



SARA

**A gift in your will
provides our strength to
save lives and support communities**

**Build a lasting legacy to empower
our rescue teams for generations to come**

Multi-Disciplinary Volunteer Search and Rescue Team
with over 50 years of Lifeboat Service on the River Severn



A Message from our Chairman

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for considering leaving a gift in your Will to the Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA). The River Severn's notoriously unpredictable nature poses constant risks, claiming lives and disrupting communities across our region. In 2024 alone, our 250 volunteers responded to over 150 emergencies, assisting families in floods, locating those lost on land, and delivering aid in diverse challenges.

This stark reality underscores the critical importance of our mission at SARA: to serve our communities by providing volunteer lifesaving search and rescue services, consistently at high readiness, in support of the UK's Emergency Services.

By leaving a gift in your Will to SARA, you hold the power to make a lasting impact on this essential work. Together, we can help improve and save countless lives, ensuring a safer future for generations to come.

Keith Beckett CBE

Your Special Gift will help keep volunteers safe

There are 7 SARA stations protecting the River Severn and surrounding areas.

Every station is crewed by everyday heroes who step up to perform remarkable acts: rescuing those in peril on the Estuary, across rivers, fields, and floodwaters, often at great personal risk. Teachers, engineers, retirees, office workers, parents - they commit to pause their lives, answer the call, and rush to the aid of others in need.

These passionate individuals carry forward SARA's 50-year legacy of hope and resilience. They're also shaping a future where the next wave of rescuers will bravely step into danger to protect every life and support every community.

As an independent charity with no central funding, we rely on voluntary donations to power our lifesaving work. A gift in your Will could pay for the kit and training to give our volunteers exactly what they need to do their job safely.

"When it's a callout where you know you've prevented a tragedy, ... you can't help but feel proud of your team's ability to help."

SARA Volunteer

An average of 120 operations per year are only possible thanks to donations like Gifts in Wills

Your generosity keeps them equipped for swift water, secure on cliffs, and ready for any crisis.

Thank you for considering leaving a lifesaving legacy.

Protect the volunteers and save lives in the future without spending any money today

A Will is a meaningful way to secure your loved ones' future and reflect your values, including support for a cause like SARA if you choose.

Every gift, no matter how big or small, will be used to make a practical difference to brave SARA volunteers who are committed to saving lives on the Severn.

It's a good idea to keep your Will up-to-date. Having an up-to-date Will is the only way to ensure that you look after the people and causes that are important to you.

You can arrange your gift in different ways

You can leave a specified sum of money to SARA (a pecuniary gift) and to ensure that it keeps its value over the years, you can ask your solicitor to make it index-linked.

A **residuary gift** is made from what is left over once gifts of money and items have been distributed, and any debts and taxes paid. You can give the whole of the residue, or a portion of it, to a person or a charity like SARA.

A **specific gift** is an object, like a painting, a house or a piece of jewellery.

Remembering
SARA in
your will is
easy to do

Minimising inheritance tax liability

If you leave a gift in your Will to charity, you may be able to reduce your inheritance tax liability.

For further information on this you can consult the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/tax/inheritance-tax> or speak to a registered tax advisor.

When making your Will, we recommend speaking to a solicitor for help to make the best decisions in your particular circumstances.



"We're inspired when we read about SARA rescues.... and feel it's impossible not to support the volunteer teams. SARA volunteers are there at a time when people really need them. We think that's tremendous."

SARA Supporter

You can find out more at
<https://www.gov.uk/make-will>

Your Gift will always be remembered

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to SARA, thank you.

In the past we have been very fortunate to have benefitted from some large bequests which have fully funded specific projects, and have been named accordingly.

Please get in contact if you would like to discuss making a large bequest.

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Our promise to you

- We'll answer any questions honestly and quickly.
- We won't put you under pressure - this is a big decision so please decide in your own time.
- We understand that your loved ones come first.
- We will respect what your Will says.
- We'll use your special gift wisely and effectively.
- You don't have to tell us your decision - we respect your right to privacy.
- You can come and see our service first hand - just let us know.

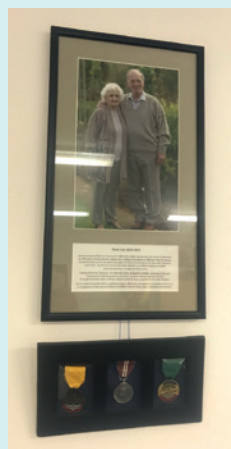
Making a large bequest



The family of Maureen Easton, at the naming ceremony for the new SARA Lifeboat 14 *The Maureen Easton*.



The 'Steve Cox Room' at our Beachley HQ.





To ask a question or tell us your thoughts about leaving a gift in your Will to SARA, please get in touch.

Call the SARA Team on: 0344 846 0226

Email: info@sara-rescue.org.uk

Write to:

Severn Area Rescue Association
Chepstow Lifeboat Station
Beachley, Chepstow
NP16 7HH

SARA is the charity that saves lives on the Severn.

Severn Area Rescue Association, a charity registered in England and Wales (1193634), of Chepstow Lifeboat Station, Beachley, Chepstow, NP16 7HH.

FAQs

Why should I leave a gift to SARA?

Your gift powers our volunteers to continue 50+ years of rescues.

How much should I leave?

Any amount helps - every gift makes a difference.

Does it affect my family?

No, gifts are after loved ones are provided for.

Can I change my Will later?

Yes, easily with a codicil.

What about tax?

Gifts to charity like SARA can reduce inheritance tax - consult a solicitor.

Get in touch



SARA



THIS IS THE WORDING YOU NEED FOR YOUR WILL

Residuary gift

Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give the whole/_____ % of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to the Severn Area Rescue Association of Chepstow Lifeboat Station, Beachley, Chepstow, NP16 7HH, a registered charity in England and Wales (1193634), for the general purposes of SARA and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

Pecuniary gift

I give free of tax to the Severn Area Rescue Association of Chepstow Lifeboat Station, Beachley, Chepstow, NP16 7HH, a registered charity in England and Wales (1193634), the sum of £_____ for the general purposes of SARA and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

For any other type of gift, please
give the SARA team a call on 0344 846 0226
or email using info@sara-rescue.org.uk

Gifts in Wills are vital to SARA's mission, enabling our seven stations and 250 volunteers to respond to over 150 calls each year—whether it's floods, land searches, or other emergencies.

Your generosity is evident in the equipment that protects our teams: drysuits for water tasks, harnesses for heights, and tools for extensive searches across the region.

"Knowing my Will supports SARA gives me peace - it might offer someone the help they need in a tough moment."

**A Supporter,
Gloucestershire**

"I feel pretty good after making my Will because I know it's going to do some good for somebody.... it could save a life or two. It's my decision and I'm happy to support SARA."

Supporter

In training sessions, where we prepare for real challenges like swift currents or flooded areas, these gifts develop the skills that save lives.

They encourage our volunteers to act with confidence and give their families reassurance. Your support helps SARA uplift and protect communities across the Severn, ensuring no one is overlooked.

How Gifts in Wills to SARA are put into action

120+ OPERATIONS
per year require lifesaving training and kit to keep volunteers safe in extreme conditions.

77 LIFEBOAT CALLS
need to be maintained and updated, so they're ready to launch in the fastest possible time.

7 STATIONS
require equipment to provide our multi-disciplinary search and rescue service.

100% OF EVERY £1 DONATED
directly funds our lifesaving operations - there are no paid persons in SARA and we are proudly led and run entirely by volunteers!





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