

# Caring together for young carers

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*Your guide to leaving a legacy to The Honeypot Children's Charity*

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Legacies enable Honeypot to give tens of thousands of young carers happy childhood memories and brighter futures





## Why should you leave your legacy to The Honeypot Children's Charity?

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Honeypot is a national young carers charity, registered with the Charities Commission of England and Wales, and the Scottish Charity Regulator. We are dedicated to improving the lives of children who sacrifice their childhood to care for a sick or disabled adult or sibling.

Many of these children perform care duties for 30 hours a week or more. Cooking, cleaning, shopping, providing emotional and physical support for the personal needs of a sick or disabled parent or sibling.

They experience stress, anxiety, are unable to mix with other children, they can have low self-esteem and poor social skills.

Most come from disadvantaged backgrounds and cannot afford essential items that no child should be without, such as a clean bed, or new school clothes.

No other organisation in the UK offers the range of support Honeypot provides to young carers aged 5 to 12 years, to meet their urgent needs, and give these children happy childhood memories and bright futures.

Thousands of young carers depend on Honeypot for a better life. But we cannot help them without legacies.



For happy childhood memories and brighter futures

# How your legacy to Honeypot will change young carers' lives

Your legacy will enrich young carers' lives by providing:



Residential respite breaks, where young carers make happy childhood memories, at one of our beautiful houses in England, Wales, and Scotland.



Healthy eating and nutrition support for children of families on low income, who receive free school meals from the Government during term time but survive on sugary drinks and snacks during school holidays when there are no free school meals.



Residential educational boosters to build children's confidence to succeed when they are underachieving in school due to poor self belief that they can learn.



Wellbeing services, including grants to disadvantaged children to buy the essential life items they lack, such as a clean bed, or new school clothes.



Intensive pastoral care for children overwhelmed by caring for a sick or disabled family member. Children who are struggling and need extra help to cope.



After school and weekend clubs online, and memory making days for socially isolated young carers, to help them make friends and have fun.



# Our legacy promise to you

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When you leave a legacy to The Honeypot Children's Charity, our promise to you won't ever change



**WE PROMISE** our professional Wills and Bequests Department will liaise closely with your executors, solicitors, and family members to ensure they receive the information and help they need to efficiently and accurately administer your legacy according to your wishes.



**WE PROMISE** we will invite you to visit a Honeypot house to see how young carers benefit from our services. If you prefer no contact during your lifetime, we will fully respect your wishes.



**WE PROMISE** that if you wish your legacy to be kept anonymous, or only shared with people of your choosing, we will ensure this is strictly honoured.



**WE PROMISE** that your legacy will be used to provide a range of life changing support services for vulnerable young carers.



**WE PROMISE** that if you would like your name to be preserved in perpetuity to mark your legacy, we will find a suitable way of doing this, such as the planting of a tree in the forest at a Honeypot House with a plaque for your name and dedication.



**WE PROMISE** that if your circumstances change, and you wish to alter the details or purpose for which you are leaving your legacy, we will ensure that any changes you make are followed to the letter.



**WE PROMISE** we will keep you fully informed during your lifetime of how Honeypot is changing thousands of young carers' lives.



**WE PROMISE** that there will always be a member of staff available to help you with any matters or questions you may have.

## Your legacy promise to us: help to give young carers happy childhood memories and build brighter futures

A gift in your Will to The Honeypot Children's Charity is a lasting way you can help generations of disadvantaged young carers to have a better childhood and a brighter future. The personal stories on these pages show how legacies make a lasting difference to the lives of young carers.

# Roy & Sandra's Story

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Roy and Sandra Tuersley shared a happy married life for more than 60 years until sadly, Sandra passed on.

Roy retired several years ago, having been a successful businessman owning three companies in the UK and Australia where he, Sandra and their young family started a new life several decades ago.

