

## **LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE SCOTTISH REDUNDANT CHURCHES TRUST**

### **Introduction**

The Scottish Redundant Churches Trust (SRCT) was established in 1996 to secure the future of nationally important churches threatened by closure. The SRCT takes churches into care to ensure that they survive for the enjoyment, use and inspiration of current and future generations.

The SRCT is a registered charity (SC024407) and a company limited by guarantee (SC162884).

The address of the SRCT is 4 Queen's Gardens, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9TA.

### **Churches in care**

The SRCT has the following churches in its care:

St Peter's Kirk, Skail, Orkney.	(Former Parish Church of Sandwick)
Cromarty East Church, Ross-shire.	(Former Parish Church of Cromarty)
Tibbermore Church, Perthshire.	(Former Parish Church of Tibbermore)
Pettinain Church, Lanarkshire.	(Former Parish Church of Pettinain)
Benholm Kirk, Kincardineshire.	(Former Parish Church of Benholm)

### **Types of legacy**

The SRCT welcomes legacies in support of our work, and for specific churches in our care. Legacies can either be of a specific amount or they can be part of the residue of your estate. They are simple and straightforward to arrange through your solicitor.

The SRCT also welcomes bequests of property. If you would prefer to leave a bequest of property please contact us to discuss your intentions.

### **Arranging your legacy**

If you wish to leave a legacy you should ask your solicitor to write or amend your Will to include a clause specifying the nature of the legacy. It is important to use the SRCT's correct name and address, as shown above. If your legacy relates to a specific church in our care, please include the name of the property as shown above.

When a legacy is left to a charitable organisation, it is good practice to include a clause guarding against the situation where the charity/trust changes its name or merges or ceases to exist. The following form of words is suggested:

*"Declaring that (a) if any charity legatee has changed its name or has amalgamated with or transferred its assets to any other body or has been wrongly designed, then my executors shall give effect to such legacy as if it had been made to such body with similar purposes as my executors may in their sole discretion decide; and (b) the receipt of an authorised official of any body shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."*

You may also wish to consider, if your legacy relates to a specific church in our care, allowing the legacy to be used in connection with other churches in the SRCT's care if circumstances have changed.

**Further information**

If you require further information or guidance, or if you wish to discuss any aspect of leaving a legacy, please contact the SRCT's director, Victoria Collison-Owen, at:

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