

# Leave a legacy

Unlock a world of audio  
content for generations to  
come



**"To sit down as a  
family and listen to  
the radio together is a  
wonderful, healing  
and beautiful thing."**

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**For more than 30,000 people across the UK, BWBF remains a sight loss friendly gateway to a world of audio.**

## **What we do**

At British Wireless for the Blind Fund, we believe access to audio can be life changing for someone living with sight loss. We give radios and audio devices for free and for life to people living with sight loss in the greatest financial need. And our easy-to-use apps and skills unlock a world of audio content on the internet for people who might otherwise struggle to access it.

## **Our mission**

To provide audio solutions, services and support that enhance the lives of people living with sight loss.

## **Our vision**

To consolidate our position as the 'go to' organisation for innovative, inclusive and trustworthy audio solutions and services.



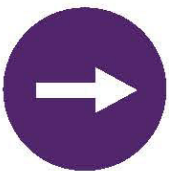
## Why we need your help

Every year, we ensure thousands of people stay connected to the world around them. However, right now we can't support everyone who needs our help. With the number of registered sight impaired and severely sight impaired people predicted to double to more than 4 million by 2050, the demand for our services and support will continue to grow.

**BWBF receives no government funding** and we are entirely reliant on the generosity of our supporters. We would not be able to support thousands of people living with sight loss each year without the help of our donors.

## Could you leave us a gift in your will?

Leaving a gift in your will is a special way to ensure that we can continue to provide our vital support and services to current and future generations of people leaving with sight loss, when they need it, for years to come.

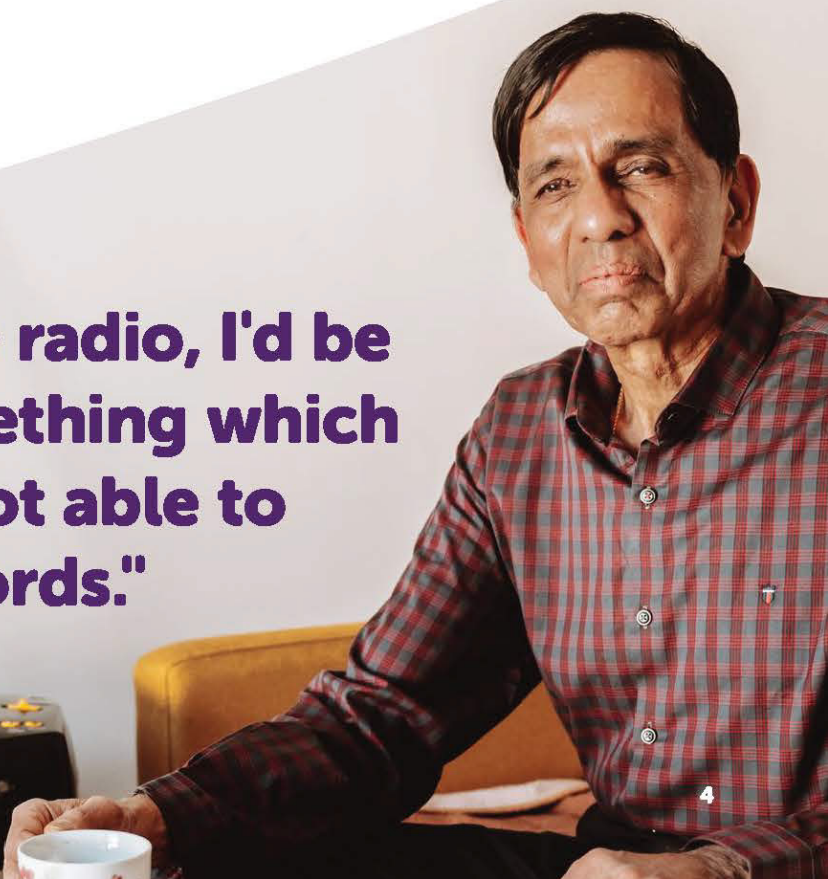


## How do I start?

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Find out what an incredible difference your gift will make to our beneficiaries and how to get started.

