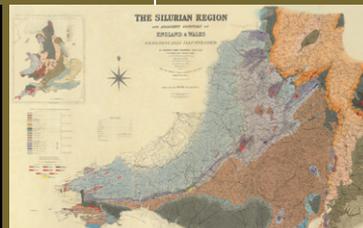
### From a distinguished past to a bright future

1. The Geological Society of London was inaugurated in 1807



2. The Society has been making awards since 1831, when our senior medal, the Wollaston, was first awarded to William Smith

3. In 1971 our much-loved Map Room opened



4. As part of the celebratory events for our bicentenary in 2007, we released 4567 biodegradable balloons – one for every million years of Earth history



5. In 2013 we held our first annual Schools Geology Challenge



6. We continue to champion the Earth sciences, providing impartial information to support debate about the challenges facing humanity





## Ways to give

There are different ways in which you can choose to support the Geological Society of London in your will. Your professional advisor may wish to use the following wording as a guideline:

### For a share of your estate

Residuary legacy – this type of gift is popular because it takes care of family and friends first and remains proportional to the value of your estate by keeping pace with inflation:

*“I give, to The Geological Society of London, a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales No. 210161, [insert specified percentage of residuary estate] to be applied to the [insert general purposes/preferred area] of The Geological Society of London and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer of The Geological Society of London shall be good and sufficient discharge to my executors.”*

### Amend an existing will

If you have an existing will and would like to add the Geological Society as a beneficiary, you may be able to do this by completing a codicil form. A codicil can be used in the case of minor changes, as a supplement to your existing will. It is essential that you speak to a professional advisor about introducing a codicil to your will.

### For a specific amount

Pecuniary legacy – the value of this gift may decrease over time, as the cost of living increases:

*“I give, to The Geological Society of London, a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales No. 210161, [insert a fixed amount] to be applied to the [insert general purposes/preferred area] of The Geological Society of London and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer of The Geological Society of London shall be good and sufficient discharge to my executors.”*

### Tax implications of making a gift in your will

If you leave a gift to charity in your will, the gift's value will not be counted towards inheritance tax. This could reduce the amount that your beneficiaries have to pay or remove your inheritance tax liability altogether.

In some circumstances, leaving 10% or more of a taxable estate to charity may result in a reduced rate of inheritance tax (36% rather than 40%). Please see [www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax](http://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax) for further information.

## Your gift

Every gift, however large or small, makes a huge difference – even 1% (so those closest to you inherit 99%) or a modest sum of money will leave a lasting legacy.

You may choose to make a general donation, so that your gift can be directed to the area of greatest need, at the time it is used. Alternatively, if you are interested in supporting a specific part of our work we would be happy to discuss this with you.



If you decide to leave a gift to the Geological Society in your will, we would like to invite you to become a member of our 1807 Patrons Club, offering a range of benefits including an exclusive pin badge and invitation to a special annual lunch with our President.

**REMEMBER US IN  
YOUR WILL**  
Help our work live on...

The Geological Society is a member of Remember a Charity, a consortium of more than 200 registered charities working together to encourage more people to think about leaving charitable gifts when a writing a will.

You can visit the Remember a Charity website to find a professional advisor in your local area who will be able to advise you on leaving a gift in your will: <https://www.rememberacharity.org.uk/making-a-will/>



## My pledge

*I can't really remember a time when geoscience was not an important part of my life. As an avid collector of minerals and fossils as a child, I decided that I was going to be a professional geologist at the age of seven. That dream came true, and the Geological Society has supported me throughout my career. To me, a geoscience career means being in the service of humankind and contributing to its betterment through sustainable Earth resource management.*

*At over 200 years old, the Geological Society is the oldest and, in my view, the most prestigious geological society in the world. It is important to me that the Society continues its work at all levels of civil society and government to promote science and support professional geoscientists in tackling growing environmental and resource challenges.*

*I am acutely aware that as scientists we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before and advance by building upon their work. I aim to provide the strongest possible shoulders to build upon by giving an annual gift to the Society to support geological research projects. Additionally, my will has provision for a substantial legacy that will fund the Society's activities for centuries to come.*

**Jeremy Ingham**

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## MY GIFT INTENTIONS

We understand that making a gift in your will is a personal decision, but if you do wish to inform us of your planned support, we would be delighted to hear from you. We would also be keen to enrol you as a member of our special 1807 Patrons Club, in honour of the commitment you have made to the Geological Society.

Title	First Name	Last Name
Address		
		Post Code
Telephone	Email	

## MY INTENTIONS

- I intend to leave the Geological Society a gift in my will
- I have left the Geological Society a gift in my will
- I am considering remembering the Geological Society in my will

If there is a particular area of interest to you, please indicate below:

## NEXT STEPS

I would like to discuss remembering the Geological Society in my will by

telephone  email  post (please mark your contact preference)

Please return your completed form via post or email to:

**Jenny Boland, Head of Development, The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG, UK. T: + 44 (0) 20 7432 0960 E: [jenny.boland@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:jenny.boland@geolsoc.org.uk)**

## THANK YOU

We are keen to hear more about your experience with the Geological Society and motivations for giving. Please use this space to share anything else you would like to about your plans:

The Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG, UK. Registered Charity in England & Wales No. 210161

The information on this form will only be used to contact you in regards to your proposed donation and invite you to join our 1807 Patrons Club. If you do not wish to become a member of the 1807 Patrons Club, your information will not be retained. Please see our Privacy Notice for how we deal with your data: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/privacy>



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