



**ABOUT US**

**ASSET REUNIFICATION**  
**WORLDWIDE**

## WHY WE HAVE CONTACTED YOU


You have been contacted to either help trace an individual we believe has an entitlement to an unclaimed asset or inheritance, or we believe you have an entitlement to an unclaimed asset or inheritance. These can involve many different categories of assets and incomes, for example:

 **Real estate**  
(houses or land)

 **Investments**  
(shares or bonds)

 **Dormant bank accounts**

 **Intellectual property rights** (royalties on books or music)

 **Long term custody items** (valuables left for safe-keeping with banks or solicitors)

## HOW DOES IT COME TO BE UNCLAIMED?

There are many reasons as to why property goes unclaimed but the most common reason is that the original property is in the hands of a custodian such as a bank, a firm of solicitors, or some organisation that have been holding it in trust for the original owner. Typically (but not always) the original owner has died, but his or her personal representatives were unaware of the particular property entitlement, or the family/next of kin have not been known to the custodian. In most cases, by the time the bank or custodian comes to make contact with their client (or their next of kin) the lines of communication have been broken. They can make all reasonable efforts to locate either the owner or their representatives, but there are limits as to how much time and effort these organisations can put into tracing missing people or contacting people themselves.

## WHERE DOES TREETHORPE COME IN?

In some cases, we are invited by the organisation that has custody of the property to trace the original owner or their heirs or beneficiaries. In others, we identify an item lying unclaimed or abandoned, by analysing public records such as land registers, shareholder registers, government gazettes, wills and also records of births, marriages and deaths.



"I am very pleased with how my account was handled. Treethorpe did everything they said they would. I am so glad you contacted me, otherwise I would not have collected this. Thank you!"

MR R. JACKSON — YORKSHIRE, SEPTEMBER 2013



## CORPORATE ASSET TRACING

Although most of our work is concerned with private individuals, a proportion relates to the recovery of corporate assets.



## INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS & FEES

The majority of our research is carried out 'in-house' though we may use freelance associates who have either the specialist research skills and/or required languages. As these research partners work on exactly the same terms, your position as our client is totally secure regardless of whom you deal with.



## FEES & CHARGES

Treethorpe operates mainly on a 'no success, no fee' basis payable on successful completion. This means there are no advance charges. All costs, including research costs in tracing clients and legal costs in proving entitlement, are our responsibility. Where we administrate the recovery of the asset(s)/estate, incidental costs and disbursements charged by third parties will be deducted from the proceeds at cost.

Where any distribution exceeds five beneficiaries we will reserve the right to apply a Case Handling Fee in line with our published rates on a time and materials basis.

The commission fee is calculated as a direct percentage of the total asset(s)/estate and based on the nature and complexity of each individual case, and is set out in writing at the start in a Fee Agreement or Letter of Engagement.



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Our terms and conditions are set out in the leaflet that accompanies our Fee Agreement or Letter of Engagement. They are designed to protect the interests of all parties involved, and are quite detailed as they have to cover many different situations.

If there is anything at all which is unclear to you, please do not hesitate to ask the Case Manager who contacted you.

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## ABOUT TREETHORPE

Treethorpe is a leader in the field of tracing heirs and beneficiaries to deceased estates, in discovering unclaimed or forgotten inheritances as well as other assets, in tracing the lawful owners of these assets and in helping them to claim their entitlements.

With its affiliates and associates, Treethorpe can bring together document and probate researchers, genealogists and lawyers from the UK and around the world, each of whom has particular experience in the discovery of unclaimed assets, in tracing heirs and beneficiaries, and in probate and property law.

For detailed information on Treethorpe's history, staff, services and clients as well as access to case studies, articles and opinion pieces, please visit [treethorpe.com](https://treethorpe.com)



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