**"Without the radio, I'd be missing something which I'm almost not able to explain in words."**





## What difference could my gift make?

### £1,000

Our sets provide companionship and connection to the outside world, so it's understandable that people get attached to a radio that feels familiar to them - they often have the same set for years. £1,000 could fund the repair or service of 30 of these much loved radios.

### £15,000

We would be unable to function without our army of fabulous volunteers who give their time for free, although we do pay for their travel expenses. £15,000 enables our volunteers to help everyone who needs us across the UK for an entire year!

### £5,000

Imagine having to sit in a separate room to your partner so you can listen to your radio while they watch television (which you can't do due to your sight loss). £5,000 could pay for 500 radio headsets which allow couples to spend time together without disturbing each other's entertainment.

### £50,000

We are the only charity in the UK providing specially adapted radios on free loan to people living with sight loss. £50,000 could provide over 222 people with one of our beloved Concerto 3 radio sets.

## Don't forget...

While you can of course specify a particular area of work you wish to support, giving a gift without any such restrictions allows us to decide where the need for our service is greatest and therefore respond quicker and innovate appropriately.

**Having a will guarantees you are able to help the people and causes that are close to your heart**

BWBF strongly recommends that you take independent financial advice when deciding to write your will as it is important that your wishes are carried out in full.

Seeking advice from a solicitor or qualified legal advisor can assure your will is completely valid, provide you with impartial advice, and crucially, give you peace of mind.





## What if I already have a will?

It is a good idea to review your will from time to time, especially if your personal circumstances have changed. For example you move have moved house, got married or had children or grandchildren who you now wish to include. Of course your financial situation may also change over the years so it is important that this is reflected in your will too.

**To make a simple addition to your will, you can complete a codicil form.** If you would like to add a gift to British Wireless for the Blind Fund to an existing will, you can find a codicil form at the end of this pack. It is still a good idea to ensure that this is checked and witnessed by your solicitor.

## What about tax?

**Gifts to registered charities in your will are tax free.**

If the value of your estate is more than the tax threshold, a charitable gift could reduce the amount of inheritance tax you pay. For example, if the value of your estate is £20,000 over the tax threshold you will be liable to pay inheritance tax on this value. However, if you decide to leave, for example, £10,000 to BWBF you will only pay tax on the £10,000 left over. This will significantly reduce the tax you are paying on the money you have earned.

For Example <b>Amount over tax threshold</b>	<b>£20,000</b>
<b>Inheritance tax to pay on this amount</b>	<b>£8,000</b>
<b>Amount over tax threshold</b>	<b>£20,000</b>
<b>Gift to BWBF</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Inheritance tax to pay on £20,000</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

## What can I leave?

### **A share of your estate (residuary bequest)**

Once any debts have been settled, and all your specific gifts have been paid out, the amount left is called the 'residue' of your estate. One option is to leave us all or a percentage of this amount and as residuary bequests also keep up with inflation, your gift can go further. As the value of your estate increases, so does your legacy.

### **A cash gift (pecuniary bequest)**

You may want to leave us a specific amount of money. From £40 to £40,000, we will be so thankful for any amount you pledge. Please remember the value of money changes over the years and inflation may impact the value of this type of gift.

### **A specific item**

A specific bequest is the donation in your will of a certain item which could be sold to support our work. Whether you want to leave us your house or perhaps a piece of jewellery, all gifts will make a difference to those affected by sight loss.

## Giving in memory

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You may want to request that anyone wanting to give a gift in your memory does so to BWBF. This could be by having a collection at your funeral or requesting people give donations instead of buying flowers.

## Don't forget...

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## How can I find a solicitor?

