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digital legacy



HELPING YOU HELP
YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Failing to keep a record of all your accounts and assets (whether online or offline) can lead to distress, disputes, cost and complications for your family members and Executors following your death.

Welcome to the Ashfords Digital Legacy Platform, an online personal storage platform for your Will, details of online and offline accounts and assets, and funeral wishes, as well as a place to store messages for loved ones following your death.

87% of Britons have not planned their digital legacy and therefore are leaving family members with a potentially significant burden of time, effort and cost in finding ways to access online accounts.

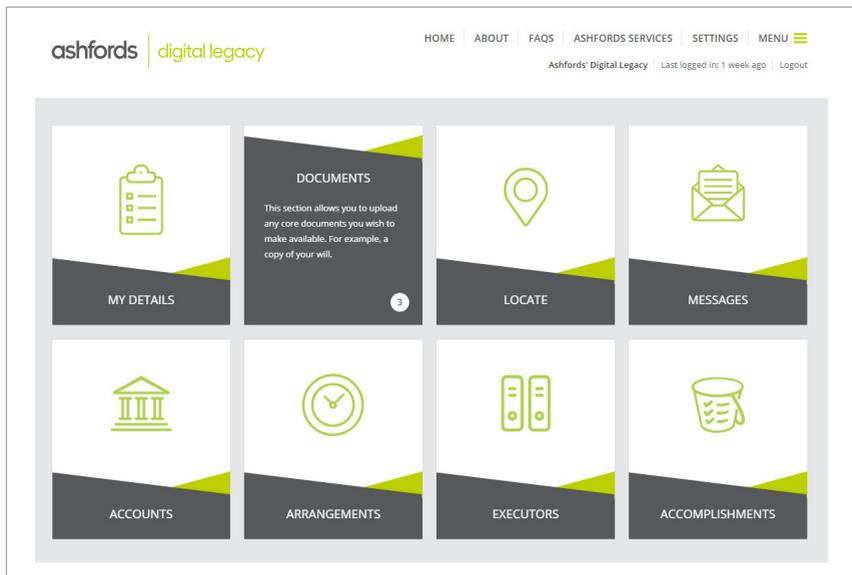
In 2014 the Law Society urged people to leave clear instructions about assets and accounts after their death. They advised keeping a list of accounts and assets to make it easier for family members to adhere to a person's wishes once they are no longer around to advise them.

By having a platform that is easy to manage, your Executors can more efficiently administer your estate, which will not only help reduce stress but also potentially reduce the cost of administering it, thereby leaving more wealth to pass on to your beneficiaries in a timely and compassionate manner.

Ashfords has developed a bespoke Digital Legacy platform for individuals to assist them in managing their accounts and assets in a manner that will ultimately help their beneficiaries.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [DIGITAL-LEGACY.CO.UK](https://digital-legacy.co.uk)

The platform will require you to sign in with a username and password. This is to ensure it is only accessible by you. Once you have signed in to the platform, there is an easy to follow navigation menu.



EASY & INTUITIVE SYSTEM

Add and keep your records up to date using the easy-to-navigate site, available on desktop, mobile and via app.



DOCUMENTS

Storage of any core documents you wish to make available, for example, your Will, insurance certificates, mortgage statements and guarantees etc.



LOCATE

Details of where to find key items such as share certificates, house Deeds, specific jewellery or family heirlooms.



ACCOUNTS

Details of accounts held including pensions, mortgages, life insurance and debt, social media, bank, memberships, subscriptions and shopping (such as Amazon Prime). You can also set up notifications for when they are due for renewal.

Dashboard > Accounts		Add Account	Back
Filter By -			
Amazon prime	Online Subscriptions	>	
Facebook	Social Media	>	
iPhone contract	Mobile and Telephone accounts	>	
Barclays	Bank/Building Society Account	>	
Marks & Spencers	Credit and Store Cards	>	



MESSAGES

Provides a place where you can leave personal messages for your family to be sent following your death; these can be video or written messages.



ARRANGEMENTS

A place to set out your funeral arrangements to make it easier for loved ones and Executors to plan in line with your wishes.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This area allows you to keep track of the things you have achieved, leaving loved ones precious memories.

