



A gift of a lifetime

Be a part of Ashburnham Place
for future generations with a
gift in your will

A photograph of a man and a woman walking away from the camera in a lush green field. The woman is wearing a bright yellow sweater and blue trousers, carrying a wicker basket filled with green herbs. The man is wearing a grey patterned jacket, blue jeans, and green rubber boots, pushing a wooden wheelbarrow. The background is a soft-focus field of tall grasses under a bright sky.

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For many of you, regular and sacrificial giving to the work of Ashburnham Christian Trust (ACT) has been a long-standing and faithful part of your love and support of the Trust's vision to extend the Kingdom of God. By leaving a legacy you will be able to support ACT and its vision long after you have gone to be with the Lord.

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY AND PAUL

Our General Directors

Since the very start Ashburnham Place has been dependent on legacies, indeed it's very existence was the result of legacy giving.

Over recent years we are delighted, with your help, to have got to a more sustainable financial footing which enables us to maintain our week-by-week service to guests.

However, we are also constantly aware of the major works and projects that we would love to be able to do in order to increase the gift of Ashburnham Place.

Typically these are exciting, impacting projects but they are beyond our current financial capacity to achieve. This is where your legacy giving can make such a huge difference.

We firmly believe there is still much more that God wants to use Ashburnham Place for and that it is to be a gift for many generations to come. We are working to this end and humbly ask you to consider sowing into this long-term future by leaving a legacy.

To make this as easy as possible we outline over the next pages the basic legal steps of leaving a legacy.

