

Make a Will Week 2026

23 - 27 February 2026

Write or update your will - for free
With a suggested donation to Step One Charity

In partnership with Lyons Bowe Solicitors



Step One

A brighter path to wellbeing

Registered charity number: 235434

What is Make a Will Week?

Make a Will Week is a special week where local solicitors give their time to help people put a will in place. In return, participants are encouraged to make a donation to Step One Charity.

It's a simple, supportive way to finally do something many of us mean to get around to - while also helping a much-loved local charity continue its work.

Do something good for your future - and for your community

Make a Will Week is your chance to write or update your will with a trusted local solicitor, without paying solicitor fees, while supporting Step One Charity, Devon's local mental health charity.

Instead of solicitor fees, we ask you to make a suggested donation to Step One. Your donation helps local people get the mental health support they need – and you get peace of mind knowing your wishes are in place.

Suggested minimum donation:

- £250 for an individual
- £350 for a couple



How does it work?

It's really straightforward:

- 1** Call Lyons Bowe Solicitors to book a virtual appointment during Make a Will Week.
- 2** Meet with a solicitor who will talk through your wishes and prepare your will.
- 3** Relax, knowing everything is clearly set out and taken care of.

Appointments are available 23–27 February 2026 and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



There's no obligation to leave a gift to charity in your will. However, if you choose to do so, a 50% discount will be applied to the suggested donation.



What should I expect?

Your solicitor will guide you through the process step by step, explaining everything in plain English and answering any questions you have along the way.

Many people tell us they're surprised by how easy and reassuring the experience is – and how glad they are to finally have a will in place.

You'll be supported by an experienced solicitor who will:

- Talk you through your options clearly and sensitively
- Help ensure your wishes are accurately recorded
- Prepare your will for review and signing

Many people find the process far simpler and more reassuring than expected – and it's a great way to finally do something you may have been putting off.

Local couple Michael and Noni previously participated in Step One Charity's Make a Will Week and booked a couple's will-writing appointment. Read about their experience.

“ We phoned and made an appointment with the solicitor, and they said we had to bring a passport or something for ID.

Then we went along to the appointment, and we met Becca. She was very nice and put us at our ease. We discussed what we wanted to put in the will, and she explained the different kinds and implications of the things we wanted to do and how best to do it.

Next, she wrote everything down and sent it to us. We looked at it and made sure it was ok and it was what we discussed, then we made another appointment to go and see her and sign the document.

It was all very simple and very friendly and very straightforward.

We're really glad we took part in the scheme. It encouraged us to do something we'd been meaning to do for a long time, and it made us get on with it and do it.

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Please note: appointment processes may vary slightly.

FAQs

Why should I make a will now?

Making a will gives you peace of mind that your wishes are clear and your loved ones are provided for.

If it's something you've been thinking about, Make a Will Week is a simple, supportive way to get it done while supporting a local charity. Making a will gives you peace of mind. It means your wishes are clear and the people you care about are looked after.

If it's something you've been thinking about, Make a Will Week is a great opportunity to get it done with expert support.

What if I don't have major assets?

A will doesn't need to list individual items. Many people leave percentages of their estate, meaning your will remains valid even if your circumstances change.

What if my will is complicated?

Make a Will Week covers simple wills for individuals and couples.

If your needs are more complex, the solicitor will explain any additional costs before you go ahead.

Can I book an online appointment?

Yes. All appointments for Make a Will Week 2026 will be held virtually. Please contact Lyons Bowe directly to discuss accessibility options.

How old do I need to be?

This service is open to adults (18+).



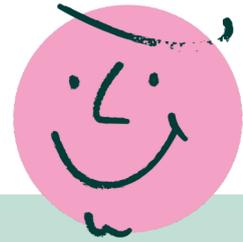
Why support Step One Charity?

Step One Charity has been supporting people in Devon for over 85 years, helping around 1,000 people each year to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

We support people through:

- Personalised recovery plans
- Rehabilitation services
- Life and skills support
- Group and peer-led wellbeing activities

Your gift would help people to rebuild confidence, regain independence, and move forward with hope.



Your gift could help someone in crisis find immediate, compassionate support.



Your gift could provide safe spaces where people can talk openly without judgement.



Your gift could support the long-term sustainability so our work continues long into the future.



Your gift could help to fund recovery programmes that build confidence, skills, and independence.

Leave a legacy

During your appointment, you may be asked whether you would like to leave a gift to Step One Charity or another charity in your will.

This is your choice and is entirely optional.

Many people choose to leave a gift to charity after they've provided for family and friends. Gifts are tax-efficient, cost you nothing now, and will help ensure vital mental health services continue for years to come.

No matter the size, a gift in your will creates a lasting legacy, supporting future generations and changing lives. We promise that your gift will be used to ensure that we're always here for the people who need us.

How do I book?

You can book your individual or couples appointment directly with Lyons Bowe Solicitors from 26 January 2026.

 Appointments: 23–27 February 2026

 Booking: Contact Lyons Bowe directly on 01749 345756

 Remember to quote: “Step One Charity”

For full details, visit: www.steponecharity.co.uk/make-a-will-week



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