



GURKHA BRIGADE ASSOCIATION

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GBA SPONSORED VISIT TO SIR HAROLD HILLIER GARDENS – THU 23 AUG 18

1. **Introduction.** The award winning Sir Harold Hillier Gardens is famous the world over. In 1977 Sir Harold left the Gardens under the sole trusteeship of Hampshire County Council. It is now run as a charity under the remit of horticulture, conservation, education and recreation. Among its outstanding features is the splendour of the seasonal planting displays set in 180 acres.
2. **GBA Visit.** Every two years the Gurkha Brigade Association sponsors a special visit to the spectacular Sir Hillier Gardens in which the Kadoorie family funded a Gurkha Memorial Chautara in the Himalayan Valley. We are fortunate that the Garden Curator, will conduct us on a personalised tour of the Gardens to show off the best displays that can be seen for the time of year. If you have not been to the Sir Hillier Gardens, they are well worth a visit.
3. **Location.** Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Lane, Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0QA. For further information please visit <http://www.hilliergardens.org.uk>.
4. **Attendance.** The visit is open to all members of the GBA and also to Friends of the Gurkha Museum. Families and guests are welcome. **A minimum of 15 people are required to make this visit viable and may be cancelled if we do not reach that number.**
5. **Booking Proforma.** See Annex A.
6. **Costs.** Please note that for ease we have restricted the menu to a simple buffet which includes a pudding, tea and coffee. The anticipated costs are as follows:
 - a. Buffet Three Course meal and Entry Ticket - £35.
 - b. Bar Costs. Soft and alcoholic drinks can be purchased as required.
7. **Key Dates.**
 - a. **9 Aug 18.** The closing date for bookings is.
 - b. **23 Aug 18.** Visit to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.
8. **Outline Programme.** A map of the Hillier gardens is at Enclosure 1.
 - a. 1045 - 1100. RV and meet inside the Visitor and Education Pavilion at the Entrance
 - b. 1115 – 1245. Tour of gardens.

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- c. 1300 – 1400. Lunch at Jermyn's House.
- d. 1400 Own time to view gardens and departure

9. **Parking.** Parking will be in the main visitor's car park.



MK RAI MBE
Major (Retd)
Brigade Secretary

Distribution:

All Honorary Secretaries
Director Gurkha Museum

Annexes:

- A. Booking Proforma.
- B. Map and directions to Hillier Gardens

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**GBA VISIT TO THE SIR HAROLD HILLIER GARDENS & GURKHA MEMORIAL GARDEN
APPLICATION FORM
DATE: THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2018**

To: The Brigade Secretary

Gurkha Brigade Association
Robertson House
RMAS
CAMBERLEY
Surrey, GU15 4PQ

From:

Regimental Association:

Address

Tel No:

Mob No:

Post Code:

E-mail:

1. The following Members ofRA wish to attend the GBA sponsored visit to the Gurkha Memorial Garden on Thursday 23 August 2018. The party will consist of:

Rank	Name	Buffet & Entry Ticket - £35	Total
Total			

Note: Cost includes Entry Ticket and Meal. A cash bar is available. .

2. I enclose my cheque for £ _____made payable to **GBA Trust**.

3. I have made a transfer of £ _____to The GBA Trust Account (Sort Code: 161926 Accn No: 10048753 with Reference: **HILLIER**).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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MAP AND DIRECTIONS TO HILLIER GARDENS

To find your way to a garden paradise

The Gardens are situated 2 miles north-east of Romsey in Hampshire and are signposted with the white on brown tourist signs as the 'Hillier Gardens'.

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Jermyns Lane, Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0QA.
<http://www.hilliergardens.org.uk>.

By Car

From the south: From junction 3 of the M27, follow the A3057 signs to Romsey from where you will find the Gardens clearly signposted.

From the north: From the M3 Winchester direction, you can exit junction 11, and follow the signs to Hursley and Ampfield.

From the Andover direction, follow the A3057

GARDEN MAP



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