Roy explains why he has made a provision in his Will for Honeypot:

*"I am leaving a legacy to Honeypot for two reasons. Firstly, it was the wishes of my dear wife Sandra that we share a part of our estate with Honeypot. Sandra was a young carer in the 1950's for her brother, Ian, who was tragically brain damaged.*

*Being a young carer with many responsibilities and worries stopped Sandra from developing her considerable artistic talents and enjoying life as a young person should. Rather than pursuing her artistic talents Sandra went out to work at a young age to earn money to support her brother and look after the family.*

*Sandra was the best of us. Young carers are the best of us too. These marvellous, selfless children put the needs of a sick or disabled parent or sibling before their own needs. But it comes at a great cost.*

*Their education can suffer, their happiness can suffer, their ability to make friends and be confident socially can suffer. This is where Honeypot comes in and why I want to lend my support.*

*Honeypot provides a unique range of services, which I have seen with my own eyes, that gives young carers a better and more fulfilling childhood and equips them to have a brighter future.*

*I believe that leaving a gift in your Will you can assist so many children that deserve our help. The gift I leave to Honeypot will benefit young carers who urgently need support and it will help future generations of young carers too."*

The name and quote from Mr Roy Tuersley are real; however in the following account we have of legators who have named The Honeypot Children's Charity in their Will, we have changed the names and omitted personal details to honour their wishes not to be identified in any publicity.



## Alan's story

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Alan had a difficult childhood. Even though he was clever, school and study was always challenging due to his chaotic home life. There was mental illness and poverty in his family.

Alan never had time to be a child, nor time to make lifelong childhood

friendships, like other children. He went to work from an early age. He often felt that the pressure of caring would make him explode.

*"Because of my own life experiences, I can relate to the life challenges that many young carers face. I know that there is a very high incidence of mental illness in the families where children become the primary carer.*

*If I could have received the help that Honeypot gives, to have the 'pressure release valve' of an annual respite break from caring for several years, to have the opportunity to make friends and just have a carefree, happy life, my childhood would have been very different."*

Alan left his entire estate to Honeypot, including his house. His gift has already helped hundreds of disadvantaged young carers to have a happier childhood and the chance of a brighter future. Alan's legacy will live on in generations of young carers.

## Martina's story

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Martina is in her early 60s. She is fit and healthy. Martina felt that, while she believes she has many years left, it is never too early to think about planning one's affairs for the future.

After all, Martina knows that if she doesn't make a Will, her worldly possessions will go to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the State by default. Not a fate she wishes.

Martina shared her thoughts with Honeypot:

*"When thinking of a charity to leave a small gift to in my Will, I did my research. I was especially impressed by how open and welcoming Honeypot was to me. They invited me to visit Honeypot House in Hampshire and meet the children who were attending a residential educational booster, called SEAL. I loved it!*

*I've always loved art and creative pastimes, so when I joined the children and the wonderful Honeypot team in the art studio to participate in a SEAL session, I was thrilled.*

*I witnessed with my own eyes how each child was personally looked after and nurtured. I saw the children thriving through doing a creative art session, where they planned out the enclosures in an ideal wildlife park for animals of different sizes.*



*The children had just come back from a day out with Honeypot at a wildlife park. I saw children who, at the start of the session were very quiet and withdrawn, come out of their shell and find their voice and a new level of confidence to participate in small groups with the other children.*

*I learned that when these children return to their respective schools, the teachers are often speechless at the change in them. Children who never spoke in class or put their ideas forward in group activities had found the confidence to speak, contribute, and engage like never before.*

*I know that in the future, when I pass away, my gift will help young carers to succeed in education, which is the key to a brighter future."*



“ I always wanted to learn to ride a bike but was scared to try. I learned to cycle on my Honeypot break, where I felt safe and there were people who helped me. ”

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Young carers learn many new fun activities for the first time at Honeypot

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# Things you might like to consider when making a Will

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## Who should make a Will?

If you care about what happens to your estate (your property, savings, possessions) after you die, you should make a Will. Without one, the state directs who inherits, so your favourite charity, friends and relatives may get nothing.

After you have had a Will drawn up, some changes to your circumstances can make all or part of the Will invalid or inadequate. This means that you must review your Will regularly, to reflect any major life changes. A solicitor can tell you what changes may be necessary to update your Will.

