

FOLKESTONE NEPALESE COMMUNITY (FNC) CIO

1st QUARTERLY MEMBERS & TRUSTEES MEETING – MINUTES

Date: 19 June 2026

Time: 17:30 hrs

Venue: FNC Centre

Chair: Capt (Retd) Suman Chandra Rai

Minutes taken by: Mr Abesh Rai

Members present: See [Annex A](#).

Date of publication: 7 October 2026

Item	Subject	Action
1	Opening of the Meeting The General Secretary opened the meeting with the permission of the Chairman at 17:30 hrs.	Gen Sec / Chairman
2	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Mr Tej Tamang (ECM), Mr Dipak Gaucha (Advisor), Capt (Retd) Ganesh Rai (Trustee) and Mr Chandra Gurung (Advisor).	Gen Sec
3	Chairman's Welcome, Obituaries and New Membership The Chairman welcomed and thanked all Executive Committee Members, Trustees, Advisors and General Members for attending. He expressed his hope for a productive meeting. Members observed one minute's silence in memory of the late Mr Purna Bahadur Rai, who passed away on 28 March 2026 in Nepal. The General Secretary reported that a further 28 new FNC members had been recorded.	Chairman / Gen Sec/All
4	Felicitation of Advisors and Welcome to the New Senior Activities Co-ordinator The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Senior Activities Co-ordinator, Ms Swechchha Rai, who also serves as Assistant Youth Co-ordinator. The Chairman also welcomed the newly nominated Advisor, Mr Himalsher Rai.	Chairman / All
5(a)	General Secretary's Report Mr Abesh Rai presented the General Secretary's report. See Annex B . Members discussed the visit by Capt (Retd) Nirmal Gurung, Head of Gurkha Welfare Service, who had delivered his annual presentation on Gurkha matters at the Centre. Members wishing to obtain a copy of the presentation were advised to contact him directly or through Vice Chair 2, Dr Maha Rai, who would facilitate requests as advised by the Head of Gurkha Welfare Service. It was also noted that the FNC Centre provides ongoing advice, assistance and support on a wide range of Gurkha-related matters for FNC members and beneficiaries.	Gen Sec / Chairman Vice Chair 2 / S
5(b)	Treasurer's Report Mr Bikram Rai presented the Treasurer's report. See Annex C . The report also included the income and expenditure statement for the FNC Nepalese New Year Celebration held on 11 April 2026 at the Grand Burstin Hotel.	Treasure / Chairman/ / All
5(c)	FNC and FNC Centre Programme & Project Reports Dr Maha Rai presented the FNC and FNC Centre Programme & Project Reports. See Annex D . Assistant Treasurer Mr Chandra Shahi also presented the financial statement for Centre hire and social events, see Annex E .	Vice Chair 2 / Assistant Treasurer / Chairman / All

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5(d)	Ladies Co-ordinator's Report Mrs Romiya Rai informed the meeting that the FNC Ladies Annual Teej Celebration would be held on 12 September 2026. The venue was to be confirmed by Vice Chairs 1 and 2. Post-meeting update: Due to venue constraints, the celebration was subsequently held at Lemon Leaf Restaurant & Bar.	Ladie Coordinator Team / FNC Ladies / All
5(e)	Senior Citizen Co-ordinator's Report Capt (Retd) Gyan Limbu noted that the activities and welfare needs of senior citizen members were being well supported at the Centre. Advisor Major Deb Pun provided updates on the FNC Senior Members' Social Entertainment & BBQ held on 16 June 2026 and the Gurkha Walk held on 7 June 2026. Both activities were enjoyed by those who participated. Capt (Retd) Gyan Limbu also highlighted the forthcoming Folkestone Gurkha Veterans' Battle Tour to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, led by GMF Chairman Mr Dhan Gurung. Post-meeting update: The visit took place on 20 June 2026.	Senior Citizen Coordinator / Vice Chair 2 / Chief Volunteer / All
6	FNC Annual Nepalese New Year Celebration 2026 Capt (Retd) Bishnu Singh reported that this year's Nepalese New Year Celebration had been successful. For the first time, it was held at the Grand Burstin Hotel's Victoria Hall, having previously been held at Hawkinge Centre. The event's income and expenditure statement had already been presented as part of the Treasurer's report.	Vice Chairman 1 / ECM / All
7	FNC Centre Lease Renewal Update Project Lead and Past Chairman Capt (Retd) Rambahadur Pun reported that the lease renewal was at the signing stage between FNC and Kent County Council (KCC). He was liaising with Premier Solicitors to finalise the lease, with completion expected by the end of July 2026. The meeting applauded the Past Chairman's dedication and efforts towards securing a further five-year lease for the FNC Centre.	Project Lead / Chairman / Vice Chairman 2 / All
8	London Marathon 2026 – Fundraising by Yadav Rai General Secretary Mr Abesh Rai informed the meeting that Mr Yadav Rai, a young FNC member and the Chairman's son, had participated in the London Marathon on 26 April 2026. He used the opportunity to raise funds for FNC and raised £593.66, as reported through the Enthuse payments in the Treasurer's report. The meeting applauded his efforts and thanked him for his contribution.	Gen Sec / Chairman / All
9	FNC Football Tournament 2026 Sports Secretary Mr Bhaskar Rai proposed reviving the FNC Football Tournament, which had last been held approximately 12 years earlier. He noted that the tournament had previously been very popular within the Nepalese community. The meeting agreed to release £1,000–£1,500 for trophies and medals, if required. The proposed date was Saturday, 12 September 2026. Post-meeting update: The proposed date was subsequently changed to 31 October 2026 due to difficulties in restarting the tournament. Owing to constraints relating to team participation, pitch availability and the budget, the tournament was later	Sports Secretary Team / ECM / All

