

How we can help

Our sympathetic experienced team can help to administer your loved one's estate by:

- providing practical advice;
- completing necessary legal paperwork by applying for the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration;
- finalising the tax affairs, including paying inheritance tax;
- collecting in assets comprised within the estate;
- discharging debts, funeral and other expenses;
- distributing the estate in accordance with the terms of the will or intestacy rules; and
- helping with the sale or transfer of property.

Local visits to your home or a nursing home can be arranged.

 **Contact us:**
01695 574 111
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Appointments out of office hours are also available.

What you can expect:

- ✓ Direct lawyer contact
- ✓ Same day response
- ✓ No hidden costs
- ✓ Open Saturday morning



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The importance of making a will

By making a will ...

- You decide what happens with your assets. Without a will, intestacy rules apply, which may not reflect your wishes.
- You can reduce your inheritance tax liabilities so that your assets go to your loved ones, rather than the state.
- You can reduce potential liability to nursing home fees.
- You can ensure any minor children are taken care of after your death by appointing trusted guardians.
- You can appoint someone you trust to act as your executor to ensure your wishes are carried out. If you are not married, you can ensure that you have provided for your partner financially in your will. Unmarried partners or same-sex partners (where there is no registered civil partnership) do not automatically inherit from your estate.

If you do not make a will and you have no living relatives at the time of your death, the whole of your estate will pass to HM Treasury.

Making a will needn't be a headache. We can have everything done in a matter of days.



Lasting power of attorney

A lasting power of attorney allows somebody chosen by you to manage your financial affairs and make decisions regarding your health and welfare while you are alive.

This is important if you become unable to deal with your financial affairs, for example if you:

- have a serious accident; or
- become mentally incapable due to old age or illness.

Without a power of attorney, your husband, wife, partner or children will not have an automatic right to deal with your finances on your behalf. Your next of kin would have a lengthy process applying to the courts for authority to manage your affairs on your behalf. This is both costly and time-consuming.

Peace of mind

You can have peace of mind, knowing that if your health deteriorates you have appointed someone you can trust to look after your affairs on your behalf.

You must be mentally capable to make a lasting power of attorney – so don't leave it too late!

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Probate

Being an executor or administrator of an estate can be a tremendous burden, at a difficult and distressing time.

There are a whole raft of legal, tax and practical matters to address.

Where there is a will

It is the executors' responsibility to arrange the funeral and also to administer the estate in accordance with the terms of the will.

Where there is no will

If the deceased has not left a will, the law states who will need to take on the responsibility of acting as an administrator. They will also have the responsibility of arranging the funeral and administering the estate in accordance with the intestacy laws.

