

Event: Eco Trekking-cum-Cleaning Drive**Date: 8th November, 2019**

Members of the N.O.W Eco-club participated in an Eco Trekking-cum-Cleaning Drive along the David Scott Trail was organised by the NSS St. Edmund's College Unit on 8th November, 2019 from Mawphlang to Lad Mawphlang. We arrived in Mawphlang village at around 09:55 am, where a few introductory remarks were made by Sir E. Sumer, and the rules and regulations we explained by the two Trek guides. The trek then commenced along the trail and we began picking up litter wherever they could see any lying about along the trail. The trek was of a fairly manageable terrain and was not too extreme for the amateur trekkers. The volunteers showed enthusiasm, endurance, responsibility and compliance of instructions. The guides were communicative and explained many things about the folklore, history and heritage attached to the site. At around 12:30 pm, the team stopped and had a lunch break and at 01:30 pm, commenced with the trek. The team also encountered other trekkers and interacted with the different trekking groups.

The scenery along the trail was one of serene beauty, with the hills and the clouds becoming a mesh of radiant greenery and stark blue. The river running between the valley was also a beautiful sight. The natural sounds and tranquillity of the area really made for a calming experience. The team members began reaching the other end i.e., Lad Mawphlang at around 03:00 pm, some boarded the buses while some interacted with the community members. The team eventually left the area for Shillong at 04:30 pm. Despite the strenuous physical exercise filled day, the environment in both the buses was one of joviality.



