



# LEGACY NOTICE

Have you considered making a legacy to the Museum in your Will?

The Herschel Museum of Astronomy owes its existence to a legacy from Bath benefactors, doctors Elizabeth and Lesley Hilliard; with their support 19 New King Street was preserved as a museum for future generations to enjoy. Since its foundation in 1981 the Herschel Museum has built up its collection and made many improvements to the building, visitor facilities and garden of the house. We pride ourselves on maintaining a standard of excellence while continually expanding our programme of education and outreach, offering ongoing temporary exhibitions and improving the service we offer all our visitors.

Although the Herschel Museum continues to thrive on many levels, it remains totally independent, receiving no core funding or external support, thus relying heavily on income generated by admissions and sales in the shop. This source of income alone is not sufficient to cover the daily overheads and running costs of the museum, while its endowment has decreased in value over the years since the Hilliards put it in place.

## **Preserving what you value**

By including the Herschel Museum in your Will you will be helping to ensure its future sustainability, growth and development. A bequest made in general terms offers us the greatest flexibility with the ability to apply funds in the areas of greatest need. Alternatively you may wish to support particular areas of activity within the Museum such as acquisitions, education, conservation or exhibitions.

If after reading this you decide to leave a legacy or donation to the Herschel House Trust, please contact the Chairman of the Museum at 19 New King Street, Bath BA1 2BL.