

### Providing for Your friends

If you want to ensure that a friend benefits from your estate you must make a Will.

### Gifts to Charities

Charities are always grateful to receive a legacy and if there are any particular charities or other good causes that you support you may wish to remember them in your Will.

### Gifts of Family Heirlooms

Many people assume that family heirlooms will pass automatically in accordance with family custom. However, such arrangements are not legally binding unless specified in a Will.

### Avoiding Inheritance Tax (IHT)

For married couples or those in a civil partnership, we can arrange the ownership of your assets and draft your Wills to take the best advantage of IHT allowances and exemptions, reducing or even eliminating this potential liability.

*It's your Will – let us help you to use it wisely!*



### It's Your Will – Use It

Please contact us if you would like to know more about our services, our fees or to make an appointment.

We offer a free half-hour consultation at the beginning of any service that we provide.

Where it is not possible for you to attend our office in normal working hours we will offer evening and weekend appointments.

Where it is not possible for you to attend our office we will visit you at home (on the Island) at no extra charge.

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# Why Make a Will?

## Reasons to use Wheeler's Solicitors

- ✓ Over 50 years combined legal experience
- ✓ Reputation for high quality, tailored care
- ✓ Clear communication and charges

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# Professional service with a friendly face

## Why make a Will...

Without making a Will, the people who benefit from your estate may not be the ones you think will do so. To make proper provision for your spouse or partner, children, relatives and friends or to remember charities, it is essential that you make a Will.

## What we do...

We listen to you and explain how your wishes can be achieved by making a Will, to ensure that the right people are appointed to administer your estate and your Will sets out all your requirements.

We ask you questions to establish the extent and nature of your estate and of your family - and how you wish to account for them in your Will.

We answer your questions to ensure that you have confidence, understanding and peace of mind.

## Here for you...

Mostly our Will service is provided on a fixed fee basis. However, with complex wills or where advice is required on Inheritance Tax or asset protection there may be additional fees.

We always offer a free half hour consultation at the start of any matter to discuss your specific needs and advise how we can fulfil them.

For your convenience, we offer evening and weekend appointments and where it is not possible for you to visit our offices, we would be happy to visit you at home.

## Get in touch...

For more information or to discuss any of our services, please contact us. Our details can be found on the back of this brochure.

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## Appointment of Executors

If you die without a Will, your estate will be distributed in accordance with the intestacy rules. This may result in your property, investments and belongings not being dealt with as you would wish. By making a Will you can state exactly who should benefit from your estate, and anyone who should not.

Executors are the people responsible for administering your estate. By making a Will you decide who they will be. Beneficiaries can (and very often are) the Executors.

**“You followed things up quickly and informed us at every stage.”**

Mrs D'Arcy

## Providing for Your Spouse or Civil Partner

Depending on your circumstances, without a will your assets may not automatically pass to your spouse or civil partner and if you have children, they may not automatically be provided for.

## Providing for Your Partner

If you are not married or in a civil partnership your partner will not automatically receive any share in your estate. He or she would have to make a claim against your estate and a Court may have to decide what share he or she is entitled to receive, if any, as there may be conflicting claims from your children or other relatives.

## Providing for All Your Children

If you have children from a previous relationship, we can help you set out your Will to clearly state how your new spouse or partner, children of your new relationship and older children are to benefit from your estate.

## Appointment of Guardians

If you have infant children, you can state in your Will exactly who you wish to have parental control of them, and make provision for their financial welfare; giving you peace of mind knowing that they will be cared for in the way you want them to be.

## Marriage Revokes Wills!

If you have married or entered into a civil partnership since you made your Will, the Will is no longer valid and beneficiaries under that Will may not benefit from your estate.

We can help you make a Will 'in contemplation' of marriage. This ensures that the Will takes effect straight away and is not revoked by your marriage.

## Protection of Assets

By giving your spouse or civil partner a life interest in your share of your home you may protect this asset from assessment to pay for long term care or against the subsequent marriage of your spouse or partner thereby preserving your share for your children.



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