

# A Gift in your Will

## Leaving a legacy to the Ménière's Society

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Leaving a legacy to the Ménière's Society is a lasting gift to a cause that is important to you during your lifetime. Not only will you help us with carrying out our day-to-day work but your gift can also help us to plan for the future of the Society. In the past, larger legacies have enabled us to support research projects which we would not have been able to do otherwise.



The Ménière's Society is the only registered charity in the UK dedicated solely to supporting people with vestibular disorders causing dizziness and imbalance.

Funds allocated to the **day to day running of the Society** mean we are able to:

- provide our information line for those who would like to talk to someone; whether they are newly diagnosed or just want more information about their condition
- produce our very popular Spin magazine, an invaluable resource providing up to date information on treatment and research into vestibular disorders, as well as facilitating a forum for members to share their experiences
- produce our information leaflets, booklets and membership packs
- host our annual conference with expert speakers and networking opportunities
- keep our online presence up-to-date via our website, Facebook and Twitter
- raise awareness in the media, with health professionals and the general public
- attend events and give presentations to patient and professional groups
- encourage mutual support through the formation of local groups.

The **Ménière's Society Research Programme** was established in 1988 to promote and support research aimed at:

- improving the diagnosis and alleviating the symptoms of vestibular disorders
- the alleviation and cure of Ménière's and related balance disorders
- the publication of the useful results of such research.

Over the last ten years the Ménière's Society has distributed over £600,000 in funds to a variety of research projects, including a clinical trial comparing the use of gentamicin vs. steroid for the management of Ménière's disease. A large proportion of our research funding has come from legacy donations. More details about research we're currently supporting can be found on our website [www.menieres.org.uk/research](http://www.menieres.org.uk/research).

### How is the Ménière's Society funded?

The Ménière's Society is funded solely from donations and membership subscriptions. We receive no statutory funding. The Society relies on donations and we are extremely grateful for all the contributions we receive. All money raised for the Ménière's Society goes to support the day to day running of the Society and our ongoing research programme.

## How will my Gift be used by the Ménière's Society?

If you choose to leave a gift in your will to the Ménière's Society, you may also choose to stipulate how you'd like us to use your gift. Perhaps you'd like it to be for the general use of the Society, which can be applied to the most needed area at the time. Alternatively, you may wish your gift to be reserved specifically for research projects. Whatever your preference, your gift will assist the Society in the work we do and the services we provide.

## Inheritance Tax

One important aspect of leaving a gift to Charity under a Will is often overlooked. Such charitable gifts are potentially exempt from Inheritance Tax. If a person's Estate is subject to Inheritance Tax the value of the gift will reduce the Inheritance Tax bill. For example the sums of £1000 or £10,000 are likely to attract Inheritance Tax relief amounting to £400 and £4000 respectively.

## Adding a legacy to your Will

To leave a legacy to the Ménière's Society you would need to include details in your will or include a Codicil with your existing will. A solicitor could handle this and/or provide further information. A form of codicil to leave a specific gift to the Ménière's Society is included in this leaflet. Copies can also be downloaded from the Ménière's Society website.

## Please remember...

When including the details of your bequest in your will/codicil, please include our registered charity number. This will ensure that there is no confusion about the charity you wish to receive your gift. The Ménière's Society's registered charity number is 297246.

## Contact the Ménière's Society for further information:

Ménière's Society	01306 876883
The Rookery	info@menieres.org.uk
Surrey Hills Business Park	menieres.org.uk
Wotton	
Surrey RH5 6QT	

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I .....[full name]

*Please insert IN BLOCK CAPITALS your full name and address*

of .....

.....[address]

declare this to be a .....Codicil to my last Will dated .....

*Insert "first", "second" or as appropriate, and the date of your Will.*

1. In addition to any legacies given by my said Will I give the sum of.....pounds to The Ménière's Society (Registered Charity 297246, whose address is The Rookery, Surrey Hills Business Park, Wotton, Surrey RH5 6QT) to be applied for the general purposes of the said Charity and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Charity shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

*Insert the monetary amount you wish to give. If you wish to give a percentage of your estate instead, then please consult your solicitor for advice on suitable wording*

2. If at my death the said Charity has amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my Executors shall give effect to the foregoing gift as if it had been made to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.

3. In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any other Codicil thereto.

Signed ..... Dated.....

*Please sign and date here in the presence of two witnesses who must add their details below*

Signed by the above-named in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and each other

Witnessed by:

Witness 1

Witness 2

Name.....

Name.....

Address.....

Address.....

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Occupation.....

Occupation.....

*The two witnesses must insert their names, addresses and occupations, and sign and date where indicated, and the date must be the same as that opposite the signature of the person making this Codicil.*

*This form may be used, if desired, or the Codicil could be typed up without the notes here and in the right hand column. Any amendment to the wording must be initialled by the person making it and by the two witnesses. Please do not write on or amend your current Will as this could invalidate the Will. This Codicil, when signed and witnessed, should be sent to the person who holds your Will to be stored with your Will.*