The following is suggested wording for a codicil:

1. (full name) of (address) DECLARE this to be a Codicil to my will dated (date in words).

2. I GIVE the sum of (amount in words and figures) to the South Georgia Heritage Trust, registered Scottish Charity No. SC 036819, for its general charitable purposes (or specific purpose as stated) I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the Charity at the time when the above legacy is paid shall be sufficient discharged to my executors.

2. IN ALL other respects I confirm my said will. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this date (in words).

Thank you.

We hope the guidance in this leaflet has been helpful. If you would like to leave a legacy, please notify your solicitor as well as return the enclosed reply card. If you or a member of your family would like to talk further with a staff member of the South Georgia Heritage Trust about legacy, or any aspect of our work, please contact:

The SGHT Team
Email: info@sght.org
Tel: 01382 229792

“A unique opportunity has arisen for those of us alive today to remove the rodents and restore South Georgia to its original status as home to the greatest concentration of seabirds on the planet. The South Georgia Heritage Trust is urgently raising funds for this, the largest project of its kind ever undertaken, and we must support it”.

Sir David Attenborough

“As patron of the Trust, I urgently encourage all those who care about the destiny of this Southern Ocean sanctuary, and who wish to protect the richness and diversity of the greatest concentration of seabirds on the planet, to play their part in determining the outcome of the drama being played out on the island. We have an unrepeatable opportunity to tip the balance decisively in favour of the native wildlife of South Georgia”.

HRH The Princess Royal
Patron, South Georgia Heritage Trust
Why your legacy is important

The South Georgia Heritage Trust’s mission is to conserve and protect the island’s stunning and unique natural habitat.

The purpose of the Trust is:
"to promote for the public benefit the conservation and protection of the physical and natural environment and surrounding waters of South Georgia, as well as to advance the education of the public in the island’s historical heritage".

The Trust is also committed to preserving the historical heritage of South Georgia including vital sites of importance and to manage and develop the South Georgia Museum.

After you have taken care of your family and friends, please consider remembering SGHT in your will. It is a positive way to secure the future of the wildlife and habitat of South Georgia. Every single gift makes a real difference and we are very grateful for each one. Legacies provide us with essential funds that we need to make long-term funding plans. All legacies will provide and build endowments to fund programmes in perpetuity.

How can you help to protect South Georgia, its wildlife and heritage by leaving a legacy to the Trust

A large percentage of the population fails to make a will. Considering how important it is to take care of our loved ones, and how vital your gifts can be to charities, it’s surprising more people don’t make a will.

With the right guidance from your solicitor, you’ll probably find that making your will is easier and less expensive than you think.

You will also need to check with your accountant about your Inheritance Tax liability but it likely that leaving a gift to the South Georgia Heritage Trust, not only will you help conserve the historical and natural heritage of South Georgia, you could substantially reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate. It is a satisfying and effective way of making a lasting and permanent donation at no costs to you in your lifetime.

Choose the gift that is right for you

We are so grateful for every legacy we receive. Here are three options for the type you might consider

- A share of your estate: Giving a percentage share of your estate once all other legacies and expenses have been settled. This is the most valuable type of gift as it retains its value over time. This is called a ‘residuary gift’.
- A fixed sum of money. It can be any amount from a few pounds to thousands of pounds. This is called a ‘pecuniary gift’.
- A particular item of value. This can include stocks and shares, proceeds from a life assurance policy, property, furniture or jewellery. This is called a ‘specific gift’

How can you help?

If you already have a will, it’s easy to amend to include a gift to the South Georgia Heritage Trust by completing a codicil. Minor changes like this do not require a new will, as an existing one can be amended with which your solicitor will help you.

If you decide to support the South Georgia Heritage Trust by including a legacy in your will, please include our details. We suggest you and your solicitor use the following wording:

‘I give, devise and bequeath the South Georgia Heritage Trust, registered Scottish Charity No. SC 036819, the residue/a proportion of the residue/sum of £_________ for its general charitable purposes (or specific purpose as stated) and I declare that receipt of the Treasurer or other proper office of the South Georgia Heritage Trust at the time when the above legacy is paid shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.’