

HOUGHTON & WYTON PARISH COUNCIL LEGACY POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

Legacies, or more accurately the product of legacies, have been a hallmark of British society for generations. They have enriched every avenue of human endeavour; indeed, we have a man from our own village, Potto Brown, who is still recognised today as a local benefactor in that great tradition of the 19th century philanthropists. However, legacies willed for local community benefit appear to have become a neglected source of funding in modern times.

What has prompted your Parish Council to publish this policy has been the community participation in the Neighbourhood Plan, which has identified many projects and initiatives which require capital and income; moreover, the realisation that the public purse is unlikely to bring them about.

In conclusion, the purpose of this Policy is simply to raise the profile of Legacies as a way of making a valuable and memorable contribution to the future of this Parish and its community for the common good.

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Here at Houghton & Wyton Parish Council we welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and promise to use your gift to make a difference in our Parish.

Our Parish Council legacy policy is to help fund development projects, land acquisition, equipment and community services.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your Will for the general purposes of the Parish rather than for a specific purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest. You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to the present and future residents of the Parish.

We will acknowledge gifts in whichever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel appropriate; alternatively, we can ensure

that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers. If you would like to talk with someone in confidence about the potential uses of your gift, and how (if) you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact, in the first instance, The Clerk to the Parish Council, 46 St Margarets Road, Wyton, PE28 2AN. 01480 467209, clerk@houghtonwytonpc.co.uk

If you would like to donate a form of memorial to a loved one who is, or was, a resident of this Parish, you are welcome to come and discuss this, or you may wish to refer to our Memorials Policy and Application Form. A Memorial which benefits the Parish and its residents can be a valuable way to remember a loved one.