To find a will and probate solicitor we recommend the contacts below:

**England and Wales** The Law Society [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)  
020 7242 1222

**Scotland** The Law Society of Scotland [www.lawscot.org.uk](http://www.lawscot.org.uk)  
0131 226 7411

**Northern Ireland** The Law Society of Northern Ireland  
[www.lawsoc-ni.org.uk](http://www.lawsoc-ni.org.uk). 028 9023 1614

## Recommended wording

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### **Residuary bequest (share of estate)**

I give free of tax .....% of my residuary estate upon trust for British Wireless for the Blind Fund of 10 Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4DZ (Registered charity number 1078287, England and Wales or SCO41582, Scotland) for its general charitable purposes.

### **Pecuniary bequest (specific sum)**

I give free of tax the sum of £..... to British Wireless for the Blind Fund of 10 Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4DZ (Registered charity number 1078287, England and Wales or SCO41582, Scotland) for its general charitable purposes.

### **Specific item**

I give free of tax my (include a short description of the item given) to British Wireless for the Blind Fund of 10 Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4DZ (Registered charity number 1078287, England and Wales or SCO41582, Scotland) for its general charitable purposes.

# Codicil Form: 1

I (Full Name)

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Of (Address)

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Postcode

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declare this to be a

☐ first ☐ second ☐ third codicil to my will, dated and made on the

Day/month/year , ,  (date of original will)

I give (please tick one):

☐ the following specific item(s)...namely

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☐ the sum of £

to British Wireless for the Blind Fund (BWBF), 10 Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5DZ for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt (s) of the duly authorised officer at BWBF shall be sufficient discharge of my Executor/Trustees.

**Please turn over**



# Codicil Form: 2

In all other respects I confirm my will and any other codicils thereto.

Signed

Dated

Signed by the aforementioned in our presences and witnessed by us on the presences of him/her and of each other.

## **Witness one**

Full Name

Address

Postcode

Occupation

Signature

Date

## **Witness two**

Full Name

Address

Postcode

Occupation

Signature

Date



# Legacy Pledge Form: 1

We would very much like the opportunity to thank you for choosing to support our work. If you would like to share your decision with us please complete this form and return it to us. Rest assured that any information you share with us will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Name

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Address

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Postcode

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Email

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Telephone

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☐ **I have left a gift to BWBF in my Will**

Please use this space if you would like to let us know the details of your pledge (such as the percentage of your residual legacy, the specific sum of money or asset you would like us to receive, etc.)

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☐ **Please contact me for a confidential discussion regarding a legacy pledge**

**Please send this completed form to:  
Julie Hocking, BWBF, Freepost RRXL-EAXX-AXAP,  
10 Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5DZ**



# Legacy Pledge Form: 2

BWBF values its supporters. We would not be able to continue our work without you. It's important to us that you feel informed about our news, future developments and fundraising. We want to share with you how your amazing support helps to change the lives of people living with sight loss across the UK.

If you do not wish to be contacted, or you would like to change how we contact you, let us know at any time using the following details.

mydata@blind.org.uk

01622 754757

10 Albion Place, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5DZ

Please tick to indicate how we can contact you:

