

BEATS - Codicil

If you would like to add a gift to BEATS to your existing will, you can easily do so by using a codicil. A codicil is a supplement to a will that can allow you to make changes to your instructions, including adding a new beneficiary such as BEATS.

Simply complete the attached codicil form, sign it in the presence of two witnesses and keep it with your existing will (see next page for the codicil form).

If you have made more than one will, it is important to ensure that this codicil relates to your most recent will. It is also important, to avoid confusion, to identify clearly whether this is the first codicil to your will, second, third and so forth.

We particularly recommend that you consult a legal advisor if your will already has a codicil(s). We also advise you to seek legal advice if you are making substantial changes to your will, for example levying a gift of residue (ie. leaving what is left in your estate to someone after specific gifts have been given to beneficiaries).

Creating a new will is the best way to avoid any errors or disputes if you are looking to modify your existing will.

The BEATS trustees are not qualified to give legal advice. If you are worried about how best to draft a will or codicil, we do recommend you obtain professional advice from a legal advisor with experience in wills and probate. All enquiries to BEATS will be treated in confidence.

How to complete your codicil

Following these instructions carefully will help to make sure that your codicil is not invalid in any way. You must have two adult witnesses. No beneficiary or executor of your will (or anyone who is married to, or in a civil partnership with, a beneficiary or executor) can be a witness. Witnesses do not have any right to see what is in the codicil unless you choose to show them.

1. Date the bottom of the codicil form.
2. Sign your name in the presence of the two witnesses. Ask them to sign and write their names, addresses and occupations on the codicil. All of you must be present while each of you signs.
3. Keep the codicil in a safe place with, but not attached to, your current will.
4. Send or give a copy of the will and codicil (in a sealed envelope, if you prefer) to your executor or a trusted friend. Indicate with a note where the originals are held. It is important that the original will and codicil are kept together and that those who have a copy of your will also have a copy of the codicil. This will minimise the potential for later confusion.

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British Earthquake and Tsunami Support (BEATS) registered charity in England and Wales (1122133)

I (Full name) _____

of (Address) _____

(Postcode) _____

declare this to be a First / Second / Third codicil to my will dated,

Day/month/year _____ (date of original will)

I give (Please indicate 1, or 2):

(1) the following specific item(s), namely:

(2) the sum of £

to BEATS, 47 Arnold Way, Bosham, PO18 8NJ, England, for its general charitable purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the duly authorised officer of BEATS shall be sufficient discharge of my Executor/ Trustees.

In all other respects I confirm my will and any other codicils thereto.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signed by the aforementioned in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and of each other.

Witness one

Name _____

Address

Postcode _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness two

Name _____

Address

Postcode _____

Occupation _____

Signature _____

Date _____