

ROTARY CLUB OF WHITLEY BAY

AN INVITATION TO JOIN ROTARY



The Rotary Club of Whitley Bay was established by a group of local businessmen and received its charter in 1923.

Whilst it may be an 'old' Club, members' outlook is certainly not old - Members have served the needs of the community in many ways, and have raised substantial monies which have been devoted to a variety of needs and projects.

There has been physical and practical schemes, such as the provision of a clock in Whitley Bay Town Centre, and every year, the Club provides the Christmas tree.

The Club assists the community in many other ways, such as providing weekly readings of the local newspaper for a number of people who are blind or visually impaired, or providing resources for organisations ranging from foster carers to ...

WHAT IS ROTARY ?

The Rotary International movement began in 1905 and is a worldwide association of clubs for men and women in business or the professions who ;



Provide service to local communities and offer assistance to national and international appeals ;

Encourage high ethical standards in a vocations ;

Work for peace and goodwill in the world.

There are more than 1.2 million members in more than 31,000 clubs in 165 countries, and in Great Britain and Ireland, there are more than 1,800 clubs with over 58,000 members.

MEMBERSHIP OF ROTARY

Members of Rotary Clubs are the most important assets - It is the club members who carry out activities that enable Rotary to carry out humanitarian and community services.

Rotary club members come from various parts of society. All have experience of being leaders or managers in some business or profession or other occupation, and all have a commitment to contribute to the many projects which the club undertakes to assist those persons or groups which have needs.

WHAT DOES ROTARY DO ?

One of the objects of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis for worthy enterprise.



Community Service is the traditional and well known face of Rotary, by which help and advice is offered to the aged, handicapped, infirm, young people and all those in need, either directly or indirectly through local charitable, community or sporting organisations. Projects to assist the environment are also included.

SANTA IN THE MALL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES.
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Vocational Service projects support training and job development, and aim to encourage development of skills in employment and foster the highest standards in business and the professions, but also in individuals.



International Service promotes worldwide goodwill, but also offers humanitarian help whenever there is a catastrophe, or where there is a need for such help, for example by the provision of water filtration units or emergency shelter boxes, but also by the provision of books or tools to communities to enable lives to be improved.

SHELTER BOX .. PHOTO COURTESY OF GEMMA MARINER, THE WHITLEY BAY GUARDIAN.

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF ROTARY

Whilst Rotary Club members have the obligation to meet the aims of the movement by way of service, the Club has a strong social side.

Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings and normally consist of a talk preceded by dinner. The Club has a reputation for being extremely sociable and meetings are enjoyable experiences.

WHY JOIN ROTARY ?

Membership of Rotary is open to both men and women, and offers a number of benefits ;

- i The development of relationships with other community and business persons ;
- ii The development of leadership skills ;
- iii Gaining and understanding of international and humanitarian matters ;
- iv Being able to contribute towards the needs of the community.

Rotary membership is by invitation of local clubs. If you would like to be considered for membership by the Rotary Club of Whitley Bay, please speak to the person who gave you this leaflet or, if you are reading this via our website, go back to our home page and select the '**Join Rotary - make a world of difference**' button under the meeting details section to the right of the screen.