



"When my first child was born my husband and I knew it was time to make a will. Along with protecting them, I also wanted to give something back to the Harris; a place that I have so many happy memories of and that has played a huge part in my life.

By leaving a legacy to the Friends of the Harris I know that I am helping to protect the building and the works of art forever. It has given me immense peace of mind to know that a part of me will always be there"

# Talk to us

Harris Museum  
Art Gallery & Library



If you are thinking about including the Harris in your will we would like to take the opportunity to thank you. If you would like to contact us to discuss your legacy and personal preferences, Fundraising Manager Hilary Machell would welcome the opportunity to talk to you in confidence and with no obligation.

If you would like to speak to Hilary then please phone 01772 903619 or email [harrisfriends@preston.gov.uk](mailto:harrisfriends@preston.gov.uk). Alternatively you can write to Hilary at the address below.

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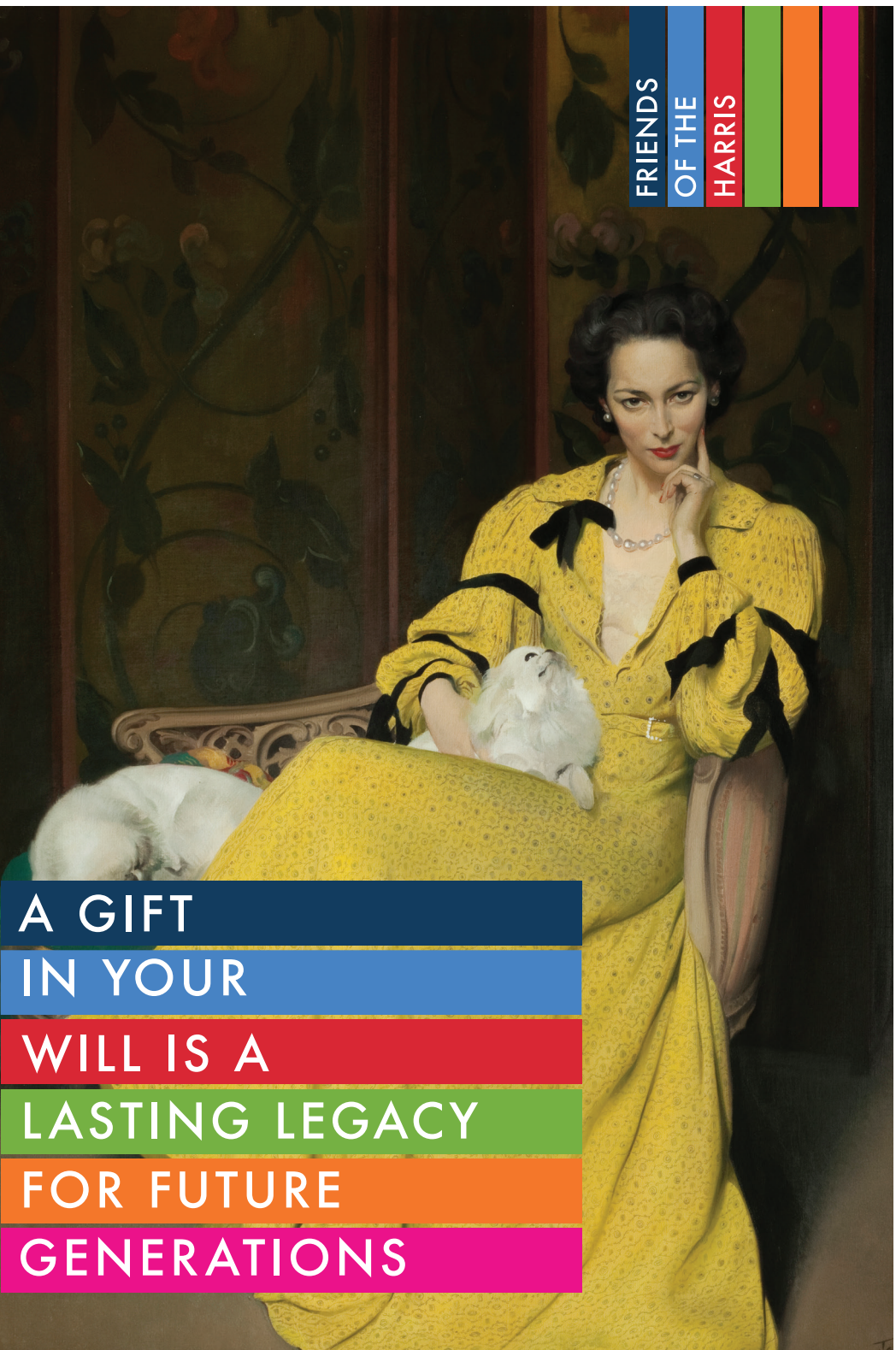
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*Pauline in the Yellow Dress*, 1944