## Using a solicitor

Although it is possible to write a Will without a solicitor's help, this is generally not advisable as there are various legal formalities you need to follow to make sure that your Will is valid. Without the help of an expert, there's a real risk you could make a mistake, which could prevent your wishes being carried out to the letter.

## What your solicitor will need to know

Once you have appointed a solicitor, they need the following details from you.

## What you own

Details of everything you own, including property, cars, personal valuables, stocks and shares, bank accounts, insurance policies, any businesses you own, and pensions.

## Who gets what

Who do you want to leave these assets to? How do you want to divide your property between your loved ones, friends, or charities?

## Other wishes

Do you have any specific wishes for your funeral? Do you want to be buried or cremated? Are there any other instructions? For example, if you want to be an organ donor this can be included in your Will.

## Executors of your Will

You must also name the people you want to appoint as executors of your Will. Executors are the people who carry out the administration of your Will after your death. These should be friends or family members, or a professional such as your solicitor.

Ideally, you should choose someone who is familiar with financial matters. Make sure you ask your executors whether they are happy to take on this duty as there are long term responsibilities involved, particularly if you include a trust in your Will.

## Signing the Will

Once the Will has been drawn up it is not effective until it has been signed. There are several rules affecting the signature process which, if not followed correctly, will make your Will invalid. For example, witnesses and their husbands, wives or civil partners cannot benefit under the Will. Many people use staff at their solicitor's office to act as their witness to avoid this problem.

## Where to keep the Will

It is important to keep your Will in a safe place and tell your executors, a close friend, or relatives where it is. People often ask their solicitor to store their Will for them. Most solicitors will do this for free, but sometimes there is a small fee.

## Keeping your Will up to date

You should review your Will every five years and after any major life change such as getting separated, married, divorced, having a child, or moving house. It is best to deal with any major change by getting a new Will drawn up. But it is also possible to make minor changes (called codicils) to your existing Will. In both cases it is best to consult a solicitor.

## Costs

Charges for drawing up a Will can vary between solicitors. They also depend on the experience and knowledge of the solicitor, and how complicated your Will may be.

Before you decide who to use, check with a few solicitors to find out how much they charge. But remember that cost should not be the only consideration. It is equally important to find a solicitor who is approachable and whose advice you understand.

