

Concerts *for* Craswall



The work of the Friends

Concerts for Craswall was founded in 1994 after a concert performing classical music was held to raise funds for the local church of St Mary's Craswall which was under threat of closure.

So successful was that initial concert that Concerts for Craswall now offer three concerts annually, each held in one of three of Herefordshire's most historic and beautiful churches. Each building is remotely sited in the heart of the Black Mountains, having its own allure, history and unique atmosphere.

We welcome audiences and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to come; we seek the best musicians and present engaging classical musical programmes from mainly the European tradition. Programmes may include a "modern" (in the last 100 years) composition! In the future we may broaden our musical genres and consider additional venues.

Our concerts offer the opportunity for promising students launching their careers to perform and to talented amateur artists. We are fortunate also that professional musicians with an international reputation choose to play for us. We offer musicians accommodation and sustenance in volunteers' homes so that they can enjoy a weekend in the "Black Mountain" landscape.

With the help of Concerts for Craswall the church of St Mary's, Craswall remains open for its history and beauty, baptisms, weddings, services and other community events as well as a place of quiet contemplation for local people and visitors to enjoy.

What a legacy can achieve

While donations and subscriptions are a very important part in keeping us afloat, a legacy to Concerts for Craswall would help us look to the future. It would allow us to contemplate a capital base sufficient to both attract high calibre professional musicians, and to continue offering new young musicians opportunities to perform. As we are a small charity, bequests go a long way.

Legacies to a registered charity can also be a valuable way of reducing inheritance-tax liability on your estate. If you haven't yet made a Will, please consider doing so and including Concerts for Craswall. If you have a Will, it is a simple matter to add a codicil.



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How do I make a Will?

We suggest that you choose a solicitor to write your Will. The Law Society (Tel: 0870 606 6575) can provide a list of local firms.

What are the different types of legacy?

A pecuniary legacy is a fixed sum of money that tends to decrease in value over time because of inflation. However, it is possible to index-link a pecuniary legacy to ensure that the legacy maintains its intended value

A residuary legacy is the gift of the remainder of your estate (or a percentage of the remainder) after all other gifts to friends and family have been distributed and all outgoings have been dealt with.

This is much more useful to Concerts for Craswall as the growing value of your assets protects your gift against inflation.



How do I amend my Will?

A codicil is an addition to a Will that states any changes you wish to make and is easily made by a solicitor. Adding a codicil to your existing Will may be a simple way for you to leave a legacy to Concerts for Craswall. However, if this is one of several changes, it may be advisable to make a new Will.

The new Will should start with a clause stating that it revokes all previous Wills and codicils.

The following sample wording can be used if you would like to leave a legacy to Concerts for Craswall.

For a pecuniary legacy: 'I bequeath free of tax to Concerts for Craswall ("the Charity") of Upper House Farm, Craswall, Herefordshire HR2 0PP (registered charity number 1092005), the sum of £_____ to be used by the Trustees of the Charity at their discretion, and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.'

For a residuary legacy: 'Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I bequeath the whole/ [insert percentage value] of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will to Concerts for Craswall ("the Charity") of Upper House Farm, Craswall, Herefordshire HR2 0PP (registered charity number 1092005), to be used by the Trustees of the Charity at their discretion, and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.'