

Current Awareness: ShareGift – ‘The Share Donation Charity’

What is ShareGift?

ShareGift is a registered charity (No. 1052686) which specialises in accepting donations of shares.

The charity was established in 1998 and has been able to donate £18,546,000 to 2,143 different charities from donations of 5,729 shares. The charity now has sister charities in USA (since 2005) and in Australia (since 2007).

ShareGift provides a charitable solution to people who are looking to dispose of unwanted or often small shareholdings which are uneconomical to transfer or sell due to the costs involved. Such cases commonly arise during the administration of an estate where the personal representatives and/or beneficiaries are left with small shareholdings to deal with and often chose to leave these in the deceased's name.

ShareGift offer an alternate, more generous solution. Unwanted shares can be transferred to them free of charge. Shares will then be registered into the charities name and will be pooled together in portfolios. Shares may from time to time attract dividends or capital payments and this is used to create the share portfolios.

When enough shares of a holding have been collected these will be sold and the proceeds donated to a wide range of UK charities. The charities that benefit are chosen by the donors and supporters of the charity who can suggest a charitable cause they would like to benefit.

How can Shares be donated?

To donate shares, a coupon must be completed providing details of the shareholder and shareholding. Typically, the charity require sight of the original share certificates but if these are not available or cannot be found, a donor should send as much information as possible and the charity will advise how best to proceed. Shares can be donated by one of the following three ways:-

Donating by e-mail

The annexed coupon must be completed and sent to help@sharegift.org along with the relevant share certificates, share statements and any other relevant information. ShareGift will then e-mail the relevant transfer forms to sign and return.

Donating Online

To donate online, an online coupon must be completed and confirm whether they hold valid share certificates. The charity will then e-mail or send by post the relevant transfer forms to sign and return.

Donating by Post

To donate by post, a coupon will again need to be completed or simply write to ShareGift providing details of the shares to be donated. This will need to be sent to ShareGift, PO Box 72253, London, SW1P 9LQ. ShareGift will then respond by sending the relevant transfer forms to sign.

Further information as well as copies of the coupons are available from their website www.sharegift.org.

Donating shares from an Estate

Shares can be donated by executors or personal representatives of an estate. To do so, a sealed copy of the grant of representation must be sent to the charity first. If this has not been obtained, the personal representatives will need to contact the company's registrars and will need to complete a Small Estates Indemnity form.

The Benefits of ShareGift

Some charities offer the facilities to donate shares directly to them. Other charities will only accept shares valued over a certain amount. For example Cancer Research UK provides facilities only for share donations with a value over £500. ShareGift accept any number of shares irrespective of their value and will donate the proceeds to charities that are recommended by the donors.

ShareGift offer shareholders and their representatives a chance to support charitable causes using unwanted or undesirable shareholdings.

ShareGift Donation Coupon



This coupon is not a transfer form.

We will send you the correct transfer form to sign and return to us. If you provide an email address, we will send you the transfer form by email. You will need to be able to print the transfer form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please make sure we have your current address, especially if this is not the same as the address on your share certificate.

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

We will only use this in the event of a query, and we will only contact you in respect of your donation. We never pass on donor details to third parties.

I would like to donate the following shares to the charity ShareGift.

Please send the appropriate form(s) for my signature.

Name of Company	Number of Shares
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

In most cases you can still donate your shares, even if you do not have your share certificate. Please send us full details of your shareholding

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Do tell us if there is a charity or cause you support. We use this information to choose the charities we support.

Charity Suggestion: _____

Sending your donation coupon

EMAIL

Please scan your share certificates, statements, and other supporting documents, and email with this coupon to:

help@sharegift.org

POST

Please send this coupon with your share certificates, statements, and other supporting documents to:

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There is no charge for you to use ShareGift, but donations to help the charity provide this free service are always welcome.