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	postponed. The Sports Secretary would provide an update at the next Quarterly Meeting.	
10	FNC Annual Dashain Get-Together Celebration 2026 Vice Chairman Capt (Retd) Bishnu Singh informed the meeting that this year's celebration was planned for 17 October 2026 at the Grand Burstin Hotel's Ballroom. The necessary coordination arrangements were in place, and the next coordination meeting was planned for the first or second week of September 2026. Post-meeting update: Following the fire incident at the Grand Burstin Hotel on 19 September 2026, the celebration was rescheduled to Sunday, 25 October 2026, at Leas Cliff Hall. The arrangements agreed at the coordination meeting held on 12 September 2026 remained in place, subject to the revised date and venue. Further details would be provided in the administrative instructions issued by Vice Chair 1.	Vice Chairmen / Chairman / ECM / All
11	FNC Charity Dinner Programme – Mayor's Chosen Charity 2026–27 The Chairman informed the meeting that FNC had again been selected as the Mayor's chosen charity for 2026–27. He asked the Vice Chairmen to arrange an FNC Charity Dinner, including event arrangements, fundraising plans and liaison with the Mayor's office. Vice Chairman 1 suggested February 2027 as a likely date, following the previous Charity Dinner hosted by FNC in 2025.	Chairman / ECM / All
12	Any Other Business 1. Safeguarding: Members raised a safeguarding matter. It was noted that FNC and FNC Centre policies were in place and available for all to review. 2. Evening use of the FNC Centre: Members discussed evening use of the Centre. The meeting agreed that FNC members wishing to practise cultural and traditional dances were welcome to use the Centre, subject to availability and compliance with Centre-use policies.	Chairman / ECM / Trustees / All
13	Chairman's Closing Remarks The Chairman, Capt (Retd) Suman Chandra Rai, thanked everyone for their participation and contributions to the productive discussion. He emphasised that he and all committee members were working hard to unite the community and encourage everyone to be part of FNC. He further emphasised that all voices should be heard and that decisions should be made by consensus and in the interests of the wider community. The Chairman formally closed the meeting at 19:30 hrs.	Chairman / All

Annex A: Attendance Register

Annex B: General Secretary's Report

Annex C: Treasurer's Report, including the New Year Celebration Income and Expenditure Statement

Annex D: FNC and FNC Centre Programme & Project Reports

Annex E: Centre Hire and Social Events Financial Statement

NOTE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

The 10th FNC Executive Committee, elected on 8 March 2026 under the chairmanship of Capt (Retd) Suman Chandra Rai, nominated the following individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees and as Advisors.

These nominations were made in good faith to promote harmony, unity and participation within FNC, for the benefit of the wider community.

Board of Trustees

1. Capt (Retd) Suman Chandra Rai – Chair
2. Mr Bikram Rai
3. Mr Rajen Limbu
4. Mr Jhapindra Thapa
5. Capt (Retd) Ganesh Rai

Advisors

1. Capt (Retd) Rambahadur Pun
2. Mr Chandra Gurung
3. Lt (Retd) Nabin Siwa
4. Mr Tika Singh Thakuri
5. Mr Dipak Kaucha
6. Major (Retd) Deb Pun
7. Mrs Mamta Gurung
8. Capt (Retd) Ganga Malla
9. Mr Kishor Sapkota
10. Mr Man Bahadur Rai
11. Mrs Om Kumari Pun
12. Mrs Mina Rai
13. Capt (Retd) Purna Gurung
14. Mrs Kalpana Tamang
15. Mr Himalsher Rai
16. Mr Tara Kattel
17. Mr Hikmat Roka
18. Mrs Indu Rai

Chairman's signature:
(Original copy signed)

Date: 07 Oct 2026



General Secretary's signature:
(Original copy signed)

Date: 07 Oct 2026

Annex A



Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) CIO

Attendane List

1st Quarterly Meeting (10ECM)

Friday, 19 Jun 2026

FNC Centre | 17:30 – 19:00

S.N.	Name	Position / Responsibilities	Remarks / Signature
1	Capt (Retd) Suman Chandra Rai	Chairman	
2	Capt (Retd) Bishnu Bahadur Singh	Vice Chairman 1	
3	Mr Maha Rai, PhD	Vice Chairman 2	
4	Mr Abesh Rai	General Secretary	
5	Mr Bikram Rai	Treasurer	
6	Mr Ganesh Pun	Secretary	
7	Mr Chandra Bahadur Shahi	Assistant Treasurer	
8	Mr Prithviraj Rai	Property Secretary	
9	Mr Dhurba Khaniya	Assistant Property Secretary	Apology
10	Mr Bikas Gurung	Cultural Secretary	
11	Mrs Man Kumari Gurung	Assistant Cultural Secretary	
12	Mr Bhaskar Rai	Sports Secretary	
13	Mr Santosh Gurung	Assistant Sports Secretary	
14	Mr Tej Tamang	Food & Beverages Secretary	
15	Mr Hari Rai	Assistant Food & Beverages Secretary	
16	Mr Narayan Pun	Media Secretary	
17	Mr Nagendra Rai	Assistant Media Secretary	
18	Ms Romiya Rai	Ladies Coordinator	
19	Mrs Sujata Rai	Assistant Ladies Coordinator	Apology
20	Capt (Retd) Gyan Bahadur Limbu	Senior Citizens Coordinator	
21	Mr Nar Bahadur Tamang	Assistant Senior Citizens Coordinator	
22	Ms Roma Rana Magar	Youth Coordinator	Nominated 20 March 2026
23	Miss Swechcha Rai	Assistant Youth Coordinator	Nominated 20 March 2026

