

The unbreakable bond.

A guide to including The Gurkha Welfare Trust in your Will.



We all share an unbreakable bond with the Gurkhas.

For over 200 years, the Gurkhas have stood alongside us – having taken a vow to defend Britain. Whether in the desert or the jungle, the trenches or the beaches, they have fought with us to defend our shared values of freedom and justice.

Our brave Gurkha veterans and widows are getting older. Many have complex medical needs, and live in desperately impoverished communities. Thanks to your generous support, our Welfare teams support them to spend the rest of their lives in dignity, not hardship.

Now you can make sure that bond lives on – even after you are no longer here.

With a gift in your Will, your commitment to Gurkha pensioners can continue in the years and decades to come. It's a wonderful way to ensure the values that you have treasured throughout your life can live on, even when you've gone.

Your gift will give Gurkha pensioners the peace of mind they so deserve – to know that their loved ones will be supported long after they've gone. What finer debt of honour to repay these brave men who fought for the security we all enjoy today?



John Gardner

His friend and Gurkha,
Rifleman Khesbir Thapa



Ian shares what the Gurkhas meant to his father.

Back in 1945, my father was sent out to India to complete his officer training. He then went on to serve with the 2nd King Edward VII Own Gurkha Rifles. He always had a great deal of time for the Gurkhas and supported them throughout the rest of his life – culminating with a gift in his Will.

“To have served with the Gurkhas – “bravest of the brave”.. Never again was I to have such a feeling of respect for the men I was privileged to command.”

John Gardner.



There's more than one way to make a gift in your Will to the Gurkha community.

We all need a Will. It's the best way of ensuring our wishes are carried out after we die.

If you don't yet have a Will, then we suggest you contact a solicitor who can help you put your affairs in order. A solicitor can also add a codicil to an existing Will, updating it to include The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Types of gifts.

There are three ways you can remember The Gurkha Welfare Trust in your Will. You can include:

A residuary gift: a share of your estate – this is a percentage of everything you own after any specific gifts, debts and legal fees have been paid out.

Pecuniary gift: a cash gift of a set sum of money.

Specific gift: a specific item, such as a house, car or piece of jewellery.

Rifleman Jangabhadur Pun fought in Burma and France during World War Two.

Now 98, Rifleman Jangabhadur Pun was just a young man when he travelled to Kunaghat to enlist. He fought against the Japanese in Burma and then joined the battle against the Nazis in France. During the terrifying journey from East to West, his ship was bombed and he was rescued by the Allies.

Rfn Jangabhadur Pun now receives a Welfare Pension that helps him pay for food and fuel. Our Pensioner Support Team also deliver medical care to his home, as he is too frail to travel to the Area Welfare Centre.



“Thank you for your support! May you become Prime Ministers, Generals, high officials...”

Rifleman Jangabhadur Pun offers a traditional Gurkha blessing.





A gift in your Will can be any size. It's the gesture that counts.

Many people believe you have to be wealthy in order to include a gift in your Will to a much-loved charity.

However, this isn't the case. Any gift, large or small, can make a real difference to the lives of our Gurkha pensioners.

Often people choose to include a residuary gift. This means that, rather than worry about a specific amount, you can instead leave a percentage of your estate after your loved ones have been cared for.

Including The Gurkha Welfare Trust in your will, can help your family save money by reducing your inheritance tax burden. Inheritance tax is paid on the value of someone's estate after they die and although in certain circumstances, charities can be exempt from this particular tax, we would recommend talking this through with your solicitor or financial adviser before drafting your Will.

However much you can give, a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to ensure your commitment to the Gurkhas can live on.

The Gurkhas have been such loyal and dependable friends to our country. Will you extend the hand of friendship to them once again, and include The Gurkha Welfare Trust in your Will?

Sian shares what Gurkhas meant to her father Ralph.

"My father, Ralph Lewis, was a very passionate advocate of the Gurkhas over the years, and he would have been delighted to know that the gift in his Will is helping people who were close to his heart. Opposite is an excerpt from his eulogy."

"As a Sergeant in the education corps, Ralph taught English to the Gurkhas and their families. He often talked about the Gurkhas when he returned home. He held them in very high regard. This was a very important period in Ralph's life and he retained links with them right up until the last."

Making a gift in your Will is easier than you might think.

We all need a Will and getting one doesn't need to be expensive or complicated. What's more, there are plenty of charity Will-writing schemes that can help you put your affairs in order.

We would recommend you appoint a professional solicitor to write your Will. That way, you can have the confidence that your document is legally binding. Solicitor charges vary depending on your requirements, for example if you need a Mirror Will or have more complicated arrangements regarding Trusts. Check the Law Society website (solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk) to find your local solicitor. You can always call your solicitor ahead to ask for a quote.



