

## Nepalese launch clean campaign in Yorkshire

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About 22 serving British Gurkhas from Gurkha Company, Nepalese community Catterick branch and volunteers from Richmond town took part to help clean the St Merry Church Grave yard on Sunday 6th October on the occasion of the International Sewa Day.

Sewa is a universal concept involved in the performing an act of kindness selflessly without expectation of reward. This Sewa day project clean the st Merry Church grave area was selected by Richmond Mayor Bob White and Colburn Town Councillor North Yorkshire with consultation with other councillors.

People assembled with full enthusiasm and smiles in their faces carrying with litter pickers, globes, rubbish bags, bush cutter and khukuri cleaning up the Grave yard from early in the morning until noon.

The work involved clearing the piled rubbish and putting on the metal skip and clearing the creepers around the church compound. The young soldiers demonstrated their selfless commitment and willingness to make significant contribution for the community.



On behalf of Richmond Council Mayor Bob White thanked to the volunteers for the contribution to the community work.

Colburn Town Councillor Dr Jagannath Sharma also thanked all for making the positive contribution to the community by sacrificing their usual Sunday morning time to help clean the grave yard on the occasion of Sewa day.

"Your commitment and aspiration to serve other is very much appreciated, councillor Dr Sharma, who is the first Nepali councillor in the area said, adding that "the work what you have done today is an example of your commitment towards positive contribution to the local community."

Officer in command Major Rupert Anderson and Second in Command in Gurkha Company Captain Rajesh Gurung actively co-ordinated the project to make it very successful.

Religious teachers Atmaram Dahal and Chewang Gurung Corpal Joseph Subba and other volunteers also expressed their happiness to get involved in this Sewa day.

The group provided their services nearly 4 hours and the local people and the community praised Gurkhas for their voluntary works.

Volunteers had taken photographs of the programme in addition to contributing to the successful completion of the cleaning campaign, will definitely encourage to others to contribute for the exemplary community voluntary work in the area in the future, it is said.

On the occasion of International Sewa Day Nepalese community has been contributing their voluntary services for the last few years following the great religious, social and cultural tradition of services including the feeding of homeless in London in 2011 and cleaning campaign in Yorkshire last year under the aegis of Nepalese Hindu Forum UK.



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