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## Have you made a Will yet?

If you haven't, the law will decide how your estate will be distributed and the family and friends or charities you want to inherit some of your money may get nothing.

## Why is it important that you make a Will?

Making a Will is the only way you can be sure that your wishes will be followed after you die. If you don't make one, part or all of your estate could go to people who you never intended to benefit. Also Inheritance Tax legislation means that, if you don't prepare properly, a substantial part of what you leave behind may go to the State.

## Can I write my own Will?

There are certain requirements to ensure that a Will is valid and cannot be contested later.

Solicitors are best qualified to advise on what suits your particular circumstances. They are also insured, which means that if things go wrong you and your beneficiaries will not lose out.

## Why should you leave RABI a legacy?

Remembering RABI in your Will by leaving a legacy will make a huge difference and is one of the most valuable and far-reaching ways that you can support our charity.

Every legacy gift we receive helps RABI to continue with its work helping those in need in the farming community. We can only help these people because of the generosity of our supporters and legacies are an important source of income.

**Q** Do you have to name an actual charity, or can I just leave money 'to help disabled children' or 'for medical research'?

**A** It's best to be specific – that's the only way to be sure your wishes are completely clear. If you would like to confirm any of our charity's details, please contact the Fundraising, Marketing & Communications Department on 01865 724931 or visit our website at [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk).

**Q** Do I need to tell RABI that I've included them in my Will?

**A** It's not essential, but we would be delighted if you chose to. Simply phone or write to us. Any information that you give will be treated in strictest confidence.

**Q** What are the tax advantages of leaving money to charity?

**A** If you leave money and possessions worth more than a set value, currently £263,000, your beneficiaries may have to pay 40% Inheritance Tax on the amount over that threshold. £263,000 may seem a great deal of money, but if you include your home you could find your savings and possessions add up to more than that. However, donations to charity are exempt from tax, so anything you leave to RABI is free of Inheritance Tax and we will receive the full amount. Ask your solicitor about the best ways to use your Will to reduce tax.

**Q** What will it cost me?

**A** when your solicitor is next updating your Will simply ask them to include a donation to your favourite cause. It doesn't need to cost anything extra if you are already revising your Will. Apart from that there's only the price of the phone call to tell us – that's all it will cost in your lifetime.

**Q** Do I have to leave a lot?

**A** It's up to you. We would be very grateful for any amount you are able to afford and your donation will make a real difference to RABI's work.

**Q** I want to include RABI what should I do next?

**A** Simply tell your solicitor you want to include RABI in your Will and what you want to leave, and they will make the necessary changes. Our details are on this leaflet. It would be useful if you include our charity number in your Will along with our name, which will ensure that there is no confusion.

## Can you help RABI?

I have already included RABI in my Will.

I intend to include RABI in my Will.

I would like further information about RABI before making my decision.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be reassured that no statement about leaving a legacy can be legally binding and that a Will can be changed at any time.



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On behalf of RABI and the farming community  
**thank you for your support.**