

Help people with aphasia to re-engage with others and the world around them by remembering Speakeasy in your Will

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever make. It ensures that your wishes will be carried out and that your loved ones will be provided for as you intended. And it has great potential too, as a way of supporting the causes you care most about and the charities whose values and aspirations best mirror your own.

We'd therefore be hugely honoured if you'd consider including Speakeasy in your Will.

How to make or update your Will

Of course, it's vital that your Will is drawn up and witnessed in the right way, but this needn't be a difficult or expensive process. Plus it's a comfort to know that when you die, your loved ones will be spared the stress and upset of trying to second guess your wishes.

If you don't have a solicitor, you can ask your friends and family members for recommendations.

Alternatively, you can find a trusted local solicitor via the Law Society website: [solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk)

If there are a few in your area, don't be afraid to ring around for quotes as there will be a charge for making or amending your Will.

The main points to consider

Before meeting with a solicitor to draw up or amend your Will, you'll need to appoint an 'executor'.

This is the person (or people) who will be responsible for carrying out the instructions set out in your Will. It should therefore be someone reliable, such as a trusted family member or friend. Then once this is decided, there are two main areas to consider:

- **WHAT you have to pass on – also known as your 'estate'**
This includes your money, any property you own, and your other possessions.
- **WHO you would like to benefit – also known as your 'beneficiaries'**
For example, your friends and family members, and any charities you would like to remember with a gift.

We would be delighted if you included Speakeasy on your 'beneficiaries' list. You'll find details of how to do this overleaf.

'When I had my stroke, I thought my life had ended.'

When I found Speakeasy, it began again.'



Speakeasy member, Jean

Including a gift to Speakeasy

Gifts in Wills are a very special way of supporting a charity, and any amount is always welcome, especially to a small charity like Speakeasy, where we're used to making every penny count. There may also be tax advantages to including a charity in your Will; just ask your solicitor.

There are three main ways to remember a charity in your Will; a percentage gift, a fixed amount, or a specific item.

A percentage gift This is a percentage share of your estate. For example, you may decide to leave 99% to family and friends and 1% to Speakeasy, or 95% to family and friends and 5% to Speakeasy (you decide the split).

Percentage gifts are especially useful as they hold their value even as the cost of living rises.

A fixed amount This is a specific amount of money that you'd like us to receive when your Will comes into effect.

As the amount is fixed, it does not rise in line with inflation. However, we'd still be very grateful for any amount you might choose to leave us.

A specific item If you'd rather, you can choose to leave us a specific item, such as a piece of jewellery or shares that can be sold to fund our work. Just ask your solicitor for help with how to word this.

If you do decide to include a gift to Speakeasy, you'll need to take along the following information when meeting with your solicitor:

Our full name: Bury Speakeasy
Our registered charity address: 11 Princes Court, Silver Street Ramsbottom, BL0 9BJ
Our registered charity number: 516092

You'll need this if you are making or updating your Will to include a gift to Speakeasy. Any type of addition to an existing Will is known as a 'codicil'.

Every gift adds up to make a remarkable difference to people with aphasia

At Speakeasy, we're dedicated to improving the lives of people with and affected by aphasia.

Through a gift in your Will, you can help us to carry on delivering innovative services and resources that enable people to develop new communication strategies, skills, and confidence, and to re-engage with others and the world around them. Whatever the amount, it's such a valuable gift.

If you have any queries or concerns around remembering Speakeasy in your Will, please contact us at **office@speakeasy-aphasia.org.uk** (email is the best way to reach us) or leave a message on **01706 825802** and we'll get back to you.

We'd also be thrilled to hear from you if you have already included Speakeasy in your Will or if you plan to do so. We have no other way of knowing, and we'd love the chance to thank you properly while we can.

Thank you so much for considering this very special way of giving