Provide Executor access to your account

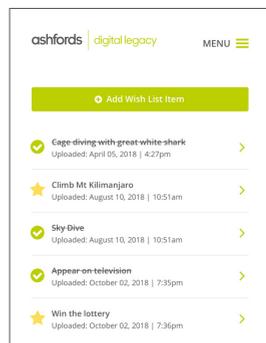
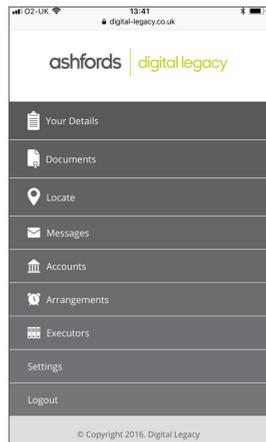
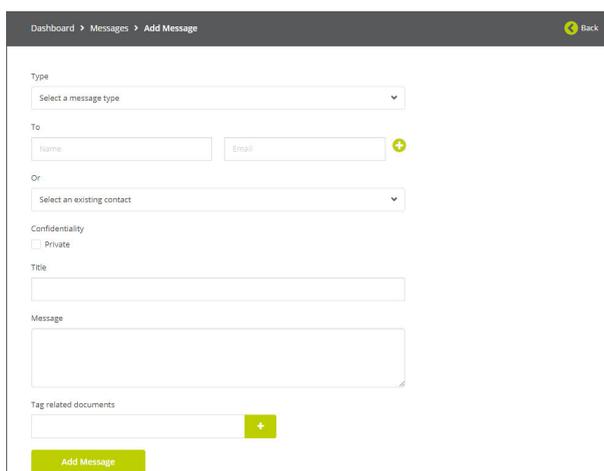
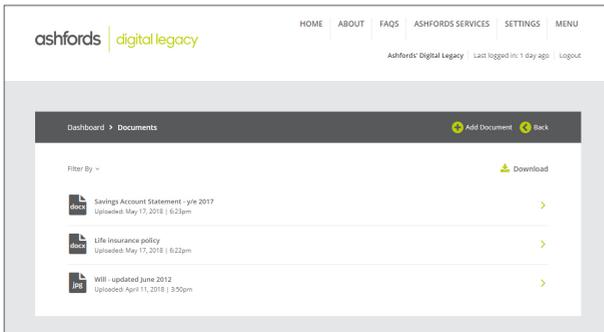


EXECUTORS

Executors' details are added onto the platform, with an option to notify them that you are using this system. On your death your Executor will need to request a release code from Ashfords, either by clicking on the link or by direct contact.

A link to a read-only version of the site will be provided only once Ashfords have verified the Executor's authority to access the site.

Executors can then administer your estate by either using the system or by downloading details into a simple spreadsheet. Executors can also use the system to open up a memorial book.



SECURITY

We know that security is at the forefront of many people's concerns and the Digital Legacy platform has been built with this at its heart.



Firstly, the system is ISO 27001 compliant (the international information security standard), which means that it has been designed to meet international standards of security. It has also been security tested by an independent third party.



Secondly, the platform does NOT require you to store passwords or full account details. They are not needed. The aim is for you to remove some of the worry Executors may face in what is already an upsetting and difficult time by highlighting what accounts and assets exist and which may need to be dealt with following your death. They will have to follow the security requirements of the various third parties to gain access to your accounts.



Thirdly, the platform maintains an audit trail so that you can ensure that nobody has undermined or amended the information on the site. Access by Executors is limited to a non-editable environment.

PLATFORMS

The platform has been designed as a web-based system and as such, provided you can access the internet, you can access the Digital Legacy platform via <https://digital-legacy.co.uk>



The platform recognises mobile, tablet and desktop usage and will adapt accordingly. If you want, you can create a shortcut on your phone to the platform.



Digital Legacy is also available to download as either an iOS or Android app.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What are the benefits of holding this information within the Digital Legacy platform?

Digital Legacy is a secure online platform that cannot be accessed by others until your death. It also has prompts to remind you to update your Will and personal details regularly. Digital Legacy also means that information is readily identifiable, as it is possible that a paper copy could be overlooked by your family members or Executors and potentially lost or destroyed.

This system will assist Executors in discharging their estate duties and could reduce the risk of assets being overlooked or costs being taken that could have been prevented. As well as reducing stress, the administration process should also be quicker and more cost effective.

Why do I need to keep a record of my accounts and assets?

You don't. Much of the cost and anguish of dealing with matters after your death comes from having to find everything. Digital Legacy is there to make life as easy as possible.

If the system has an electronic copy of my Will and documentation, do I need to keep paper originals?

Yes, you should keep paper originals, although you can use the Digital Legacy platform to help your Executors find these documents. The law requires certain documents to be in hard copy form, and so maintaining originals of these is imperative. If you have any concerns about what you can/should retain then please contact us.

What happens after my death?

On your death, an Executor can apply to us for a release code. Once we are satisfied they have the right to access this information, we provide access to a non-editable version of the site. This will give them quick access to your information and allow them to take prompt action to avoid unnecessary expenditure eroding your estate.

Will the platform help with my estate planning?

No. The system will help make the administration of your estate as easy and as cost effective as possible, but estate planning, (being the succession of your estate and associated tax planning) requires specific advice. For further information please contact a member of our team.

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