Wandle Industrial Museum

Clauses for charitable bequests

IMPORTANT NOTE: The clauses below can be used if you are drawing your own will. However, all professionals in this field have their own formats. All work equally well. Version 3 below is one which is not so common, but I have been using this since 1980 and have never received any query and can be used for the disposal of other items as well items for the Museum.

Nicholas Hart, 2 November 2021

1. Simple Cash Legacy

I GIVE to the Wandle Industrial Museum whose registered office is at Zeal House, 8, Deer Park Rd, London SW19 3GY the sum of £[*amount*] absolutely AND DIRECT that the receipt of the person appearing to my Trustees to be the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the above named legatee shall be a full discharge to my Trustees

2. Simple Gift of Object

I GIVE to the Wandle Industrial Museum whose registered office is at Zeal House 8, Deer Park Rd, London SW19 3GY the [*describe object or objects to be donated*] absolutely AND DIRECT that the receipt of the person appearing to my Trustees to be the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the above named legatee shall be a full discharge to my Trustees

3. General Gift of Possessions to be dealt with by Letter of Instructions

I GIVE to my Trustees all my personal effects, chattels and valuables including all items of heritage interest to dispose of in accordance with any instructions I leave with this my will (and in the event that there are more than one set of instructions, the later shall prevail over the earlier in any conflict) and I DIRECT that any such items not so disposed of shall fall into and form part of my residuary estate

[NOTE: If you use this clause the instructions can be written by you at any time and can be informal but it is important:

A It is clear it is intended for your trustees or executors;

B It is dated;

C The words you use should be as clear as possible in identifying the object or objects in question and how to find them if that is not obvious;

D It is 'with' your will. This doesn't necessarily mean in the same envelope (although that is best) but can be in the same folder or drawer.]