



LIFE BEYOND THE MILITARY –  
OUTDOORS

## RXW23

By Anna Baker Cresswell

Our November Rural Week started on Armistice Day the 11th when the Radio 4 On Your Farm programme which Sybil Ruscoe had made at Bicton during our October Rural Week was broadcast. You can hear it [here](#).

We were joined by 8 HighGrounders, (5 still serving) including 4 yes 4, Gurkhas which made for an even more full-on week than usual!!

Pete Boorn was our Course Manager and our thanks to Cal Rose, Tom Garner and Pete for being such excellent evening speakers.

Huge thanks to Debbie from [South Yeo Farm West](#), John Wilding from [Clinton Devon Estates](#), Aaron from the [RSPB, Ground Control](#), Jack and Finley from the [National Trust](#), Tim from [The National Game Keepers' Organisation](#), Phil from [Sampson Hall](#), Nick, Matt and Kirsty from [Hi-Line](#), Andy, Dan, Nadine, Roger, Nick, Kevin, Grant and everyone at Bicton who made our Rural Week work so well.

Chris Shepherd had as always arranged fantastic speakers and visits, and everyone shared their knowledge and experience with such generosity.

It was an emotional week in so many ways and to think that we were able to contribute in a very small way to the knowledge which our Gurkha friends will take home to Nepal when they leave the Army is a huge privilege.

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Last word:

The presentations on Rural Estate Management, NGO and self-employment gave me the most value. The potential positions I had thought about prior to the course were really well covered in the presentations.

Will. Captain Royal Engineers. Served for 22 years, left in 2012.

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Very good. I love. Thank-you!

Premraj. 7 Gurkha Regiment. Via the Career Transition Partnership (CTP).

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I learned so many things I can take back to Nepal when I go home. Wish I had known about this course at the beginning of my resettlement.

Jai Dura. WO2 Gurkha. End of service.

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