A GIFT  
IN YOUR  
WILL IS A  
LASTING LEGACY  
FOR FUTURE  
GENERATIONS







## How to leave a gift in your will

Making a will is one of the most positive things you can do. It offers you peace of mind, securing the future of your loved ones and the things that you care about.

A will ensures that your estate is divided as you choose, providing for your family, and, if you wish, a charity or charities of your choice.

You can leave a legacy to the Harris whether you are making a will for the first time or making an addition (known as a 'codicil') to an existing will. If a codicil is what you need, you can find the correct form on the Harris website.

The website has a guide on how to approach making or updating a will; visit [harrismuseum.org.uk/support-us](http://harrismuseum.org.uk/support-us) Alternatively, call our Fundraising Manager, Hilary Machell, on 01772 903619 to talk through your wishes.

Whatever you want to do, it's important to talk to your solicitor.

## Why we need your support

The Harris Museum, Art Gallery & Library welcomes and inspires visitors with its fabulous collections of fine and decorative art, historic books, contemporary exhibitions, community activities and events, and the history gallery, Discover Preston.

With your help we can do extraordinary things: enriching the lives of thousands of visitors and preserving our building and collections for years to come.

An unrestricted gift to the Friends of the Harris in your will is the simplest and potentially the most beneficial, as it allows us to use it for the most urgent projects. You can find out more about how your gift might be used at [www.harrismuseum.org.uk/support-us](http://www.harrismuseum.org.uk/support-us)

If you prefer to support a particular area of our work, you might specify one of the following:

- Gallery spaces and exhibitions
- Collections care and development
- Community activities and learning programme



Richard Dadd, *Puck*, 1841  
Purchased with help from a bequest by Dorothy Wade.

Arnold Monk was a regular visitor to the Harris from his boyhood in Preston until he passed away at the age of 90 in 2018. A nurse by day, Arnold had a lifelong interest in art, showing his work in the Harris Open and serving as Chairman of Preston Art Society. After providing for his family, he left the remains of his estate to the Harris, along with a sketch by LS Lowry. We are now looking forward to using Arnold's legacy to support the refurbishment of the Harris and activities for local people in Preston.

Dorothy Wade left a bequest to help us purchase a pre-twentieth century work of art, and we were able to use it to help us acquire *Puck*, by Richard Dadd, which now hangs in the fine art galleries and is a source of inspiration for children's and schools' events, as well as a popular painting with our general visitors.

Mrs Wade's niece says, "For me to know that the money Dorothy left has enabled the Harris Museum to secure the *Puck* painting is wonderful. I know Dorothy would be delighted to think that her bequest has had such a successful outcome"



Arnold Monk

Edmund Robert Harris left a gift in his will to build the Harris Museum, Art Gallery & Library because he believed that heritage and the arts had the power to enrich people's lives.

His vision is still relevant today as 1000 people a day visit the Harris to enjoy and learn from the cultural treasures inside. You too can leave a legacy that will benefit hundreds of thousands of people for years to come.

By remembering the Harris in your will you can make a lasting difference, help to shape our future and continue the legacy our founder began. Every legacy, whether £500 or £50,000, makes a difference. Your gift can ensure that 10,000 children and young people are able to take part in free educational events every year. You can help purchase works of art or historic objects, conserve our outstanding collections for the future or support exciting exhibitions and community activities. Your legacy can achieve many things, but most importantly it means the place you love is able to achieve even more.

There can also be tax benefits to leaving a legacy. If your estate is liable for inheritance tax and you leave at least 10% of your will to charity, then the tax bill will be reduced from 40% to 36%.

Your will is a personal matter and I appreciate that the details are confidential. However, if you let us know that you are considering leaving us a legacy we can help you ensure that it is spent as you wish and thank you for thinking of us.

By leaving the Friends of the Harris a gift in your will you will help inspire visitors for years to come. Please think of us when you make your will.

*Greta Krypczyk-Oddy*

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## A message from the Chair of the Friends of the Harris

