



CHATSWORTH  
HOUSE TRUST

# LEAVING A LEGACY



“I wish for Chatsworth  
Estate to be cared for  
and available for future  
generations to enjoy, in  
the way it has brought  
my family so much joy.”

Supporter



**Chatsworth has always been a place of innovation. As we look to the future, donations and legacies will be of great significance to maintain and protect Chatsworth. With your help, we can ensure that Chatsworth is enjoyed by everyone for generations to come.**

We know that Chatsworth holds a very special place in the hearts of many people. By caring for Chatsworth, its collections, garden, woodlands and park, Chatsworth House Trust, a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 511149), brings pleasure to thousands of visitors from throughout the U.K. and all over the world.

Donations and legacies are of enormous importance. If Chatsworth is special to you, please think about leaving a legacy in your will to support the work of Chatsworth House Trust. Your legacy will help ensure that Chatsworth remains a place which inspires and enriches people's lives.



**Jane Marriott**

Director, Chatsworth House Trust





# ABOUT CHATSWORTH HOUSE TRUST

The Trust was established in 1981.  
Its principal purpose is the long-term preservation  
of Chatsworth for the enjoyment of everyone:

Conserving and maintaining the  
house, collections, garden and  
parkland

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Increasing accessibility through  
reduced price tickets, a travel  
subsidy fund and partnerships  
with other charities

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Delivering a wide programme of  
exhibitions and events to engage  
with new audiences

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Sharing Chatsworth with  
the world through our loans  
programme

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Inspiring community groups,  
schools and charities with  
our learning and engagement  
outreach work

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Making acquisitions that enhance  
the collections

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In recent years, greater emphasis has been placed on the Trust's social purpose, its role as a custodian of landscape and environment, and supporting health and wellbeing. We protect and nurture the cultural and natural resources at Chatsworth to create experiences that stimulate and inspire, and make a positive impact on everyone's lives. We do this with respect for our heritage, our communities, and our planet.

Chatsworth House Trust has a huge range of projects to conserve and enhance Chatsworth for the enjoyment of all our visitors. If you are considering leaving a legacy to Chatsworth House Trust, thank you. Any legacy, no matter the size, makes a lasting difference.





“A favourite place full of the happiest memories of visits with my parents, including walking and playing in the Cascade. I love the history and the heritage of Chatsworth.”

Supporter



“Chatsworth holds a lot of happy memories for me. Being a part of the legacy of the place is important to me.”

Supporter







# THE IMPACT OF CHATSWORTH HOUSE TRUST

We want people to feel inspired by Chatsworth as a place of creativity, community and a driver of positive change. As a charity, we work to address the urgent issues of our time, from health and wellbeing, to the climate crisis, to fostering greater understanding, empathy and inclusion.

Over the last five years, the Trust has been able to restore and conserve a wide range of historic artefacts. These range from chintz curtains and bed drapes to rare eighteenth century Chinese wallpaper, and from statues in the garden to key documents within the archive.

Stonework, lead roofing and external windows have also been repaired. In the garden, significant work has been undertaken on the Conservative Wall Glasshouse, Paxton's Greenhouse (The Vinery), Arcadia and in the Rock Garden. A major project is now underway to restore the Grade I listed Cascade.

In just one year, our far-reaching loans programme enabled over 2.5 million people to see works of art from the Chatsworth House Trust and Devonshire Collections. This fulfils an important part of our charitable mission enabling the collection to be shared as widely as possible.

In 2024 more than 10,000 visits were made by school children. Schools which would otherwise not have visited were able to do so with support from the Trust's travel subsidy.

Reaching a more diverse range of people is an ongoing goal for the Trust. Initiatives have included the 'Kids in Museums Takeover' of Chatsworth by Athelstan Primary School from Sheffield and reduced price tickets for visitors on Universal Credit and other benefits.

In 2017, the Trust was able to acquire Jan Siberecht's magnificent 'View of Chatsworth from the East' (c. 1703), a vital source of primary evidence of what Chatsworth looked like in the early eighteenth century. This painting is now on public display in the house for the enjoyment of all our visitors.







# A LEGACY TO CHATSWORTH HOUSE TRUST

**Chatsworth means something different to everyone. Whether you love the house and its collection, the garden in full bloom, or our park and woodland, we are here for the benefit and enjoyment of all.**

In 2015, Chatsworth House Trust received a legacy of £35,937 from the estate of Mrs Sheila M. Streek. Mrs Streek was born in the West Riding of Yorkshire and for 25 years supported her husband Reverend Stanley J. Streek with his work as vicar of St. David's Church, Holmbridge, Yorkshire. Clearly Chatsworth meant a great deal to Mrs Streek and we acknowledge her very generous legacy with deep gratitude.

## **Tax Free status**

Chatsworth House Trust is a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 511149). This means that it pays no tax on gifts of money or property made in your lifetime or after your death. So any legacies left to the Trust are given in their entirety and are not subject to inheritance tax.

## **Recognition**

Please do let us know, in confidence, if you have remembered Chatsworth House Trust in your will. The Trust will honour the names of people who leave a legacy on its Donor Honour Roll which will be displayed at Chatsworth.





# GUIDANCE ON DRAFTING YOUR WILL

It is important to use the official name of the charity “Chatsworth House Trust” rather than just “Chatsworth”. We recommend that you seek expert advice from a solicitor when drafting your will but we hope that these suggested wordings will help

## **Pecuniary bequest:**

“I give to Chatsworth House Trust (Registered Charity 511149) the sum of [*amount in words*] pounds (£[*amount in figures*]) free from all taxes and duties to be applied to the general purposes [*or your preferred area*] of the said Trust and I declare that the receipt of the Director of the Trust or other authorised trustee for the time being of Chatsworth House Trust shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor[s] for the said gift.”

## **Residuary bequest:**

“I give to Chatsworth House Trust (Registered Charity 511149) all [*or a percentage or share*] of my residuary estate to be applied to the general purposes [*or your preferred area*] of the said Trust and I declare that the receipt of the Director of the Trust or other authorised trustee for the time being of Chatsworth House Trust shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor[s] for the said gift.”

If you wish to add a codicil to an existing will, please contact the Development Office at Chatsworth which will be able to provide you with the relevant document.

## OUR STATUS AS A CHARITY

Chatsworth House Trust (CHT) is a charity established in 1981 to care for the house, garden, park, woodland, and works on loan from the Devonshire Collection. The charity is responsible for and bears all the costs associated with this duty.

CHT’s charitable status ensures that Chatsworth and its assets are preserved and shared for the benefit of everyone.

The Devonshire family were both founders and donors when the charity was set up and continue to be supporters of the charity in many significant ways: lending works of art for display throughout the house and grounds, hosting events and supporting the fundraising activities of the charity.

CHT is run by a Council of Management whose members are known as trustees. The Devonshire family are represented on the Council but there have always been a majority of independent trustees elected by due process.

## Contact for solicitors and executors

The Trust's formal address for solicitors is:

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## Other ways in which we can help

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss your legacy intentions, please contact:

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