This chapter explores how the creation of trusts is influenced by special considerations of public policy, focusing on charity that is beneficial to the public as opposed to illegality. Charity will render a purpose trust valid that the law of trusts would otherwise consider to be void. In contrast, illegality will sometimes render an interest or transaction void or unenforceable that the law of trusts and gifts would generally consider to be valid. After considering the creation of charitable trusts, the chapter also discusses charitable purposes and the public benefit as well as the administration of charitable trusts, before concluding by analysing their variation in accordance with the ‘cy-près’ doctrine.