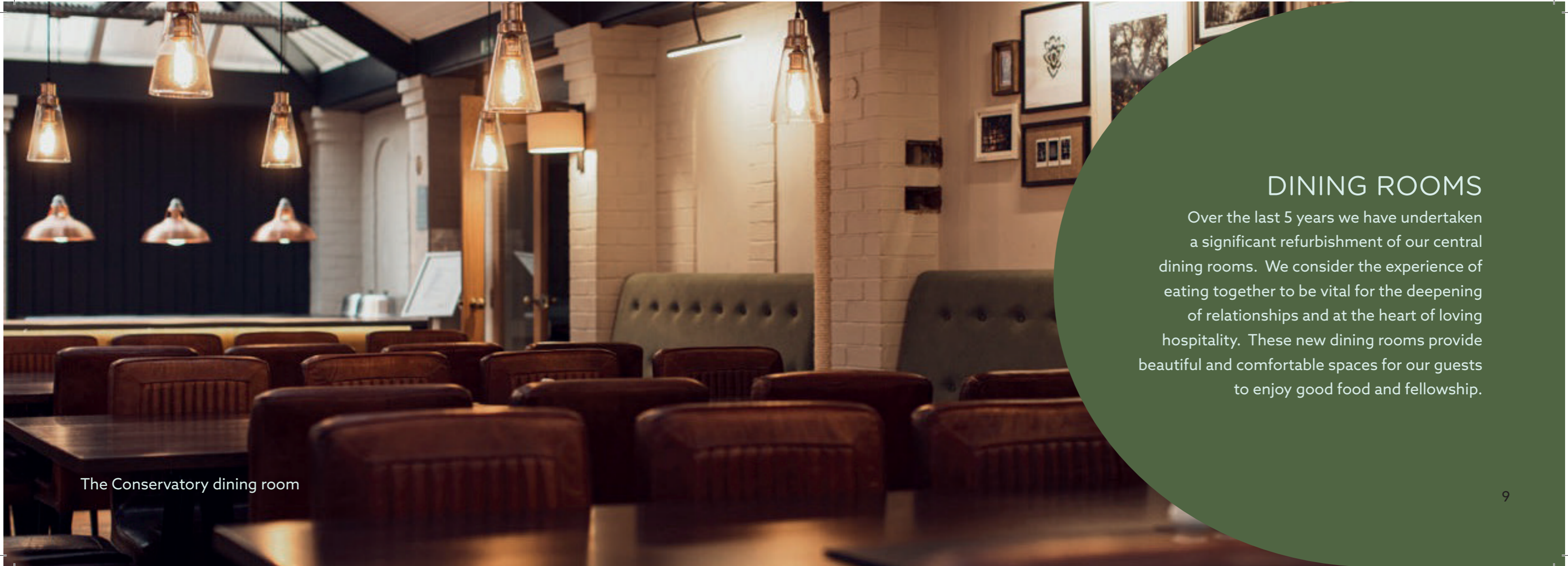
Andy and Paul





HOW WE HAVE USED
LEGACIES AND MAJOR
GIFTS IN THE PAST

Looking over the Prayer Centre



The Conservatory dining room

DINING ROOMS

Over the last 5 years we have undertaken a significant refurbishment of our central dining rooms. We consider the experience of eating together to be vital for the deepening of relationships and at the heart of loving hospitality. These new dining rooms provide beautiful and comfortable spaces for our guests to enjoy good food and fellowship.



THE ORANGERY

The 18th-century Orangery at Ashburnham Place has been lovingly revitalised. Our recent refurbishment has breathed new life into this charming space, providing a peaceful and welcoming ambiance for our guests to savour excellent teas and treats.

The new Orangery



A refurbished bedroom in Patmos Lodge



BEDROOM REFURBISHMENT

Recently, we have refurbished many of our bedrooms. We firmly believe that providing comfortable and inviting accommodation is paramount for nurturing a sense of well-being and connection among our guests. These renovated bedrooms offer a delightful retreat for our visitors.



The community enjoying the evening

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Past legacy giving has provided a bursary scheme for young volunteers from more deprived backgrounds, making it possible for them to come and be a part of our discipleship programme. These bursaries have provided genuinely life-changing experiences for young people from around the world, from Kyrgyzstan to Kenya.

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Sarah from Hungary
VOLUNTEER





Volunteers at Ashburnham Place

HOW WE WILL USE LEGACY GIFTS IN THE FUTURE




Canoeing on Broadwater towards the old Boathouse

BOATHOUSE RESTORATION

On the edge of Broad Water Lake sits a rather derelict and neglected boathouse. We have successfully applied for planning permission to convert this into a stunning glass fronted lakeside accommodation. This will create a perfect place for guests to retreat, write books, pray or simply to deeply rest. We have architect's plans drawn up and now just need the finance to make this dream possible.


COULD YOUR LEGACY PLAY A PART?



Serving tea in the Orangery

ORANGERY ROOF

Having completed a fantastic internal refurbishment of the Orangery, the next challenge is replacing the ageing and sometimes leaking roof. This is a significant job that will secure this special space for many years to come.



Volunteers in the hospitality team

DISCIPLESHIP

The discipleship of young people from around the world will continue to be central to our work. Leaving a gift in your will can help to ensure the equipping and sending of young believers out into the world.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



Wills are legal documents and as small errors can cause big problems it is preferable to have someone legally qualified to draft it for you. If you do not have a legal advisor or solicitor, ask someone you trust for advice.

You could also look at review sites on the internet or at the Saga or AgeUK websites. Another option is to make a will online but this option may not provide any tangible professional advice to help you with all the legal details.

SHOULD I WRITE MY OWN WILL?

If you feel very brave you can write a will yourself using a template. Such templates are available from stationers or once again the internet. It is perfectly legal to write your own will but few of us have the skills needed to do this properly. So think carefully before taking this option.

For the sake of a relatively small saving there is a far greater risk that mistakes could be made, which could mean that your will is invalid!



