



"Now that single sex boarding schools are under pressure, perhaps the time has come for all of us connected with the school to help in attracting the multi-talented child, who would benefit so greatly from the breadth and excellence encouraged at Downe, by facilitating through gifts and legacies substantial fees help."

Suzanne Farr, Headmistress of Downe House (1978 – 1989)

Making your Will

When instructing your solicitor it is important to name Downe House as the beneficiary and to quote our Registered Charity Number 1015059.

- A Specific Bequest can be a fixed sum or a percentage of your residual estate.
- A Reversionary Legacy passes to Downe House after the death of any dependents.
- A Conditional Legacy names Downe House as the beneficiary should your heirs not survive you.

We strongly recommend that you engage a solicitor to draw up your Will and that you seek the advice of a solicitor to discuss your personal circumstances.

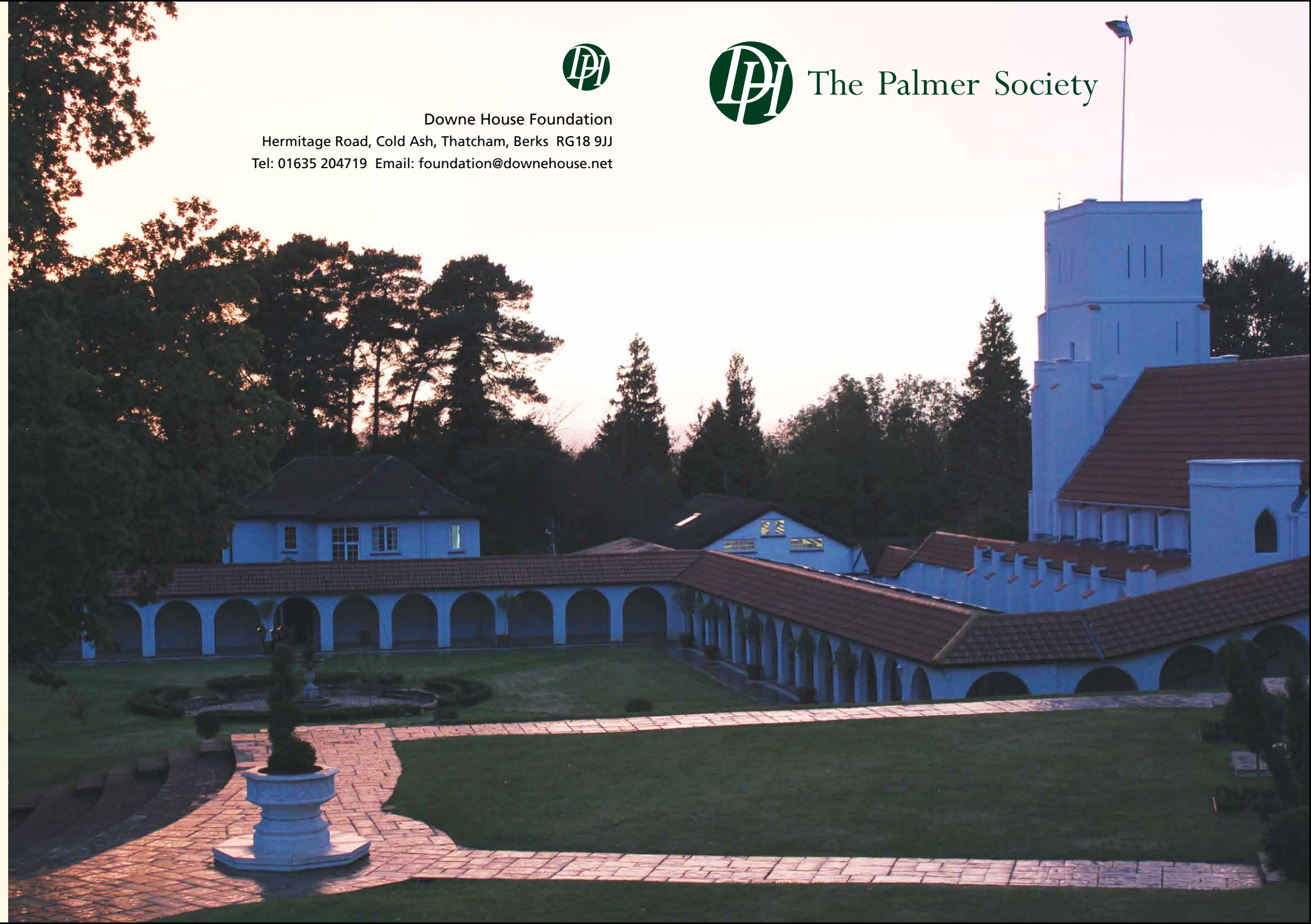
*The Downe House Foundation -
building the future together*



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The Palmer Society



Legacies

Downe House has entered an exciting time of ongoing change, and we are fortunate to be able to look back at a successful past as we plan strategies for the future. Much of what we see today in the beautiful Downe House grounds is the result of the generosity of past benefactors.

Legacies make a huge difference to our sustainability, helping to maintain our historic buildings, provide new facilities and support much-needed Bursaries.

Downe House has specific needs in the short, medium and long term but above all we want to continue to provide a unique and distinctive environment for pupils well into the future.

As a benefactor you can be assured that any legacy you leave Downe House will make a difference in sustaining the values and the ethos that shaped your life.

*We who are your debtors
What can we say or give?
Beggars — yes, but
beggars may
Be liberal of love.
So, what you taught,
may you receive,
And what you gave, have.*

An extract from a poem by Anne Ridler (DH 1930) to mark the retirement of Miss Olive Willis.



The Palmer Society

The Palmer Society is named after Elizabeth Palmer, a great benefactor of the School who was closely associated with it all her life. She joined the School as a pupil in 1920, and then returned firstly as a member of the office staff and later as Miss Medley's first Vice-Principal. Following her retirement, Elizabeth continued to open her doors at Fencewood House to members of staff both for regular, convivial dinners and also for staff accommodation. On her death in 1998 she left the house to the School.

The Palmer Society has been established to recognise the benefaction and support of Elizabeth Palmer and other members of her family, and to encourage Old Seniors to consider Downe House in their Will. It seeks to bring together like-minded Old Seniors who have pledged a legacy to Downe House, and to acknowledge those who are looking to help the School in the years ahead and secure the future of Downe House.



Elizabeth Palmer



Olive Willis and the Seniors in 1930

Legacy Pledge

If you have already included Downe House in your Will, it would be very helpful for us to have an indication of your support. This will help us to plan developments in the future based on your particular interests and will certainly assist and encourage our work in the promotion of The Palmer Society.

I have made a bequest to Downe House in my will.

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

This is not a binding commitment but a statement of my intention. I would like my legacy to support:

As the Foundation sees fit

Facilities Projects

Bursaries

Signed _____

Date _____

Please tick this box if you would like to remain anonymous

Thank you for completing this form. Please send to:

The Foundation Office, Downe House, Cold Ash, RG18 9JJ