Leaving a lasting legacy to NASS



Help us create a better future for people living with axial SpA

Find out more at www.nass.co.uk/legacies



For years, I was told that my chronic pain was all in my head. I was so frightened. It's hard to explain what it's like to be a teenager and have so much worry. NASS helped me understand my diagnosis and connect with others which has given me hope for the future.

Laura Wilkinson, 19, from Plymouth.

When you leave a legacy gift to NASS, you will leave something of yourself to create a more positive future for people living with axial SpA

We are the National Axial Spondyloarthritis Society (NASS), and we transform the diagnosis and care of people living with axial spondyloarthritis so everyone receives effective care.

Axial SpA is an invisible and misdiagnosed condition, often leaving people feeling powerless, in increasing pain and extreme exhaustion.

We campaign policy makers for better services, work with the NHS to improve care and diagnosis, and make sure people get the latest information and support they need to tackle the challenges of life with axial SpA. NASS receives no statutory funding, and our life-changing work is only possible because of the generosity of our Members and supporters.



Axial SpA works silently. We don't.

Leaving a gift in your Will

NASS is a member of the National Free Wills Network, which means that you can meet with a local solicitor and have a simple Will made, or updated, for free.

Here's how it works:

- Complete the form overleaf or email fundraising@nass.co.uk, and we will send your details to the National Free Wills Network.
- 2. Within three weeks, you will receive a welcome pack in the post with details of all local solicitors participating in the scheme.
- 3. Contact your chosen Solicitor, and mention the National Free Wills Network. The Solicitor will draw up your simple Will, and NASS will cover the cost at a special discounted rate.

There is no obligation to remember NASS in your Will when you use this service, although we hope you choose to do so.

Axial SpA works silently. We don't. What type of gifts can I leave to NASS?

There are three different types of legacies you can leave NASS.

- A residuary legacy is the sum of money left after your specific requests have been made and the debts, tax and costs paid.
- 2. A pecuniary legacy is a gift of a specified sum of money.
- 3. A specific legacy is a gift of a particular item such as jewellery, shares, or antiques.

Does the size of my gift matter?

Every gift, large or small, is important to us and will make a significant difference.

What if I already have a Will?

If you have an existing Will and would like to include a gift to NASS, you can make a codicil, which is supplementary to your Will and can make simple changes or additions to it. We recommend that you see a solicitor when making a codicil, so they can advise you about the process and help you draft it correctly. Axial SpA can be genetic, and my children could well inherit this condition from me. If that is the case, I don't want them to have to go through the same experience that I did. That's why I have left a gift in my Will to NASS.

People with axial SpA currently wait an average of 8.5 years for a diagnosis. I'm passionate about reducing this timeline significantly and want to support other people living with this condition.

Danny McFarlane, London

What type of gifts can I leave to NASS?

Can I have a say in how NASS uses my gift?

We promise to use your gift wisely and cost-effectively, in a way that will have the most significant impact on people living with axial SpA. But if there's a specific area of our work that you would like your gift to support, we will make every effort to see that this happens. Please contact us to discuss this in more detail.

What if I change my mind?

Leaving a gift in your Will is a special and personal decision. You can change your mind about leaving a gift to NASS at any time, and we will always respect your decision.

What information should I give my Solicitor?

All legacy gifts should be left to the National Axial Spondyloarthritis Society (NASS). Please use our registered charity numbers 1183175 and SC049746. Your Solicitor will advise on the specific wording you need to use for different types of gifts.

What about inheritance tax?

Gifts to charity are exempt from inheritance tax, so NASS will receive the total value of any gift you choose to leave. The government sets the inheritance tax threshold, so this is subject to change. If your estate is liable to attract inheritance tax, leaving a gift to charity can have the effect of reducing the overall tax burden on family and friends.

Please consult with your Solicitor to review your personal tax situation when making changes to your Will.

Do I need to tell you that I've left a gift in my Will to you?

You don't have to tell us that you've left a gift in your Will to NASS, but we'd love the opportunity to say thank you and to keep you updated about our work and answer your questions.

Confidential legacy form

Please complete this form if you have already included NASS in your Will or if you would like further information about leaving a gift in your Will to NASS.

I have already included NASS in my Will.

- I am thinking about leaving a gift to NASS in my Will and would love a chat with someone at NASS.
- Please refer me to the Free Wills Network for information about writing my Will for free.

We would also love to keep you informed about our events, fundraising, campaigning and other opportunities to support NASS. If you are happy for us to keep in touch, please let us know your communication preferences:

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Your communication preferences

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promise to keep your details safe

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with the greatest of care. We

and secure. We do not sell or

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Thank you. Please return this form to: National Axial Spondyloarthritis Society, Ground Floor, Unit 6, Cambridge Court, 210 Shepherds Bush Road, LONDON W6 7NJ

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