



Your love for open spaces can go on  
and on and on...

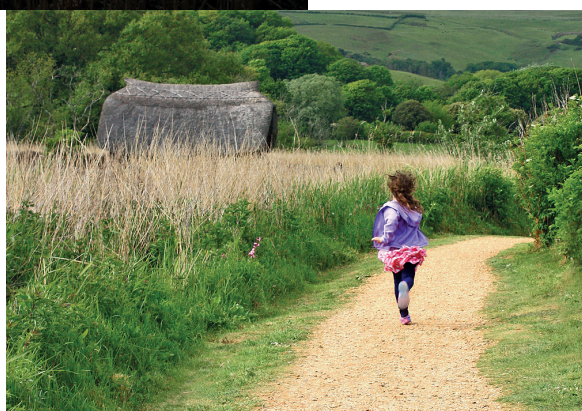


Don't let the open spaces  
you love be lost forever

The Open Spaces Society has been at the forefront of campaigns to protect and promote greens, commons and rights of way since 1865 and, with your help, we can continue our work to ensure that everyone can enjoy their rights to public paths and open spaces for generations to come.

**Protect the open spaces you love with a gift in your will to the Open Spaces Society.**

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*"I thought it would last  
my time —*

*The sense that, beyond  
the town,*

*There would always be  
fields and farms."*

From Philip Larkin's poem  
'Going, going'.

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Open Spaces Society

One of the most lasting ways you can protect the open spaces you love for future generations is with a gift in your will to the Open Spaces Society.

As a charity with no government funding, we depend on the generosity of people like you to continue our vital work to fight for and protect the green spaces, commons, footpaths, village greens and urban open spaces of England and Wales.

Once you have provided for family and friends, please consider making space in your will for the Open Spaces Society.



For more information and to watch a video about including a gift in your will to the Open Spaces Society, please visit our website at: [www.oss.org.uk](http://www.oss.org.uk)



Hello, my name is Lucie Henwood and I look after gifts in wills at the Open Spaces Society. If you are thinking of remembering us in your will and have some questions, I'd be happy to help.

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**Or you can write to me at:**  
**The Open Spaces Society,**  
**25a Bell Street,**  
**Henley-on-Thames,**  
**RG9 2BA.**



# We've been defending the open spaces people love in England and Wales since 1865

As Britain's oldest national conservation body, we campaign for stronger protection and opportunities for everyone to enjoy commons, greens and paths. We defend open spaces against loss and pressures from development and we assist local communities to safeguard their green spaces for future generations to enjoy.

## We can't save open spaces in the future without you

With subscriptions and donations from members generally only covering about half our running costs, we are particularly dependent on legacies which enable us to punch way above our weight. It is thanks to the far-sightedness and magnanimity of past members and supporters who have remembered us in their wills that we have been able to achieve significant and lasting protection for endangered open spaces right across England and Wales.

# Keep us fighting to protect the open spaces you love with a gift in your will

It is very easy to include a gift – large or small – to the Open Spaces Society in your will and won't cost you anything now. But your gift will go on and on, helping to protect the open spaces you care about long into the future.

## Herbert Bradbury's legacy is still protecting the paths he loved so much

In 1959, Mr Bradbury left £1,500 on trust for erecting and maintaining signposts on public paths within a six-mile radius of Cheltenham Post Office. Today, walkers continue to benefit from his far-sightedness.

## Jack Candy is still defending the commons he loved

Jack Candy was an active defender of commons and open spaces in Southampton. Thanks to his legacy, we have created a new post of commons re-registration officer, enabling us to research commons which are eligible for registration in nine pioneer areas in England. Once registered the land is protected from encroachment and development.

## Colin Bennett's gift is ensuring future research

Thanks to Colin Bennett, who has made us a significant gift in his lifetime, we have been able to pass some more recent archives to the Museum of English Rural Life in Reading (MERL) and provide the resources for them to employ a professional to catalogue and publicise them.

**Whatever you choose to leave to the Open Spaces Society in your will, you can be sure that your gift shall be in safe hands, helping us to keep fighting for open spaces on your behalf.**



The society's early successes included saving Wimbledon Common, Epping Forest, Ashdown Forest, the Malvern Hills and Hampstead Heath.

In just one year, we gave guidance on protecting:

143  
commons

136  
village greens

194  
rights of way

201  
open spaces

# Please tell us about an open space that is special to you

Have you protected the open spaces you care about with a gift in your will?

- ☐ Yes, I have already left a gift to the Open Spaces Society in my will
- ☐ I am thinking about leaving a gift to the Open Spaces Society in my will
- ☐ Please contact me to discuss this further

Please let us know your intentions. We promise to treat any information you do provide in the strictest confidence.

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

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**Once completed, please detach and return this form in complete confidence to:  
Lucie Henwood, The Open Spaces Society,  
25a Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 2BA.**

"Dad left a gift to OSS in his will so that future generations could continue to enjoy the open spaces he loved so much."