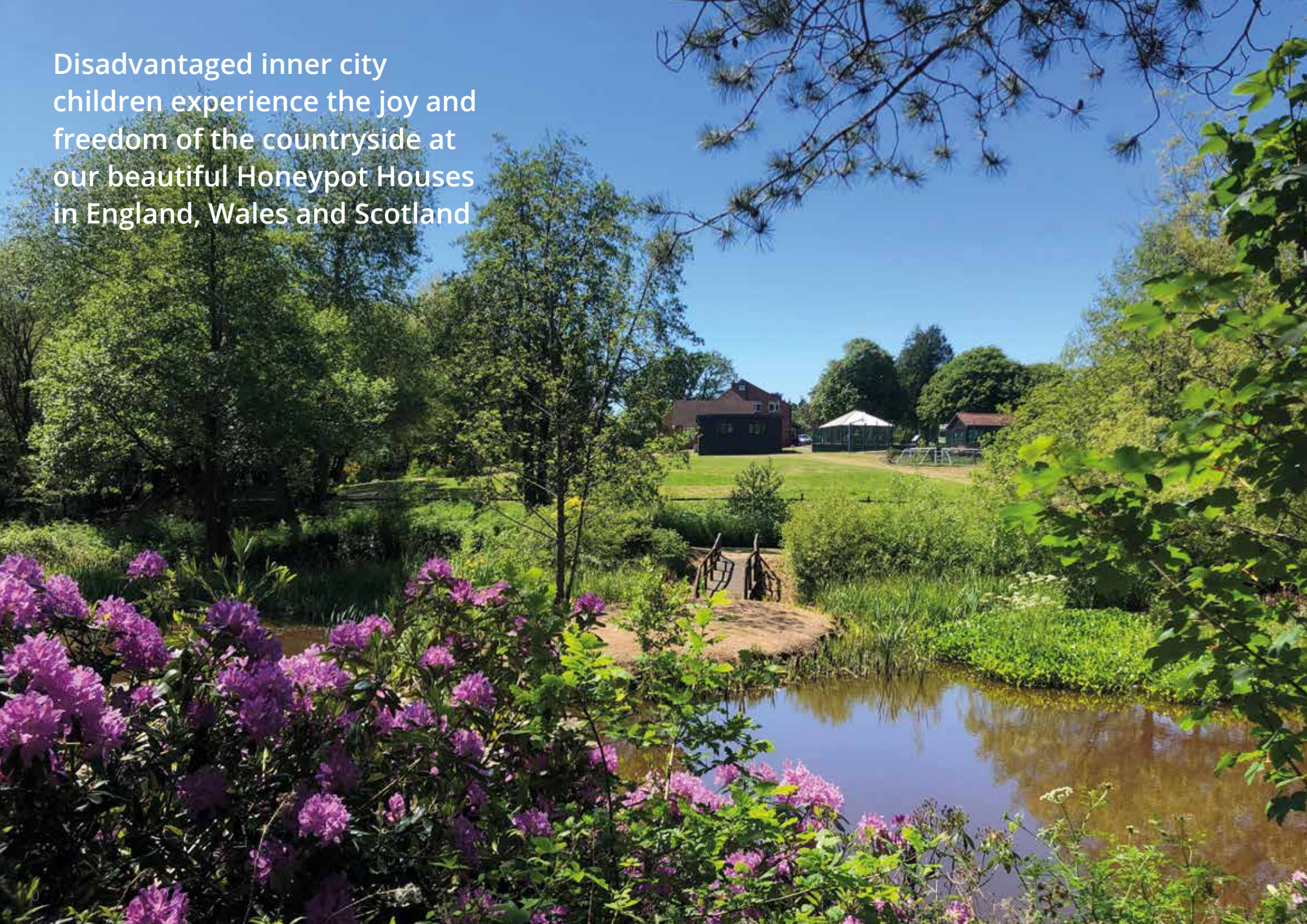
## Finding a solicitor

You might want to look for a solicitor who is a member of the Law Society's Wills and Inheritance Quality Scheme. By choosing a member of this scheme, you can be sure that your solicitor meets the high standards set by the Law Society.

You can find details about the scheme at [www.lawsociety.org.uk/findasolicitor](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/findasolicitor) Search under 'Wills and Probate'. Or call 020 7320 5650 to speak to someone.



Disadvantaged inner city children experience the joy and freedom of the countryside at our beautiful Honey Pot Houses in England, Wales and Scotland



# Please tell us your intentions for leaving a legacy to Honeypot



## Your intentions

Please help Honeypot plan for the future by letting us know your intentions regarding leaving a legacy.

- I have already included, or intend to include, a gift in my Will to The Honeypot Children's Charity.
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It will help us to plan for the future if we know the value of your gift. Please note that notifying us does not, in any way, legally bind you if you change your mind, or your circumstances change. Informing us is optional and entirely at your discretion, although it will be immensely helpful to know.

Please indicate the anticipated value of your gift (at current value):

£

- I am leaving a gift in my Will, but do not wish to disclose details or gift amounts at this time.
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Alternatively, let us know about your gift by calling or emailing us:

020 7602 2631  
fundraising@honeypot.org.uk

## Contacting you

If you are happy for us to contact you, please give your details and a member of the Honeypot team will be in touch:

- I would like to speak to a member of the Wills and Bequests Department to know more before leaving a gift in my Will to The Honeypot Children's Charity.
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## Your details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Information

When leaving a gift to Honeypot, the most important information to put in your Will is our exact name and charity registration number.

Name: The Honeypot Children's Charity

Charity Registration No: 1184132 (England & Wales) or SC052213 (Scotland).

Please always ensure you include these details in your Will exactly as they appear above.

## Please detach this page and return to:

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# Thank you for your support



The Honeypot Children's Charity is dedicated to changing young carers' lives, by helping them to make happy childhood memories and build brighter futures



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