



For when I die...

A calm, practical guide for the people I love



A note before you begin

This document exists to make things a little easier for the people you love.

It is not about planning for every possible detail, or getting things perfect. It is about reducing uncertainty, avoiding unnecessary stress, and offering guidance at a time when thinking clearly may be hard.

You do not need to complete every section. You can update this document at any time. Leaving something blank is okay.

What matters is that this reflects *you*.

How to use this document

- Complete the sections that feel relevant
- Skip anything that doesn't apply
- Update it when circumstances change
- Tell someone you trust where this document is kept

This document does not replace a will or legal advice. It works alongside them.

Personal Details

My full name	
My home address	
My date of birth	
National Insurance number	
GP / medical practice	
The primary contact in case of my death	Name: Relation: Contact details:
Other important contacts:	Name: Relation: Contact details:

Legal Foundations

Will	I have a will: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date last updated: Where it is kept: Name of executor(s):
Guardianship (if applicable)	If I have dependent children: Named guardian(s): Where this is documented:
Power of Attorney	Financial decisions: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Health & welfare decisions: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Details / location of documents:

Announcements

Telephone tree - who to call	Name: Contact details: Name: Contact details: Name: Contact details:
Newspaper announcement	No / Yes If yes, which newspapers?

Money & Practical Life

Bank Accounts

Bank	Account Purpose	Joint or sole	Account Details

Debts and Ongoing Commitment

Mortgage/Rent	Loans	Credit Cards	Utilities	Subscriptions

Insurances

Type	Provider	Policy Number	Contact

Digital Life & Access

Email Accounts

Email Address	Email Password

Devices

Device type	Device Password

Online Accounts

Account/Service	Purpose	Notes

Social Media

My preference for social media accounts:

Leave as they are Memorialise Close No preference

Notes:

Photos & Digital Memories

Where they are stored:

Notes:

Funeral & Farewell Wishes

I have a pre-paid funeral plan	<i>TIP - Don't feel pressured into taking out a pre-paid funeral plan; it can be just as good to keep your money in a savings account, because of the fees charged by the plan provider and commissions paid out to the person who arranged it.</i> Yes / No Plan details:
I have set aside money to pay for my funeral	Bank: Account No: Sort code:
Financials	I attach a list of my bank accounts, building society accounts, savings

	bonds, insurance plans, pension plans, shares and investments, etc.
Business	I attach a list of my Business partners, Solicitor, Accountant, Landlord(s), Tenant(s), etc.

Think about what's important when planning your funeral...

For example:

- Don't waste money on what doesn't matter
- Get it done quickly - within a week if possible
- Don't mess around with dressing me in clothes, just keep me decent
- I do not want to be embalmed - it's a gruesome, poisonous and invasive process
- Make sure the coffin isn't lined with plastic, I don't want to be shrink-wrapped. Use layers of newspaper and cotton calico instead.
- I'd like a natural burial in a peaceful, natural spot in a simple wooden box with rope handles or a big canvas body bag on a board
- Put a piece of my pottery in with me and my transistor radio tuned to Radio 4
- Fill the bottom of the grave with a deep layer of leaf-mould, compost or grass cuttings
- Take me in the van - use their trolley and put me onto the putlogs across the grave
- Keep it small, keep it simple, and keep it real - take the dogs

- Say a few words, read a favourite poem or two and sing Calon Lan
- Lower me in, leave me the crossword for something to do and raise a glass to say goodbye (sherry seems a good choice)
- Look after yourselves and be good to each other.

Funeral arrangements

I have decided to be	Buried / Cremated Name of burial ground or crematorium:
I reserved a burial or ashes plot...	No / Yes If yes, the papers relating to this are attached Location: If no, I would like my ashes to be scattered. <i>TIP - This requires the landowner's consent and is not great for the environment or ecologically sound.</i>
Funeral director	First choice Second choice
Preferred coffin or shroud	<i>TIP - locally made from biodegradable materials such as wicker, wood, wool, or recycled fabrics like cotton sheets</i>

<p>Embalming</p>	<p><i>TIP - a gruesome process that involves the replacement of blood in your body with toxic formaldehyde solution and piercing your abdomen and sucking out your innards. If you are having a natural burial, you should ask not to be embalmed.</i></p> <p>I do / I do not wish to be embalmed</p>
<p>Where to rest</p>	<p>Before the funeral, I would like to rest...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At a funeral director's</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No preference</p>
<p>Viewing</p>	<p><i>TIP - for some, this is important, but don't delay viewing</i></p> <p>I am happy for my body to be viewed: No Yes</p> <p>Instructions for laying out My family may / may not help lay me out if they wish</p> <p>Clothes, glasses etc. <i>TIP - it's a struggle to dress a dead body, which you might prefer to avoid</i></p>
<p>Clothes</p>	<p>I would like to be dressed in...</p>
<p>Hair</p>	
<p>Make-up</p>	

Funeral service

<p>Who to invite</p>	<p>I attach a list of people to invite</p>
<p>Dress code</p>	

Venue	
Celebrant	
Transport	
Words	<i>TIP - provide some help with an outline of your life, special events (we have collected some here www.leedam.com/advice/poems-and-words)</i>
Music	
Order of ceremony	Photo to use: Style:

Video	
Flowers	<i>TIP - instead of florist's flowers, gather flowers from the garden or specimens from the veg patch</i>
Photos	
Special things	<i>TIP - Something personal to you, like a hat, emblem, craftwork, baking, scent, tippie, crossword...</i>
Collection	Chosen charity...
Bearers	<i>TIP - list if there are any people you would like to be asked to bear the coffin</i>
Special requests	

Memorial service

Place	
Conductor	
Order of service	
Decorations	
Readings	
Music	
Video	
Flowers	
Special instructions	

Memorial

Type of memorial (If any is permitted)	
Inscription	

Personal Notes

If there is anything you would like to say, explain, or leave here, this space is yours.

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