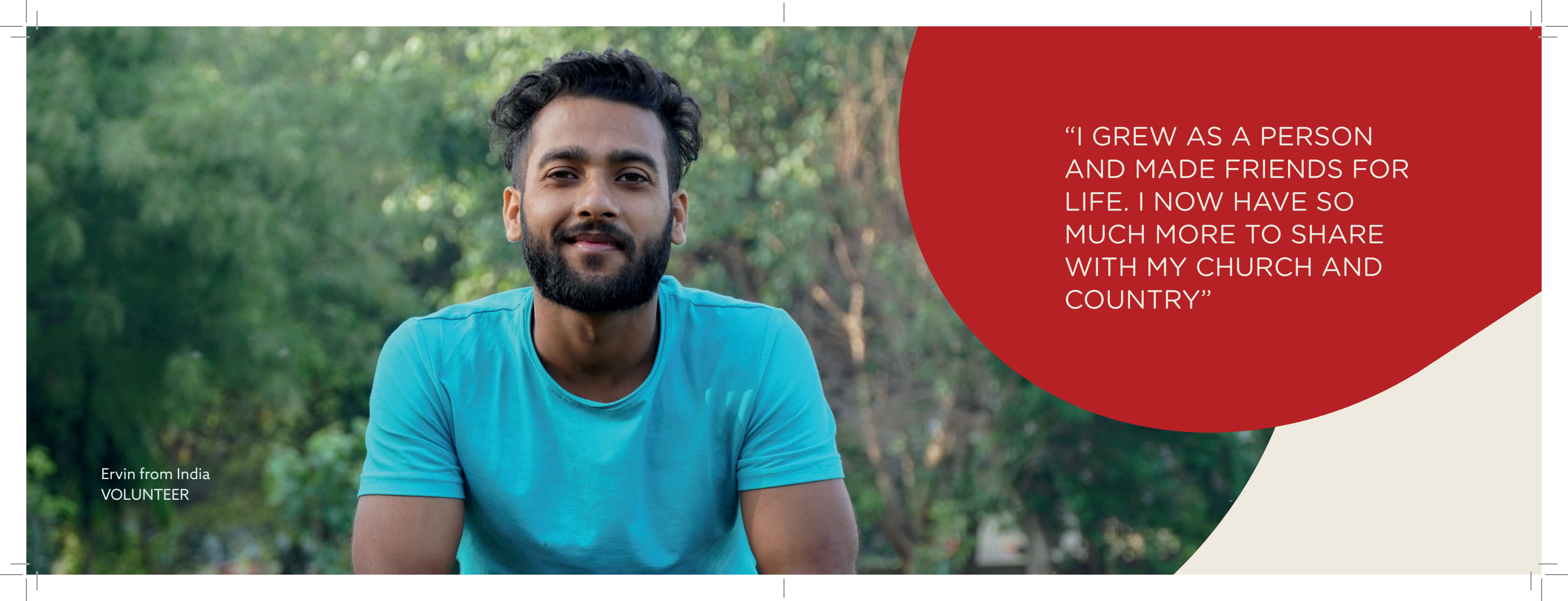
Ashburnham Place Aerial View



Ashburnham Place looking over Front Water

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A WILL?

If you already have a will in place, congratulations as this is the most important thing. Should you want to make changes to your existing will it is not difficult. There may be a number of times during your life when your circumstances change and as a result you may wish to change your will. Unfortunately, you cannot simply write changes onto an existing Last Will and Testament.



Ervin from India
VOLUNTEER

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WITH MY CHURCH AND
COUNTRY”

HOW CAN I MAKE A WILL?

However, a will can be changed
or additions made to it by:

▶ 1. MAKING A CODICIL

This is a legal document giving details of the changes you wish to make which is then signed, dated, witnessed and attached to your existing will.

▶ 2. MAKING AN ENTIRELY NEW WILL

As a rule, it is probably simpler and more straightforward to use the codicil for relatively small changes or additions to your existing will. Writing a new will is more suitable if the changes are more substantial or significant. Generally, it is best to seek legal advice as to which option is more appropriate for your particular circumstance.

If your will is more than 5 years old, it is probably a good idea to review it to see if it still fulfils your wishes and takes into consideration any changes in your circumstances.

IF I WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY

There are three main
types of gift:

- ▶ **1. A RESIDUAL GIFT**
A share of what's left of your estate once all other gifts and expenses have been deducted - this is called a residual gift
- ▶ **2. A PECUNIARY GIFT**
A specific fixed amount of money - this is called a pecuniary gift
- ▶ **3. A SPECIFIC GIFT**
A particular item, such as an asset or money - this is called a specific gift

The most valuable gift is the residual gift, but any gift in your will, however large or small, will be most appreciated by the beneficiary.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. If something you have read strikes a chord in your heart – do pray about it and explore whether God is speaking to you about leaving a legacy to Ashburnham Christian Trust. If after praying you feel that this is right, talk to a solicitor about making a will or changing your existing will to include a legacy to ACT.

If you would like to discuss this first with our General Directors, Paul and Andy, they would be happy to talk to you in confidence and help you with the next step.

If you have already included a legacy to Ashburnham Christian Trust in your will – thank you. In any event, we are grateful to you for your continuing support for the work of ACT and pray that God will continue to bless you in the days and years to come.

LETTING US KNOW
YOUR PLANS

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