

2009 "Make a Will" Week is 21st to 25th September.

HOW DOES THE "MAKE A WILL" SCHEME WORK?

A group of local solicitors have agreed to waive their normal fee and write standard wills free of charge, in return for a donation to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

All you have to do is contact any one of the solicitors listed BETWEEN Monday 21st September and Friday 25th September 2009 - quote "**MAKE A WILL WEEK FOR THE HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**" and you can then book an appointment to go and see the solicitor at your mutual convenience - it may or may not be in that week depending on the solicitors schedule.

At your initial meeting with your chosen solicitor, you outline your circumstances to the solicitor, say what you want in your will etc., and the solicitor will advise on making a will. If you agree to go ahead, the solicitor will then ask you for a donation to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, instead of paying the solicitor their usual will-writing fee. The donation is up to you but for your guidance writing a will can cost between £70 and £120 per person. The donation is made by cheque payable to "Hospice of the Good Shepherd" which the solicitor will send to the charity.

It should be noted that if your circumstances are complicated, or you want some specialised advice (e.g. tax advice) then the solicitor is entitled to tell you that he can't do it under the "Make a Will" scheme, and will charge you for specialised advice.

But we have found that the vast majority of people only need a "basic" or "standard" will.

"Mirror" Wills, e.g. two identical wills that are written for husband and wife, count as TWO.

IS THERE ANY OBLIGATION TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO THE HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

- * No, there is no obligation at all but The Hospice of the Good Shepherd is always grateful to people who remember the hospice in this way.
- * Over the coming years, legacies – gifts left to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd by supporters in their Wills – could well provide the key to meeting the future needs of local people.
- * By deciding to include the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in your will you could help transform future hospice care in your local community.

The Hospice of the Good Shepherd would like to thank the fifteen firms of Local Solicitors who participated in the inaugural "Make a Will Week" in October 2008.

The event was a great success: 60 wills were written and £4,500 raised by way of donations.

This year's event will be held during the week commencing Monday 21st September and provides an opportunity to make a new will or update your existing will, whilst helping your local Hospice at the same time.

If you have any queries regarding "Make a Will Week", or would like to discuss, in confidence, leaving a gift to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in your will, please contact Carmel Edwards, Legacy Fundraiser, on 01244 851811.