24 Ramprasad Gurung Member



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S.N	Name	Signature
1	SURAMANI Rai	CUR.
2.	Tara Thapa	TD
3.	Ai bahadur Rai	AR Rai
4	Mohan Kumar Ru	MR
5	Narmaya Limbu	NTI
6	Kamal LIMBU	KL
7.	Dobden Ru	DR
8	Chitra Gurung	CG
9	LIL PRASAD Gurung	LP
10	Thapendra Thapa	TT
11	Nabin Siva	NS
12	Ram Bahadur Ru	BR
13	Padma Dega Limbu	PD
14	Himalshar Rai	HR
15	PURNA B. Gurung	PG
16	Rampresad Gurung	RG
17	Najin Limbu	NL

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Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC)

General Secretary Report

1st Quarterly Report (March – June 2026)



Overview of Sections

This report is structured into three key sections presented in chronological order.

- A. **Meetings** – Internal governance meetings where we planned, reviewed progress, and made decisions about the functioning of the FNC.
- B. **Events** – Community-based cultural and social activities organised by the FNC to bring members together, celebrate traditions, and strengthen unity.
- C. **Representations** – External engagements where the FNC was represented by committee members at official, civic, cultural, or partner organisation events.

A. MEETINGS

1. 08 March 2026 – General Convention

The General Convention of the Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) was held on 08 March 2026 reviewed the overall progress of the organisation and discussed key priorities for the year. The General Convention Minutes, including the full the FNC Report for 2025–2026, were published on 05 June 2026, ensuring transparency and proper documentation of all decisions.

2. 20 March 2026 – Executive Committee Meeting

During this meeting, we discussed and agreed on the roles and responsibilities of committee members to ensure clear structure, accountability, and effective delivery of community activities.

B. EVENTS

1. 29 March 2026 – Nepalese Holi Festival

We organised the Nepalese Holi Festival at the Centre in collaboration with the Equator Festival. The event was attended by all members and created a joyful celebration of colour, culture, and unity within the community.

2. 11 April 2026 – Nepalese New Year 2026 / 2083 BS

We celebrated the Nepalese New Year at the Grand Burstin Hotel under the coordination of Vice Chair Capt. (Retd) Bishnu Singh. Members and guests attended the event, marking an important cultural celebration with performances and community gathering.

3. 16 June 2026 – Senior Members Social Entertainment & BBQ

We hosted the Senior Members Social Entertainment and BBQ at the FNC Centre to promote wellbeing, social interaction, and community bonding. The event was supported by the Gurkha Peace Foundation and attended by senior members, trustees, advisors, and the Executive Committee.

C. REPRESENTATIONS

1. 14 March 2026 – International Women's Day

We were represented Ladies Co-ordinator Romiya Rai and youth members at St Mary's and St Eanswythe Church for International Women's Day. The event, organised by Equator Festival, highlighted the importance of women's contributions in the community and wider society.

2. 18 April 2026 – Sagarmatha GNC New Year Event

We were represented by the Chairman Capt (Retd) Sumanchandra Rai, who attended the Sagarmatha Gurkha Nepalese Community New Year event in Ashford as Chief Guest. This strengthened our relationship with neighbouring community organisations.

3. 18 April 2026 – Rapti Samaj UK Charity Dinner

On the same day, the Chairman also represented the FNC at the Rapti Samaj UK Charity Dinner in Ashford as a Special Guest. We extend our sincere thanks to RSUK Chairman Mr Chandra Shahi for the invitation and continued cooperation.

4. 21 April 2026 – Wake Service for Late Bhim Tamang

We were represented by the Chairman at the wake service for Late the FNC member Bhim Tamang, who passed away in Nepal on 25 February 2026. We expressed our condolences and support to the bereaved family.

5. 30 April 2026 – 1RGR Cultural Engagement Day

We supported the 1RGR Cultural Engagement Day by providing Nepalese cultural dance performances. The KYC Folkestone Cultural Group represented the FNC under the leadership of Senior Citizens Co-ordinator Capt. (Retd) Gyan Limbu.

6. 05 May 2026 – Folkestone Town Council Mayor Making Ceremony

We were represented by the Chairman and former Chairman at the Mayor Making Ceremony at Folkestone Town Council. During the ceremony, it was announced that the FNC would be one of the Mayor's chosen charities for the civic year 2026/2027.

7. 09 May 2026 – Wake Service for Late Mr Purna Bahadur Rai

We were represented by the Chairman and committee members at the wake service for Late Mr Purna Bahadur Rai at Cheriton Baptist Church. We paid our respects and supported the family during this difficult time.

8. 13 May 2026 – Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meeting

We were represented by Trustee Capt. (Retd) Rambahadur Pun and Vice Chair Dr Maha Rai at the Patient Participation Group meeting at White House Surgery. The discussion focused on improving healthcare access and supporting members facing language barriers.

9. 06 June 2026 – Normandy D-Day Service

We were represented by the Chairman and Vice Chairman at the Normandy D-Day Service at the Garden of Remembrance. This attendance reflected our respect for historical remembrance and shared values of service and sacrifice.

