



Press Release:

One Community Hampshire and Dorset with Council of Southampton Sikh Gurdwaras provide humanitarian support to our Southampton homeless community, through three homeless support charities:

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One Community Hampshire and Dorset (OCHD) in conjunction with the Council of Southampton Sikh Gurdwaras have come together to support our Southampton homeless community, through working with three homeless community support charities.

OCHD initiator, Founder and Director Pritheepal Singh has announced that this initiative will see 400 portions of fresh food provided to homeless community members from the Southampton Sikh community through the Council of Southampton Sikh Gurdwaras and the multicultural, One Community Hampshire and Dorset not-for-profit organisation.

The initiative that is being conducted through three Southampton homes charities -- Two Saints Homeless Shelter Southampton, The Booth Centre Salvation Army Hostel, and the Society of St James, Southampton -- is particularly welcome given the current cold snap,

Lord Rami Ranger CBE, Chief Patron of One Community Hampshire And Dorset said *'this initiative brings communities together to serve humanity and is to be commended'*

Harjap Singh General Secretary and co-founder of OCHD alongside President Mr Sukhdev Singh, Mr. Raspal Singh, Mr Sharanjit Singh, Mr Gurcharan Dhaliwal, Mr Tarsem Singh and Mr Barpoor Singh said these are unprecedented testing times. *'We are fully supportive to make a difference as our Gurus toughen us'*

Alan Mercel Sanca, co-founder of OCHD and CEO of the UK Nepal Friendship Society, says *'this is most valuable in time of need that our Sikh community of Southampton in conjunction with OCHD are making a difference. It testifies to the humanity of the Sikh ethos. An initiative of this kind is much needed in Bournemouth too'*

Food historian and OCHD community strategy officer Dr Sanjukta Ghosh says: *'OCHD has been actively supporting the needs of vulnerable in South Asian communities through food aid during the lockdown. Extending emergency food to those experiencing the privations and harsh conditions of homelessness is part of OCHD and the Council of Southampton Sikh Gurdwara's humanitarian duty'*

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