



Co-habiting Couples

Bennie Cobweb knew, the minute he set eyes on Kylie, that this was his soulmate! Within two months, she had moved into his house and they were living together as happy as birds.

This happiness was a long time coming for Bennie – he'd been married before but it had all gone wrong and, although he had 3 lovely children from that marriage, they didn't live with him and he had been lonely living on his own! He wasn't in any rush to marry Kylie – "why bother, we love each other, we don't need all that" they said to each other.

As time went on, Kylie turned the house into a home – she was always doing or buying something to make it more comfy!

Poor Bennie and Kylie – their happiness was shortlived! The no. 9 bus got Bennie one night on his way home from work – "he wasn't looking" said the driver! Kylie was devastated as she sat alone in what had been "their" nest!

Now unfortunately, Bennie had never made a will, never thought the inevitable would happen!

Kylie was even more devastated to learn that she had no rights whatsoever to continue living in their home. Under the rules of intestacy, Bennie's assets transferred directly to his immediate relatives – his three children - who could, if they so chose, give Kylie her marching orders there and then!

Kylie could claim an entitlement/interest to stay in the house under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, but at cost to herself and with no guarantee of success. After all she had been through, this would be the last straw!

Make a will – don't leave it to chance!