

Who do I leave my gift to?

Groundwork is a federation of over 50 Groundwork Trusts, working in locations throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Groundwork Hertfordshire works with communities across the county.

To find out more about Groundwork Hertfordshire and the projects we deliver, contact the Development Manager on 01707 260129, email Hertfordshire@groundwork.org.uk or write to:

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“As a lone parent I don’t have the chance to take part in activities as I have no one to look after my son. By the end of the week I was full of confidence...I feel like my life has just started again. I have been made to feel important, that my views count and that I do make an important contribution. I am somebody.”

(Participant in a Groundwork volunteer training programme)

If you do leave us a legacy in your will it would be helpful if you could tell us you have done so by contacting us as above. The information will be treated with complete confidentiality.



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Groundwork is an environmental charity working to improve the quality of life for people living in the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

Groundwork involves local people in improving their neighbourhoods, helping communities to work together to make the area they live cleaner, greener and safer for everyone.

"The garden has been of tremendous benefit. We had nowhere to go when the weather was fine as it was impossible to get out in a wheel chair. Now it's just wonderful with flowers and herbs. We've even got some raised beds on wheels so users with disabilities can do some planting too. It's all been really well planned."

(Deputy manager of a day centre)



Building communities

We make a long-term commitment to supporting neighbourhoods viewed by many as disadvantaged which have suffered from years of neglect and isolation.

We deliver a range of projects designed to meet the needs of these communities, from helping people improve their basic skills to transforming an area of derelict green space into a community garden.

Providing support

Groundwork provides training and support to help people help themselves. We encourage them to lead healthier lifestyles, get to know people who live in their area or work with their neighbours to reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

We work with young people on activities that bring them into contact with other people in their community, harnessing their energy and increasing their confidence and self-esteem. Our aim is to get young people interested in the place where they live and to help them play a full and active part in society.

Our work also helps improve relations between people of different generations or backgrounds, creating a community spirit that benefits everyone.

Last year Groundwork:

- supported more than 4,500 projects
- encouraged volunteers to give more than 335,000 days of their time to improve their neighbourhoods
- provided 57,000 weeks worth of training and created more than 2,500 jobs
- improved 780 hectares of land

"At school none of us would listen at all, it was just how we always behaved, but in the group we were doing interesting things, like making things that people would use, so it was all right to listen."

(Young person on a Groundwork youth programme)

You can help Groundwork continue our work with communities by leaving a gift in your will. By leaving a legacy you will be helping people help themselves – and those around them.

With your help we can achieve our vision of a society of sustainable communities which are vibrant, healthy and safe, which value the local and global environment and where individuals and enterprise prosper.

How might your gift be used?

Here are just some examples of what your donation could provide:

£200 would pay for a recycled plastic seating area for parents to watch their children play in safety.

£1,000 would fund an artist to work with a local group or school to help them create a piece of community art.

£3,000 would enable Groundwork to create a sensory garden filled with scented herbs and vibrant flowers for elderly and disabled people.

£8,000 would pay for a wheelchair-friendly roundabout to enable disabled children to have as much fun as able-bodied kids.

£25,000 would pay for a youth worker to work closely with young people, helping them to play a responsible role in their communities.

"The hooligans have now gone polite and we can walk in and out of the Post Office without fear. They don't throw cans about either. [Groundwork's youth programme] has given them something to look forward to and whilst they are occupied they teach them good behaviour."

(Elderly resident)

Help Groundwork continue its valuable work by leaving a gift in your will