10. 06 June 2026 – Ubhauri Festival

We supported and participated in the Kirat Rai Yayokha (KRY) Ubhauri Festival held at the FNC Centre. The Chairman attended as Special Guest, supporting cultural harmony and seasonal celebration traditions.

11. 07 June 2026 – Gurkha Walk (Ashford)

We supported and participated in the Gurkha Walk organised by the Gurkha Peace Foundation. Many of our members, including senior members, took part voluntarily, and the Chairman also visited the event in support.

Conclusion

This quarterly period reflects strong engagement by the FNC across meetings, community events, and external representations. We continue to strengthen our organisation through active participation, cultural preservation, and collaboration with partner organisations and the wider community.

Annex C**FNC Quarterly Financial Meeting as at 19/06/2026****Income & Expenditures:**

S/ N	Date	Description	Paid In	Paid Out	Total	Remarks
01	08/03/2026	B/Forward	£68,314.64		£68,314.64	
02	10/03/2026	Global 4 Comm		£75.30	£68,239.34	
03	13/03/2026	Members Fee	£60.00		£68,299.34	
04	18/03/2026	Gen- Conviction		£800.00	£67,499.34	
05	23/03/2026	Wreath in Hawkinge		£45.00	£67,454.34	Sarita Rai
06	31/03/2026	Members Fee	£175.00		£67,629.34	
07	31/03/2026	Members Fee	£100.00		£67,729.34	66902
08	31/03/2026	Bank Charge		£7.31	£67,722.03	
09	01/04/2026	Kent CC Charge		£100.00	£67,622.03	
10	02/04/2026	Members Fee	£137.50		£67,759.53	
11	10/04/2026	Global 4 Comm		£75.30	£67,684.23	
12	14/04/2026	Members Fee	£190.00		£67,874.23	
13	13/04/2026	NY Raffle Draw	£20.00		£67,894.23	
14	15/04/2026	NY Sum up	£173.00		£67,067.23	
15	15/04/2026	FNCC (NY)	£586.00		£68,653.23	
16	16/04/2026	NY Cash Depo..	£2,747.00		£71,400.23	
17	16/04/2026	Members Fee	£50.00		£71,450.23	
18	17/04/2026	Information comms		£47.00	£71,403.23	
19	20/04/2026	Online Giving ltd enthuse	£96.87		£71,500.10	
20	20/04/2026	NY Food		£3,000.00	£68,500.10	Lemon L.
21	20/04/2026	S/S after Fee		£208.00	£68,292.10	
22	24/04/2026	Members Fee	£1,902.00		£70,194.10	
23	24/04/2026	NY Raffle draw	£20.00		£70,214.10	
24	27/04/2026	Online Giving ltd Enthuse	£14.22		£70,228.32	
25	28/04/2026	Members Fee	£25.00		£70,253.32	
26	30/04/2026	Bank Charge		£10.70	£70,242.62	
27	01/05/2026	Kent CC		£894.00	£69,348.62	
28	01/05/2026	Pots Collection	£167.24		£69,515.86	
29	05/05/2026	Online Giving ltd enthuse	£478.03		£69,993.89	
30	07/05/2026	Members Fee	£50.00		£70,043.89	
31	08/05/2026	Reimburse from FNCC	£894.00		£70,937.89	
32	08/05/2025	NY Raffle Dr	£498.00		£71,435.89	

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33	11/05/2026	Online giving ltd enthuse	£4.54		£71,440.43	
34	11/05/2026	Global 4 Comm		£75.30	£71,365.13	
35	15/05/2026	Members Fee	£100.00		£71,465.13	
36	29/05/2026	Bank charge		£57.40	£71,407.73	
37	01/06/2026	Kent CC Rent		£100.00	£71,307.73	
38	01/06/2026	Members Fee	£775.00		£72,082.73	
39	09/06/2026	Global 4 Comm		£75.30	£72,007.43	
40	12/06/2026	Bank Charge Refunded Fncc	£256.01		£72,263.44	FNCC
41	12/06/2026	Global 4 comms Refund	£934.54		£73,197.98	FNCC
42	12/06/2026	Kent CC Rent Charge Refund	£1,100.00		£74,297.98	FNCC
43	12/06/2026	Kent CC electricity Refund	£2.00		£74,299.98	FNCC
44	12/06/2026	Electricity Refunded	£374.96		£74,674.94	FNCC
45	15/06/2026	A members Fee	£25.00		£74,699.94	
46	15/06/2026	NY party Hall		£400.00	£74,299.94	Burstin H.
47	15/06/2026	Solicitor Fee		£1,000.00	£73,299.94	
48	18/06/2026	Members Fee	£388.18		£73,688.12	
49						
50					£73,688.12	In Bank

FNC NY Party as at 11/04/2026

Income & Expenditures

Total Tickets Print out:

1. Adult – 200
2. Senior C-150
3. Child - 50
4. Artist/Guest-30

Total - 430

S/N	Tickets	Sold	Amount	Unsold	Remarks
01	Adult- 200	83 x 22 = £1,826	£1,826.00	117	
02	Sen C-150	66 x 21 = £1,386	£1,386.00	84	
03	Child - 50	6x14 = £84	£84.00	44	
04	Artist/Guest -30	19 x00= £00	£00.00	11	
	Total - 430	174 Sold	£3,296.00	256	
05	Raffle Wnr =	Mandika Rai	£100.00		
06	Without Tckt	Tej Tamang	£22.00		
07	Raffle Draw		£498.00		
	Income	All total =	£3,916.00		
	Expenditures	Paid to food provider	£3,000.00		Lemon Leaf
		Party hall	£600.00		Brustin Htl
		PA System	£300.00		
		Total =	£3,900.00		
		Income - Expenditures .	£3,916.00 - £3,900.00 = £16.00 (Surplus)		

Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) Centre Programme Report

Quarterly Meeting – 19 June 2026

1. Introduction

This report provides a summary of the activities, projects, wellbeing services, digital support, welfare referral work, partnerships and funding-related activities delivered through the Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) Centre during this quarter.

