

Welfare Policy: 6<sup>th</sup> Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles Regimental Trust

1. It is the policy of the 6<sup>th</sup> Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles Regimental Trust to channel all available welfare funds, in accordance with the powers granted it under the Trust Deed, through the Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT). The GWT is the lead charity responsible for the welfare of ex-members of the Brigade, wherever they may live.
2. The reasons for this are as follows:
  - a. For individual welfare cases in Nepal, and sometimes elsewhere, the GWT provides welfare services. It has the resources and staff to properly investigate, assess and award support for all cases of hardship.
  - b. For individual welfare cases in UK, existing UK service charities provide Gurkhas with the same level of support afforded to British and other Commonwealth service and ex-service people living here. The GWT has established Gurkha Welfare Advice Centres in Salisbury and Aldershot as hubs for ex-members of the Brigade in need and these work with the other service charities to deliver welfare support. In recognition of the role played by service charities the GWT provides financial help to the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF).
  - c. All cases for support, whether in Nepal or UK, are judged against the same criteria and by experienced staff. This ensures a level-playing field, avoids accusations of bias or favouritism, and makes the best use of available resources.
3. There may be cases in the UK when one of the existing service charities, having assessed a welfare case, seeks a contribution from the Regimental Trust or Association via the Gurkha Welfare Advice Centres; any such cases will be considered on their merits.
4. Any individual in need of charitable support in UK who is unwilling or unsure of how to contact the ABF should approach either:
  - a. The Gurkha Welfare Advice Centre (Salisbury) on Freephone 0845 6046849, telephone 01722 343111, email [gurhawelfare@gwt.org.uk](mailto:gurhawelfare@gwt.org.uk)

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  - b. The Gurkha Welfare Advice Centre (Aldershot), telephone 01252 329 460, email [bwo.gwc@gwt.org.uk](mailto:bwo.gwc@gwt.org.uk)

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