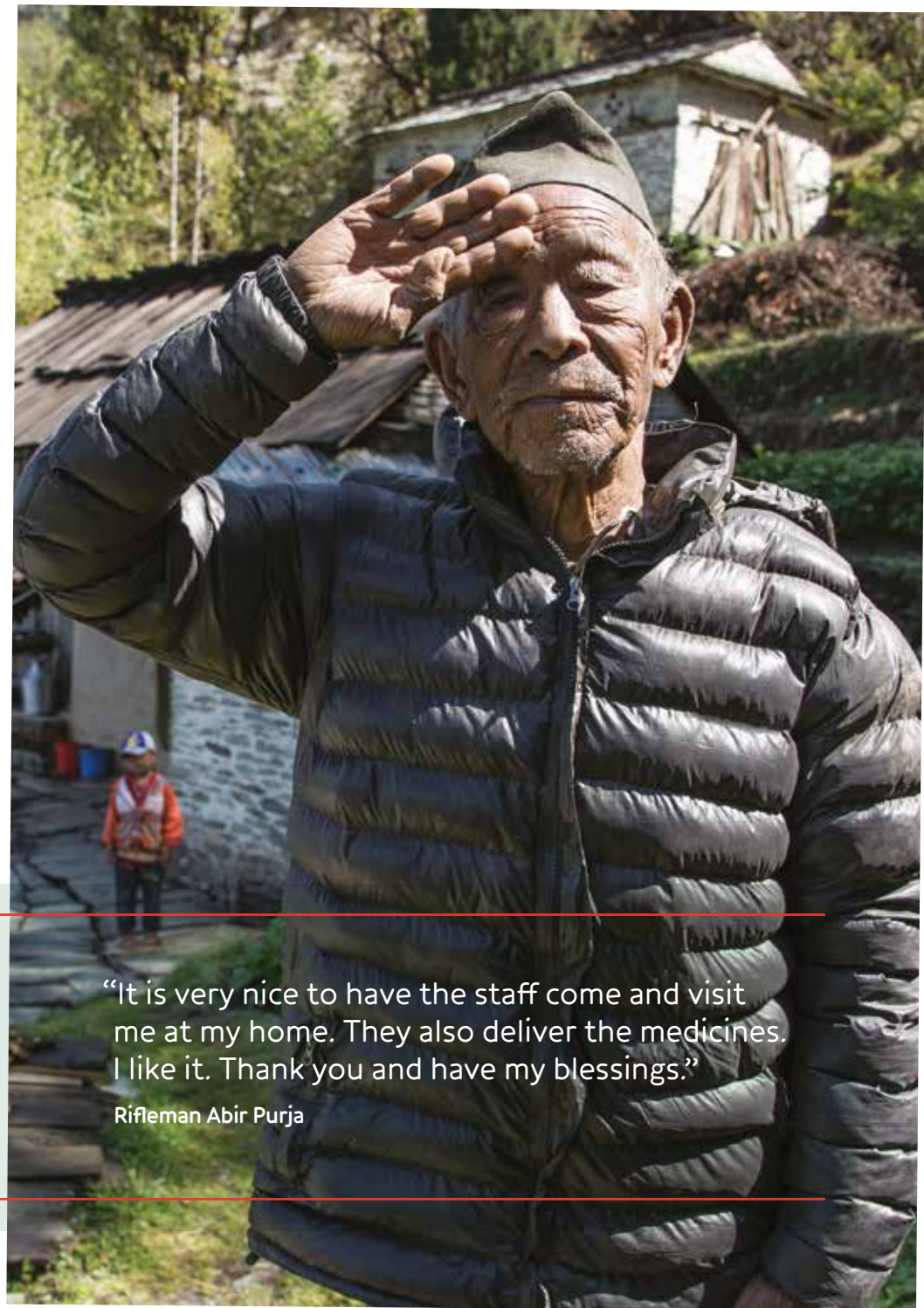
We've partnered with Farewill, an online Will writing service, who can provide you with a FREE Will (RRP £90). By using Farewill, you can make your Will from the comfort of your own home and with live support from their Will specialists. Please note that The Gurkha Welfare Trust are charged £45 for each Will made by Farewill. To find out more about this service, or if you would like more general information about writing your Will, you can talk to us on **01722 323 955** or email legacies@gwt.org.uk

Whichever way you choose to write your Will, including a gift for The Gurkha Welfare Trust means the special bond you feel towards our brave veterans and widows can continue, even after you've gone.

Rifleman Abir Purja's army career began in India

He was sent after his recruit training. From there, he travelled to Burma to fight the Japanese. He worked as a mule driver, and often had to go without food or a change of clothes.

For decades, Abir Purja had to survive without a steady income. That all changed when he received his Welfare Pension which supports him and his daughters.



"It is very nice to have the staff come and visit me at my home. They also deliver the medicines. I like it. Thank you and have my blessings."

Rifleman Abir Purja



Leaving a share after family and friends are provided for.

Family and friends always come first. But your Will is also a way of showing your care and commitment to a cause that has meant a lot to you during your life. More and more people are choosing to do this, and many of them include a gift in their Will to The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

By including The Gurkha Welfare Trust in your Will, you are also leaving a gift for a Gurkha family on the other side of the world. What's more, your gift will mean that when one of our brave Gurkha pensioners dies, his widow won't have to struggle on alone. They and their wider community will be looked after.

For over 200 years, the Gurkhas have fought for the future of our communities.

They fought with us to protect the values of freedom and justice that we cherish. We owe them so much, and with your gift you can protect the future of their communities too.

This is a wonderful and meaningful opportunity to ensure the bond you feel towards our Gurkha veterans and widows can live on long into the future. As the men who served alongside our country grow older and need our help more than ever, a gift in your Will can help them live in dignity, not hardship.

Deborah shares what the Gurkhas meant to her father.

“My father served as a Captain in the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles during the Second World War out in Burma. Here he was wounded during a patrol in 1944 where all other members of the patrol were sadly killed. On his return he was transferred to the Black Watch but always remained very attached to the Gurkhas. So much so that he supported The Gurkha Welfare Trust throughout his lifetime and left them a gift in his Will.”





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