The FNC Centre continues to operate as an active community hub for British Gurkha veterans, senior citizens, Nepalese families, young people, volunteers and the wider local community. The Centre provides regular weekly activities, monthly programmes, sessional courses, welfare support, digital inclusion, cultural activities and partnership-based services.

The Centre's activities are coordinated by the Charity & Centre Management Team, led by Executive Vice Chair Dr Maha Rai, with support from the Senior Activities Coordinator, Executive Committee Members, staff, volunteers, tutors, partner organisations and community members.

2. Weekly Activities

FNC continues to deliver a wide range of weekly activities from Monday to Sunday. These activities support education, digital inclusion, health and wellbeing, cultural participation, social connection, community engagement and access to services.

Monday Activities

Monday activities include:

- ESOL Classes for intermediate learners.
- Tai Chi.
- ESOL Classes for beginners.
- Digital Support Drop-In and Referral Service by appointment for active FNC members.

These sessions support English language learning, physical wellbeing, confidence-building, digital access and practical support for beneficiaries.

Tuesday Activities

Tuesday remains one of the main Community Day activity days at the Centre. Tuesday activities include:

- FNC Digital and Language Inclusion.
- Hypertension Heroes.
- Community Day presentations and interaction with invited organisations.
- Digital Support Drop-In and Referral Service by appointment for active FNC members.
- Friends of RBL Community Choir music workshop on the first Tuesday of each month.
- Warm Safe Hub sessions from October to March.

These activities support health awareness, digital inclusion, community learning, social interaction and winter wellbeing.

Wednesday Activities

Wednesday activities include:

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- English Entry Level 1 & 2.
- Nepalese Handicrafts.
- Fun with Numbers through Community Learning and Skills – Seasonal.
- Digital Support Drop-In and Referral Service by appointment for active FNC members.
- Seated Care Tennis and Sponge Ball Tennis sessions – Seasonal.

The Seated Care Tennis and Sponge Ball Tennis sessions are delivered in partnership with Kent Tennis. These sessions provide accessible physical activity for senior members, veterans and beneficiaries who benefit from gentle exercise, movement and social participation.

Thursday Activities

Thursday is another major activity day at the FNC Centre. Thursday activities include:

- Healthy Eating Class.
- IT Beginners Class.
- Community Day presentations and interaction with invited organisations.
- Digital Support Drop-In and Referral Service by appointment for active FNC members.
- Monthly Veterans Drop-In session every second Thursday.
- Gurkha Welfare Trust Surgery every last Thursday.
- Friends of RBL Community Choir music workshop.
- Warm Safe Hub sessions from October to March.
- Smoke Free Programme.
- Move Well Programme.
- Friends of RBL Community Choir evening rehearsal.

The Monthly Veterans Drop-In session is delivered with support from SSAFA, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Royal British Legion, Department for Work and Pensions and other welfare service providers.

The Gurkha Welfare Trust Surgery provides support through telephone, online or meeting room appointments in partnership with the Gurkha Welfare Advice Centre in Salisbury.

The Smoke Free Programme is delivered as a seven-week sessional course in partnership with One You Kent – Seasonal.

The Move Well Programme is a six-week sessional course delivered by Moving Memory Dance-Theatre Company from 27 August 2026. It supports movement, confidence, creativity, social connection and wellbeing.

The Friends of RBL Community Choir also holds regular Thursday evening rehearsals at the FNC Main Hall, supporting music, friendship, confidence and community wellbeing.

Friday Activities

Friday activities include:

- Everyday Maths with English and Skills.
- Stitch and Chat.
- Digital Support Drop-In and Referral Service by appointment for active FNC members.

These activities support learning, communication, creativity, confidence, friendship and access to digital support.

Saturday Activities

Saturday activities include:

- FNC Digital and Language Inclusion as a sessional course.

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- Bharatanatyam Dance Class supporting wider cultural community activity.
- FNC Member Social Events by pre-booking and payment.

The Saturday Digital and Language Inclusion Class is delivered as a sessional course in the Digital Suite. It supports members and beneficiaries to improve their basic digital skills, confidence in using online services, English language access and day-to-day digital independence.

Sunday Activities

Sunday activities include:

- Monthly litter-picking every second Sunday.
- FNC Member Social Events by pre-booking and payment.

The monthly litter-picking activity is delivered in partnership with Folkestone & Hythe District Council, FNC members and volunteers. It supports environmental responsibility, volunteering and community pride.

3. Monthly and Sessional Activities

In addition to the weekly timetable, FNC continues to deliver monthly and sessional programmes throughout the year.

Monthly and sessional activities include:

- Veterans Drop-In session every second Thursday.
- Gurkha Welfare Trust Surgery every last Thursday.
- Friends of RBL Community Choir workshops and rehearsals.
- Monthly litter-picking every second Sunday.
- Warm Safe Hub sessions from October to March.
- Smoke Free Programme as a seven-week sessional course.
- Move Well Programme as a six-week sessional course.
- Seated Care Tennis and Sponge Ball Tennis sessions.
- Healthy Eating sessional class.
- Fun with Numbers sessional course.
- Saturday Digital and Language Inclusion sessional course.
- School Farm Workshops in collaboration with Equator Festival and ShivaNova.
- FNC Cultural Dance Practices and parents' after-school pre-booked activities.
- Community Garden activities at Pent Farm from March to November.

