

IN CONFIDENCE (When completed)

**I would like to support the *Mary Rose* through a Legacy /  
I am considering a legacy**

**From:**

Full Name ..... Title .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

I/We would like to talk about making a legacy to the Mary Rose Trust

I have left a legacy to the Mary Rose Trust.

Are there any details/amounts about which you are able to tell us?

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**Solicitor's Details (Optional)**

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Address .....

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Telephone .....

Signature ..... Date .....

For further information, please contact:

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# KING HENRY VIII LEFT THE *MARY ROSE* TO THE NATION AS HIS LEGACY



## Will you leave us yours?

### A personal message from Dr Margaret Rule, CBE

It was my privilege to lead the dedicated team that recovered the *Mary Rose* in 1982. This extraordinary ship, together with her amazing wealth of artefacts, had lain undisturbed in the cold, murky waters of the Solent for 437 years. The *Mary Rose* is Britain's oldest surviving warship; she was really the start of the Royal Navy as we know it and she was King Henry VIII's favourite flagship.

We now have an exciting and ambitious project which will bring together, within a stunning new museum building, the ship and her artefacts.

By making a legacy you will be making a personal and very important contribution to our vision and to preserving this extraordinary and unique icon of British heritage and history.

Since I saw the timbers of the *Mary Rose* emerging from the muddy seabed in 1971 I shared the enthusiasm and dedication of many people who gave freely of their time and expertise. Without their support the ship would not be ashore to be seen and enjoyed by thousands of children and adults. With your gift we can ensure that the ship will survive for future generations to enjoy.

Alternatively, if we lose the *Mary Rose*, future generations will neither understand nor forgive.

Margaret Rule



PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD

## WHY SHOULD I MAKE A WILL AT ALL?

- It gives you peace of mind.
- If you die without a Will, the law decides “who gets what” and your family or your favourite charity may miss out.
- Your Will can provide protection for your family, making sure of supporting their needs.
- Inheritance Tax may be charged on your estate; by careful planning you can reduce this burden.
- You can use your Will to benefit your favourite charities. All charitable gifts are free of Inheritance Tax.

## SO WHY IS THE MARY ROSE SO IMPORTANT? DOES SHE HAVE ANY BEARING ON LIFE TODAY? WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

The *Mary Rose* has provided pleasure and inspiration to the 7 million people who have visited her. She was Henry VIII's flagship and the pride of his fleet. She is the world's only 16th Century ship. She is a huge source of information about Tudor life and is the beginning of the Royal Navy. It is the combination of the ship herself and her amazing artefacts preserved from a recorded moment in time which makes this such an incomparable collection.

However, the *Mary Rose* now faces now her biggest challenge:

- The Ship Hall and Museum housing the artefacts collection are 300 meters apart.
- The Ship Hall is a temporary structure that is nearing the end of its economic life.

The Museum is housed in an old, wooden building that is a fire risk and unsuited for purpose; only 6% of the 19,000 artefacts can be displayed and learning facilities cannot meet the ever growing demands from schools and other organisations.

We have a vision – to create a sensational and sustainable museum where the *Mary Rose* and her artefacts can be preserved together for all time. We plan to build a stunning new building to replace current Ship Hall. Our learning capacity will increase four-fold and we will really be able to tell the “*Mary Rose* story”.

## WHY LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE MARY ROSE TRUST?

**Your legacy can make a huge difference to the success of our project and safeguard the *Mary Rose* for future generations.**

## THERE ARE SO MANY DESERVING CHARITIES? ARE NOT THE FIGHTS AGAINST CANCER, POVERTY AND DISEASES MORE DESERVING?

The *Mary Rose* Trust has never seen itself in competition with the thousands of other ‘worthy causes’. But we do know there are many in this country who do feel passionately that we must protect our heritage and are prepared to support this particular treasure for our children and for generations to come. “A country that forgets its past has no future.” *Winston Churchill*

## IF I DO MAKE A LEGACY, CAN IT BE EARMARKED FOR A PARTICULAR PART OF THE MUSEUM? CAN MY NAME LIVE ON THROUGH A LEGACY?

We will always do our best to meet your wishes. If you want your legacy to be put towards a specific area of the new museum, we will certainly look at how this might be achieved. There will be opportunities to contribute to sponsor ship galleries, deck walks, the lecture theatre, exhibition galleries and even the Ship Hall itself.

## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEGACY?

There are a few different kinds of gift you can leave in your Will. The most common are:

**Residuary legacy** is a gift of all or part of your net estate (what remains after all taxes, specific gifts and the cost of administering the estate have been paid). This type of legacy should be expressed as a percentage or share of your estate.

**Pecuniary legacy** is a fixed sum of money. It is worth bearing in mind that inflation can erode the value of pecuniary legacies, so it is worth reviewing your Will on a regular basis, whether or not your circumstances change.

**Specific legacy** is a gift of a specific item or asset such as shares or jewellery.

## HOW DO I MAKE A WILL?

It can be quick and easy to make a will but it is important to involve a legal professional to draw it up for you. If all the legal formalities are not correctly followed your Will could be declared invalid.

## IS THERE ANY SPECIFIC WORDING I SHOULD USE?

**Pecuniary legacy** e.g. “I give to The *Mary Rose* Trust of College Road, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth PO1 3LX Registered Charity Number 277503 the sum of £ (sum) to be used by the Trust at its discretion and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of The *Mary Rose* Trust shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.”

**Residuary legacy** e.g. “I give to The *Mary Rose* Trust of College Road, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth PO1 3LX Registered Charity Number 277503 (percentage %) of the residue of my estate to be used by the Trust at its discretion and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of The *Mary Rose* Trust shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.”

For advice or suggested wordings for other types of gift, please contact Peter Taylor on 023 9275 0521, extension 208.

## THANK YOU

A legacy is an extremely important and lasting gift from you. In addition to consulting your solicitor, you may like to talk to us. This would be in total confidence. Discussing your plans can be helpful to you, and greatly help us with our long term planning. If you do decide to support us in this way, please remember that you will never be under any lasting obligation. You can always change your will at any time.