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By post

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By email

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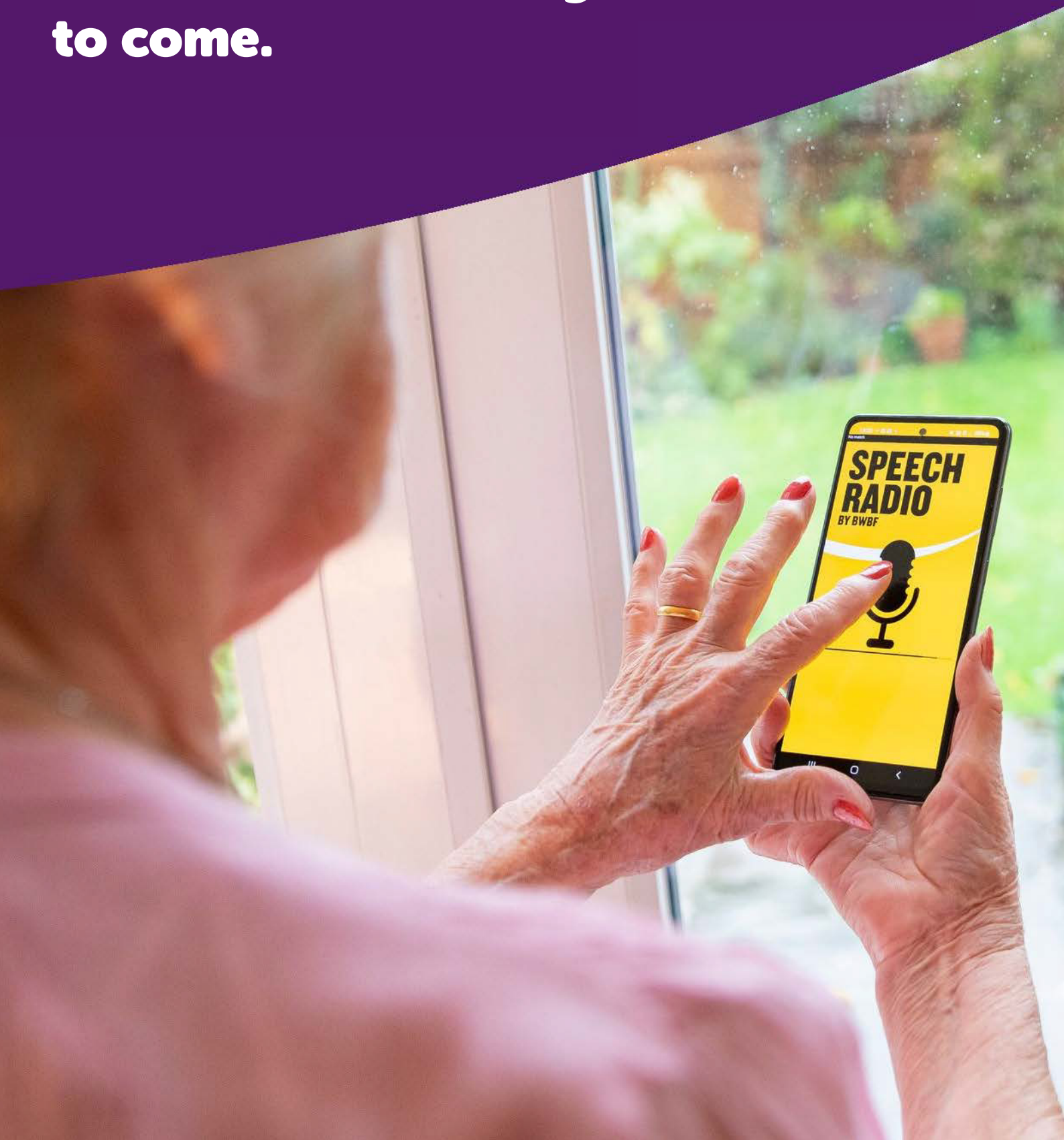
By phone

Our privacy policy sets out how we will use your information:

**[www.blind.org.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.blind.org.uk/privacy-policy)**

**Thank you.**

**By leaving a legacy you help us  
plan for the future and ensure  
we can be there for generations  
to come.**





## Get in touch

**BWBF**  
**10 Albion Place,**  
**Maidstone, Kent,**  
**ME14 5DZ**

**Tel: 01622 754757**  
**Email: [info@blind.org.uk](mailto:info@blind.org.uk)**

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SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SC041582.  
REGISTERED AS A LIMITED COMPANY IN  
ENGLAND. COMPANY NO: 3870182

## Stay connected

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Linkedin: **British Wireless for the Blind Fund**  
Instagram: [@bwbfund](https://www.instagram.com/bwbfund)  
YouTube: [@BritishWirelessForTheBlindFund](https://www.youtube.com/BritishWirelessForTheBlindFund)

**Thank you  
for your  
support.**