These activities support learning, health, wellbeing, social inclusion, digital confidence, cultural participation, environmental engagement and community development.

4. Digital Support, Welfare Referral and Advice Services

FNC continues to provide digital support, welfare referral assistance, information and practical help for active FNC members and beneficiaries. Many senior citizens, Gurkha veterans, widows, vulnerable families and members with limited English or digital skills rely on the FNC Centre to access online services, complete forms, understand official correspondence and receive appropriate referrals.

Through the Digital Support Drop-In and Referral Service, FNC provides advice, information and practical support on statutory state benefits and welfare-related matters, including:

- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support
- Child Benefit

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- Attendance Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Universal Credit
- Carer's Allowance
- Over 80 State Pension
- Over 80 State Pension transfer abroad
- Over 80 State Pension Life Certificate renewal
- Bereavement Support Payment
- Funeral Expense Payment
- Free Bus Pass applications for elderly people through the council
- Disability Living Allowance
- General financial hardship and access to available support

FNC also helps beneficiaries experiencing general financial difficulties by supporting them to access relevant services, information, referrals and partner organisations.

In addition, FNC works closely with Gurkha veterans' advice and welfare services to support ex-Gurkha veterans residing in the UK with Gurkha-related documentation and service matters. This includes support with:

- Kindred Roll amendment
- Marriage registration
- Divorce registration
- Death report
- Name and Date of Birth amendment
- Family Details request
- Birth registration
- Service Pension Statement request
- Life Certificate renewal
- Gurkha Pension Scheme transfer to the UK and vice versa
- AF B108 Service Certificate, commonly known as the Lal Book

This work is delivered in partnership and through referral links with organisations including Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Kent County Council, the Department for Work and Pensions, Gurkha Welfare Trust Advice Centre, SSAFA, Jobcentre Plus, and the Gurkha Welfare Advice Centre in Nepal.

This area of work remains one of the most important parts of FNC's community support service. It helps vulnerable beneficiaries access entitlements, reduce digital exclusion, improve financial resilience, and ensure that Gurkha veterans, elderly members and their families receive the support they need.

5. Volunteering, Community Research and Employment Support

FNC continues to create volunteering opportunities for members, young people, senior citizens and the wider community. Volunteers support weekly activities, community events, digital and language inclusion, senior citizens' activities, community garden work, litter-picking, cultural events, stitch and chat, Nepalese handicrafts, refreshments, housekeeping and out-of-office-hours centre support.

Volunteering at FNC helps individuals gain confidence, develop skills, support the community and contribute to the smooth running of the Centre. It also strengthens community participation, leadership, teamwork and intergenerational engagement.

FNC also continues to support community research and partnership projects that help highlight the needs, experiences and contributions of British Gurkha veterans, Nepalese families and the wider community. Through collaborations with universities, NHS-related partners and other organisations, FNC helps ensure that community voices are heard and represented in research, policy discussion and service development.

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Community research activities have included health and wellbeing research, community participatory action research, mental health studies, veterans' research, cultural heritage work and projects linked to migration, integration and community identity.

In addition, FNC supports members and beneficiaries to access job-related opportunities, training, volunteering pathways and skills development. Through digital support, language support, ESOL, IT classes, maths, English, referral services and partnership working, FNC helps individuals build confidence, improve employability skills, search for opportunities, complete online applications and access relevant services.

This work supports FNC's wider aim of improving education, wellbeing, integration, confidence, independence and community participation.

6. Major Projects and Partnerships

FNC continues to work with a range of partners to deliver major projects and community programmes.

Education, Skills and Digital Inclusion

FNC delivers ESOL, English, maths, IT beginners, digital support, digital and language inclusion, and referral support for active members. These activities help beneficiaries improve confidence, communication skills, independence and access to online services.

The Saturday Digital and Language Inclusion sessional course further strengthens FNC's commitment to digital inclusion by supporting members who require additional help outside the normal weekday timetable.

Health and Wellbeing Projects

FNC delivers and hosts a number of health and wellbeing activities, including:

- Tai Chi.
- Hypertension Heroes.
- Healthy Eating.
- Smoke Free Programme.
- Move Well Programme.
- Warm Safe Hub.
- Seated Care Tennis.
- Sponge Ball Tennis.
- Community Day health-related presentations.

These activities help promote physical health, mental wellbeing, healthy lifestyle awareness, movement, confidence and social connection.

Veterans and Welfare Support

FNC continues to support Gurkha veterans, senior citizens, widows, spouses and vulnerable beneficiaries through welfare support, digital referral services, the monthly Veterans Drop-In, Gurkha Welfare Trust Surgery and partnership signposting.

FNC works closely with SSAFA, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Royal British Legion, Department for Work and Pensions, Gurkha Welfare Trust, Jobcentre Plus, Gurkha Veterans Advice Centres and BGN Veteran Services to ensure that veterans and their families are supported appropriately.

Community Garden and Pent Farm Project

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The Community Garden at Pent Farm continues as a regular project from March to November. It supports outdoor activity, wellbeing, food growing, volunteering, social connection and environmental awareness.

The project is supported by Chandra and volunteers, with wider collaboration linked to community garden and farm-based activities.

