

# Your | Our Legacy | Future



*“I have known about the Warnock Society for many years - Geoffrey was Principal when I arrived as one of Hertford’s first intake of undergraduate women. Some years ago, I decided to leave at least 10% of my estate to a group of charities and Hertford was an obvious choice. I had been giving regularly to Hertford in any case, so a legacy was a logical extension. The reason I chose Hertford above other institutions is its history of work to improve access for students from schools and backgrounds who have not traditionally found it easy to access an Oxford education.”*

Kate Stross, (Jurisprudence, 1974)

## Warnock Society Membership

We are deeply grateful to all who have chosen to leave a legacy to Hertford. All legators are invited to join the Warnock Society, which was established in 1999 to recognise those who have included Hertford in their Will.

Benefits of joining the Warnock Society:

- Invitation to the annual thank you event for Warnock Society members and their partners;
- Invitations to special college events with distinguished speakers;
- Annual reports from the Principal, Bursar and Director of Development on college finances, governance and development plans.

All members of the Warnock Society will be listed in the annual Donor Report, unless you have asked to be anonymous. We can also discuss other naming and recognition opportunities on an individual basis.

## Securing the Future

*“My decision to leave a legacy gift to Hertford was an easy one, as Hertford’s legacy to me has been immense and this was the opportunity to acknowledge that. It delights me to know that some future student will benefit from my gift, as there is now greater gift than the education and experience of Hertford which shaped my life in so many ways.”*

Rose Jackson (Modern History, 1978)

- Leaving a legacy will help preserve the college for generations to come. It will provide the flexibility to allow us to future proof against any external factors and unforeseen circumstances that may arise. Your support, big or small, will make a real difference, helping us carry out our objectives without interruption, and enabling an unparalleled education and world-leading research.



## Sustainability

*“As for so many of us, my time at Hertford was truly formative. It’s an experience I want to be available to others, from as diverse a set of backgrounds as possible. My wife and I were prompted to formalise our Wills when we had our first child. Very sadly, a close friend from Hertford had suddenly lost his life a few years before, which was a stark reminder that you never know how long you’ve got. So it seemed only natural to include a legacy to Hertford in my Will at that point.”*

Andrew Voysey, Geography, 2004

- Your legacy will help Hertford to be a good neighbour, a good citizen, and a good ancestor. It can support our work on sustainability across our estate, and will enable practical action on a broader scale through research into environmental change and a generation of visible and vocal advocates.

## Access and Opportunity

*“As a beneficiary of the Tanner scheme, I especially want to help Hertford to continue being a standard bearer for equal access and inclusivity in the University. My partner and I also want to express personal thanks for the college’s constant welcome and support.”*

Jeffrey John (Classics and Modern Languages, 1980) & Grant Holmes

- Thanks to the support of our legators, Hertford has welcomed the best and brightest students, regardless of their background. Our outreach work ensures that a Hertford education is open to all, and we subsidise every student’s education. Your generosity means that every student will have equal opportunities to thrive.

## Foundation and Heritage

*“Hertford’s excellent tutorial support still feeds into my mathematical life almost daily. The friends that I made, both in and beyond my subject, continue to be a source of support and joy for me. I am impressed by the ambitious plans for the future, and am delighted to support Hertford now and through a bequest in my will.”*

Julian Stander, Maths, 1984

- By leaving a legacy to Hertford, you will play a crucial role in securing the college’s core values: academic excellence in both teaching and research, and a welcoming space for all. As we look to the future, we must ensure that we have world-class, sustainable and fully accessible facilities, whilst continuing to support our academics, whose research looks at the most pressing issues the world is facing today.

## Practical information

We recognise that you will want to put your loved ones first while still making a provision for Hertford and other causes close to your heart. You may decide to leave a fixed sum to the college, a percentage of your estate, or the residue that remains when you have provided for your loved ones. Whilst we are happy to discuss this with you, we recommend that you consider your options carefully with your family and your solicitor.

We hope that the following information will be useful in your planning.

When leaving a legacy to Hertford, please use this wording: “The Principal, Fellows and Scholars of Hertford College in the University of Oxford of Cattle Street, Oxford OX1 3BW (Registered charity number 1137527).” We particularly welcome unrestricted legacies which can be applied to the area of greatest need at the time that the legacy reaches us; however, we recognise that you may wish to support a particular area and we are happy to discuss appropriate language to ensure that your gift can be used as you intend.

### UK

In the UK, making a bequest to a charitable institution such as Hertford is free of Capital Gains Tax and Inheritance Tax. Any bequest to the College is deducted from the value of the estate before any tax liability is calculated.

### US

US taxpayers can also receive estate tax deductions by making a legacy gift through American Friends for Oxford. All gifts made via the AFO are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

### International

For those alumni who wish to leave a legacy to Hertford in other countries, please consult your solicitor.



We are always happy to hear from our alumni. If you would like to discuss leaving a legacy to Hertford, or to notify us of an existing bequest that we might not be aware of, please contact the Development Office.



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