

## Write or update your Will and support Rennie Grove Hospice Care

As 2018 draws to a close, make a note in your 2019 calendar that throughout February, a selected group of local legal experts from Hertfordshire are donating their time and legal expertise to write a standard Will in return for a donation to Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

Most of us know that we should make a Will and regularly update it, but surprisingly few of us get around to doing it. However, if you don't plan ahead, the law may not deal with your estate as you would have wished. Having an up-to-date professionally written Will is the best way to ensure that your estate is distributed in the way you wish when you die. Landmark life events - such as marriage, having children, divorce and retirement - are times to consider writing or reviewing your Will.

By getting involved in Rennie Grove's Will writing scheme in February you will be getting your own affairs in order as well as safeguarding Rennie Grove's service for future generations with your donation.

And if you are able to consider leaving a gift in your Will to Rennie Grove, this will enable more patients in the future to have the choice to remain at home and receive its specialist services.

Sue Varvel, Director of Nursing at Rennie Grove explains: "Leaving a gift in your Will means our nurses can be here for families in the future. Through your legacy you'll be

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helping us to bring the very best care to local people of all ages at the time they need it most.”

If you would like to find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, please call 01442 507344, email [legacy@renniegrove.org](mailto:legacy@renniegrove.org) or visit <http://www.renniegrove.org/makeyourwill>

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Notes to editors follow:

Hertfordshire solicitors supporting Make Your Will Month:

- Abbey Law, St Albans, Tel: 01727 839162
  - City Lawyers, St Albans, Tel: 01727 228890
  - Davis & Co, Harpenden, Tel: 01582 761121
  - Harrowell & Atkins, Berkhamsted, Tel: 01442 865671
  - Pictons Solicitors, Tring, Tel: 0800 302 9448
  - Sherrards Solicitors, St Albans, Tel: 01727 832830
  - Taylor Walton, Harpenden and St Albans, Tel: 01582 765111
  - Witts Moloney Solicitors, Hemel Hempstead, Tel: 01442 219394
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- Rennie Grove Hospice Care exists to give local patients with life-limiting illness a choice about how and where they receive care towards the end of life.
  - Rennie Grove offers excellent palliative and end-of-life care based around patients and their families both day and night.
  - Rennie Grove provides specialist responsive 24/7 Hospice at Home care for adults and children in Bucks and Herts, plus a range of additional services such as Day Hospice and nurse clinics at Grove House in St Albans.
  - Rennie Grove also supports the whole family following diagnosis, during the illness and through bereavement with a range of Family Support Services.

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- All services are provided at no cost to the patient but Rennie Grove relies on the generosity of the local community to help it raise 87% of the £7.9 million it costs to fund the service every year - £20,000 each day.
- Rennie Grove works with other healthcare providers, such as GPs, District Nurses and other hospices to ensure co-ordinated care and a seamless service.
- Rennie Grove has 27 shops that raised £2.8 million in 2017-18.
- Rennie Grove relies on the support and expertise of over 1,500 regular and part-time volunteers. We estimate that the value of the hours given by our volunteers is approximately £1.5 million each year. Our volunteers were honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2017, the MBE for volunteer groups.
- Rennie Grove's children's Hospice at Home team is also supported by the Pepper Foundation.

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