School Farm Workshops

FNC continues to support School Farm Workshops at Pent Farm in collaboration with Equator Festival and ShivaNova. These workshops are arranged through Equator Festival and ShivaNova and support outdoor learning, cultural exchange, environmental awareness and community engagement.

Cultural and Community Activities

FNC continues to support cultural dances, Bharatanatyam dance classes, Nepalese handicrafts, stitch and chat, Friends of RBL Community Choir activities, community social events and member-led cultural participation.

These activities help preserve cultural identity, encourage creativity, support intergenerational engagement and promote wider community cohesion.

7. FNC Wellbeing

Wellbeing remains at the centre of FNC's work. The Centre provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space where beneficiaries can learn, socialise, receive support and take part in meaningful activities.

FNC wellbeing work includes:

- Reducing loneliness and isolation.
- Supporting senior citizens and Gurkha veterans.
- Promoting physical and mental wellbeing.
- Supporting digital inclusion and access to services.
- Providing warm and safe space during winter months.
- Encouraging movement, exercise and healthy living.
- Supporting confidence, independence and participation.
- Promoting friendship, creativity and cultural identity.
- Supporting access to welfare advice, benefits information and referral services.
- Providing practical support through appointments, referrals and partner services.

Activities such as Tai Chi, Move Well, seated tennis, sponge ball tennis, choir, stitch and chat, Nepalese handicrafts, Community Day, Warm Safe Hub, Veterans Drop-In, Gurkha Welfare Trust Surgery and digital referral support all contribute directly to the wellbeing of members and beneficiaries.

8. Funding Summary

FNC continues to rely on grants, donations, venue hire, partnership support, project funding, volunteer contribution and community fundraising to deliver its activities and maintain the Centre.

Funding and support help FNC deliver work in the following areas:

- Education and skills development.
- Digital and language inclusion.
- Welfare referral and advice support.
- Health and wellbeing activities.

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- Senior citizens' support.
- Veterans and welfare support.
- Warm Safe Hub and winter wellbeing.
- Community garden and outdoor activities.
- Cultural and creative activities.
- Community research and engagement.
- Volunteer development.
- Centre running costs and programme delivery.

FNC is grateful to all funders, partners, trustees, executive committee members, staff, volunteers, tutors and community members who continue to support the Centre and its activities.

Sustaining funding remains essential to ensure that FNC can continue to provide regular services, support vulnerable beneficiaries, maintain the Centre and develop future community projects.

Restricted Funding Summary

Period: 31 March – June 2026

Project	Purpose	Grant	Actual	End Date
Veteran Foundation	Core Salaries	£10,897.00	£1,080.00	31/03/2027
FHDC / UKSPF Grant	Running Cost	£8,000.00	£1,350.00	31/03/2027
The Tory Family Foundation	IT Running Class	£2,500.00	£800.00	31/03/2027
Veolia Sustainability	Running Cost	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	28/02/2027
Southern Water Community Grant	Running Cost	£2,143.00	£1,500.00	30/04/2026
SEK – Well Fund	Running Cost	£1,500.00	£500.00	30/04/2026
Total Restricted		£26,040.00	£7,850.00	
Balance		£19,890.00		

9. Charity & Centre Management, Tutors, Instructors and Volunteer Support

FNC Centre activities, projects and community programmes are delivered through the support of the Charity & Centre Management Team, tutors, instructors, project staff, researchers, volunteers and partner organisations.

Charity & Centre Management Team

Charity, Programme & Centre Manager: Maha Rai, PhD

Senior Activities & Centre Coordinator: Swechchha Rai

Senior Activities & Centre Coordinator: Kanchan Roka (Mar 2021 – Jun 2026)

Activities Coordinators: Sarita Rana and Man Kumari Gurung

Data & Digital Lead – Abesh Rai

Current Tutors, Teachers and Instructors

ESOL Teachers: Steve Green and Aneela Mirza, Kent Adult Education

Everyday Maths Teacher: Martin Carnall, M&N Training and Development Ltd

Digital & Language Inclusion Instructors: Kumar Rai and Abesh Rai

Tai Chi Instructor: Kath Jones, Mei Quan Academy of Taiji

Stitch & Chat Volunteer Leads: Janet Johnson, Jenny Rivers and Wendy Lodge

Partner and Volunteer Development Support: Mark Connorton, KCV

Senior Citizen and Volunteer Leads

FNC Senior Citizen Executive Lead: Capt. (Retd) Gyan Limbu

FNC Senior Citizen Volunteers Lead Coordinator: Major (Retd) Deb Pun

Out-of-Office Hours Support

FNC Centre out-of-office hours activities and bookings are supported by Executive Committee Members and nominated volunteers, including:

ECM Assistant Secretary: Mr Chandra Shai

ECM Property Secretary: Mr Prithiviraj Rai

10. Conclusion

Overall, the FNC Centre has remained very active during this quarter, delivering a strong programme of weekly, monthly and sessional activities.

The Centre continues to provide important support in education, digital inclusion, welfare referral, health and wellbeing, veterans' support, senior citizens' support, cultural participation, community cohesion and social connection.

The inclusion of activities such as Kent Tennis, Move Well, Friends of RBL Community Choir, Smoke Free Programme, Warm Safe Hub, Saturday Digital and Language Inclusion sessional course, School Farm Workshops and Community Garden activities demonstrates the continuing growth and diversity of FNC's programme.

FNC has also continued to strengthen volunteering opportunities, community research involvement and support for job-related opportunities through skills development, digital support, language support, training, referrals and partnership working.

