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The University of Sheffield is delighted to celebrate the generosity and foresight of its supporters through the Heritage Circle, which recognises all donors who plan a future gift in their Will.

“I have included a gift in my Will because I believe in Sheffield University. And I would encourage fellow alumni to do the same.”

Richard Hollox (BA Geog 1965)

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Recognising Visionary Giving.
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It takes a true visionary to plan a gift for an unknown future. It takes someone with foresight and confidence; someone who wants to leave a positive legacy for those who might follow in their footsteps.

That is why we want to recognise the commitment of people who choose to support the University through a ‘Legacy gift’ planned in their Will. The Heritage Circle gift club celebrates the generosity of these special people.

A Legacy gift is often the most significant donation a person ever makes. It is an opportunity to continue the direction of one’s life long into the future. It is a way to continue to make a positive influence on progress and change, remember a life well-lived or commemorate a loved one.

By joining the Heritage Circle, you will ensure a more prosperous and confident future for the University. You will be showing your faith in Sheffield’s tradition of excellence and your commitment to future generations of Sheffield students and staff.

For over a century, Sheffield academics and students have been curing diseases, developing new forms of technology and caring for the community in their own locality and worldwide. This combination of global vision and civic roots has led to the University being awarded the 2011 Times Higher Education University of the Year and being ranked among the top 100 universities in the world.

Celebrating the tradition of giving

Steel manufacturer, mayor, philanthropist and educational pioneer, Mark Firth left an enduring legacy for both city and University. His civic vision underpinned the foundations of higher education in Sheffield. Firth College, which he established and endowed, taught the arts and sciences in the nineteenth century, forming the third constituent part of what would become the University of Sheffield in 1905.

The city recognised his foresight, with the Borough of Sheffield expressing its heartfelt gratitude to Mark Firth for his interest in “the moral and intellectual welfare of his fellow-townsmen by having at his sole expense erected a noble building known by the name of Firth College...for the purposes of higher education.”

Over 100 years later, Mark Firth’s philanthropy has shown to be well founded. Today his foresight and generous spirit continue to be shared by many alumni, staff and friends. In the last ten years, £4.4 million has been received via legacies to support a spectrum of disciplines across the University, helping gifted students and researchers to maximise their potential and creating in them the desire to give something back.

The Heritage Circle, created to recognise those individuals who remember the University with a gift in their Will, plays a vital part in realising the transformative power of higher education. Since establishment of the Alumni Office in 2002, the University has received 66 Legacy gifts – a testimony to the belief in Sheffield shared by alumni, staff and friends.

Recognition

To join the Heritage Circle, we ask you to let us know if you decide to include a gift to the University in your Will. It is very helpful for us to estimate the gifts that the University will receive in the future as we are committed to ensuring that all our donors’ wishes can be met. It is also a real pleasure to be able to thank people now for the gift they have planned.

The University is delighted to recognise members of the Heritage Circle by:

- presenting them with a Silver Arrows lapel pin, a heraldic memento of the city and university, symbolising the city’s metal-working heritage and the University’s coat of arms.
- providing them with an invitation to the annual Heritage Circle lunch held at the University.
- offering a tour of the campus and University buildings that are not open to the public, including the University’s library, the Information Commons on Brook Hill roundabout.
- sending a ‘Legacy to Sheffield’ newsletter, an update on recent Legacy gifts and how they have impacted on the lives of students and staff.
- ensuring they receive priority invitations to donor and alumni events in prestigious venues such as the House of Lords and the Royal Society.
- creating a gift certificate for those who have planned gifts of £10,000 or more.
- ensuring their name is recorded on the Benefactors’ Board in the foyer of the University’s most prestigious building, Firth Court (pictured right).