



Rescue Benevolent Fund

Raising funds and leaving us a legacy

What am I legally and morally obliged to do if I intend to raise funds for you?

Charity fundraising is regulated by law and you, as a fundraiser — and your chosen charity — can be fined for non-compliance with legal regulations. There are a number of things you must do to comply with the law.

- The key thing is to tell us about it first — in writing. Write to the Secretary, via our online contact form, with details of how you intend to raise funds for us, when and where — and when we can expect to receive those funds.
- Use our official sponsorship form and a Gift Aid Declaration Form if appropriate.
- If you intend to run an event to raise funds for us, the words 'Rescue Benevolent Fund' and 'Charity number 1152798', must appear on all promotional literature. Use of our logo must have prior approval — please contact us if you wish to use our logo.

How do I pay the funds I've raised to you?

You must give us all the money you raise within three months of any activity.

The Charity Commission recommends that at least two people are involved in handling and recording the money received, and that all the cash collected is banked by your charity as soon as possible.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Rescue Benevolent Fund' and sent to: The Secretary, 40 Strawberry How, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 9XZ.

Do you have an official sponsorship form?

Of course. You can find it on the next page of this document. And please don't forget to get your sponsors to tick whether they are eligible for Gift Aid! Every penny helps and Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra 25p for every pound you donate.

Leaving a legacy

Can I leave a legacy in my Will to the Rescue Benevolent Fund?

Yes. A gift to us in your Will is the surest way to help us plan for the future and be there for team members and their families when they need us. This is because gifts are exempt from inheritance tax, capital gains tax and income tax, so the charity receives the full value of your bequest. And even a small gift can make a big difference.

What information must I include in my Will?

- Our full name: Rescue Benevolent Fund.
- Registered office address: The Treasurer, 13 Maple Grove, York YO10 4EJ.
- Charity Number: 1152798.

To be completely sure of the correct wording, seek professional legal advice. Or go to rememberacharity.org.uk to discover how you can leave a gift to your favourite cause.

Does the Benevolent Fund need my legacy?

Legacies will be a vital source of income to us, enabling us to continue helping and supporting mountain and cave rescue team members and their families when and where they need it.

Do I need to tell you about the legacy?

No, but it is really helpful if you do. It allows us to plan how to best use scarce resources for the future.

Are there any tax benefits to making a legacy?

If, after bills are paid, you leave money and possessions worth more than the Inheritance Tax threshold, tax will be paid on all money passed on above this amount.

However, legacies to a charity are exempt from Inheritance and Capital Gains taxes so any gift would be received in full and before any tax is charged. Your solicitor will advise on the best way to minimise the tax burden on your estate, including your Will.

Is a small legacy really any use?

Even a small donation can make a real difference to our work.

Can I send a legacy by cheque?

Yes. Please make it payable to 'Rescue Benevolent Fund', and send it to: The Treasurer, 13 Maple Grove, York YO10 4EJ.

Fundraising and legacies