FNC will continue to strengthen its activities, develop partnerships, support volunteers, promote community research, improve access to opportunities, seek sustainable funding and ensure that the Centre remains a trusted and welcoming community hub for all.

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FNC Members Hall Booking Mar – 19 Jun 2026**Hall Hire FNC Members**

Date	No.	Description	Amount
13/06/2026	1347	Hall Hire - FNC Member (Main Hall & Meeting Room)	80.00
06/06/2026	1348	Hall Hire - FNC Member (Main Hall & Meeting Room)	80.00
02/06/2026	1346	Hall Hire - FNC Member	50.00
01/06/2026	1342	Hall Hire - FNC Member	50.00
11/05/2026	1340	Hall Hire - FNC Member	50.00
04/04/2026	1334	Hall Hire - FNC Member	50.00
16/03/2026	1334	Hall Hire - FNC Member (Evening booking)	30.00

Total	390.00
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FNC Events at the Centre Mar – Jun 2026**1. FNC Annual Nepalese Event – 29 Mar 2026**

FNC Nepalese Holi Event - Sunday, 29 Mar 2026			
Expenses			
S.N	Discription	Amount	Remarks
1	Amazon	£78.76	Centre
2	Chow Min	£90.00	Ladies Coordinator
3	Alu Dum	£22.00	Youth Asst Coordinator
4	Momo	£207.74	Assistant Treasurer
5	Momo Cooking	£40.00	Padam / A. Treasurer
6	Volunteers Exp	£60.00	A. Treasurer
7	Chutney	£30.00	A. Treasurer /Trus Jhapindra
8	Chadka Sausages	£40.00	Chandrakala / A. Treasurer
9	Jit Wash	£70.00	A Treasurer / Vice Chair 2
10	Bin & Skip	£51.62	Direct360
	Total Exp	£690.12	

S.N	Income	Amount	Remarks
1	Food Card	£389.38	Online
2	Food Cash	£212.00	A. Treasurer
3	Equator Festival Project Coordination	£250.00	Vice Chair 2
	Total Inc	£851.38	

Surplus	£161.26
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2. FNC Senior Members Social Entertainment & BBQ – 16 June 2026

The FNC Senior Members Social Entertainment & BBQ held on 16 June 2026 was fully funded by the Gurkha Peace Foundation. Advisor Major (Retd) Deb Pun, with the support of Senior Citizen Coordinator Capt (Retd) Gyan Limbu, will submit all related expenses, and the Gurkha Peace Foundation will make payments directly to the relevant outlets.

FNC Community Garden Project 2026/2027

Payment Year: 2025/2026

1. Payment Summary

Category	Total
Total Existing Paid Plot Holders	27
New Plot Holders Listed	10
Total Plot Holders Listed	37
Total Payment Required / Received 2025/2026	£315.00
Payment Status	Paid / Online Paid
Records Needing FNC Membership Number	2 existing members + 10 new plot holders

2. Existing Plot Holders – Payment Record 2025/2026

S.No	Name	FNC Mem No	Plot Payment Required / Year	Payment 2025/2026
1	Tej Tamang	42	£10.00	Paid
2	Subash Limbu	4	£10.00	Paid
3	Chandrakala Rana Magar	709	£10.00	Paid
4	Himmat Rai	732	£20.00	Paid
5	Sabitri Thapa	678	£10.00	Paid
6	Purna Lachhi Rai	161	£10.00	Paid
7	Debendra / Dhupa Rai Limbu	738	£10.00	Paid
8	Narmaya Limbu	802	£5.00	Paid
9	Jagat Roka Magar	102	£10.00	Paid
10	Padmaya Limbu	275	£10.00	Paid
11	Capt (Retd) Bishnu Singh	199	£10.00	Paid
12	Rupa Pun	581	£10.00	Paid
13	Hikmatsing Roka	101	£20.00	Paid
14	Laxmi Malla	144	£20.00	Paid
15	Chanda Pun	?	£20.00	Paid
16	Dhanmala Thapa	56	£20.00	Paid
17	Chandra Shai	720	£20.00	Online Paid
18	Capt (Retd) Gyan Limbu	93	£10.00	Paid
19	Sanam Subba	92	£5.00	Paid
20	Rekh Bikram Malla	175	£5.00	Paid
21	Chandra Gurung	74	£10.00	Paid
22	Jai Shai	?	£10.00	Paid
23	Thakur Ale	55	£5.00	Paid
24	Bhim Thapa / Capt (Retd) Ram Pun	107	£10.00	Paid
25	Tara Rai	749	£10.00	Paid
26	Dhan Tamang	2	£20.00	Paid

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27	Chitra Bahadur Dura	584	£5.00	Paid
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Subtotal: £315.00

3. New Plot Holders

S.No	Name	FNC Mem No	Plot Payment Required / Year	Payment 2025/2026
1	Nar Tamang			
2	Indira Rai			
3	Surya Rai			
4	Kalpana Rana			
5	Swechchha Rai			
6	Ganesh Pun			
7	Ramesh Rai			
8	Hoysar Gurung			
9	Jagat Roka Magar			
10	Mani Limbu			

4. Action Points

The annual rent for the Community Garden for 2026/2027 will be **£1,500** due to the addition of new plots. Vice Chair Dr Maha Rai and the Assistant Treasurer Mr Chandra Shai will explore funding options through school workshops, the proposed FNC Annual Pent Farm Food Festival, grants, donations and other available resources.

Mr Chandra Shai

Assistant Treasurer

Maha Rai, PhD

Vice Chairman / Charity, Programme & Centre Manager.