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Carnegie Rotary Club

Swimarathon at Bannatyne's Dunfermline raises over £2500 for polio eradication and for local charities

Carnegie Rotary Club's recent Swimarathon at [Bannatyne's Health Club](#) in Dunfermline was a great success. The Carnegie Rotary Swimarathon was part of the Rotary Global Swimarathon that took all over the world to raise funds to [End Polio Now](#). Swimming teams also raised funds for their own charities.

Provost Jim Leishman, accompanied by Fergus, Carnegie Rotary Club's mascot, rang the bell to start the event.

Twelve teams then swam throughout the day, each team swimming for 30 minutes. The total distance completed was just over 50 kilometres, well over the target of a full marathon!

With sponsorship funds still coming in, the total raised will be over £2500.

Carnegie Rotary teamed up with Bannatyne's Dunfermline who gave access to their pool and facilities. Teams came from the following organisations with some organisation providing more than one team:

1. Carnegie Rotary Club
2. St Columba's High School
3. BRAG Formula 24
4. Seal Association
5. Glenwood High School
6. Inverkeithing Competitive Amateur Swimmers
7. Bannatynes members team

Rotary International started a campaign to rid the world of polio in 1985. Since then cases of polio have fallen from 350,000 in 1985 to just 4 so far in 2017. Polio is now found only in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The goal is to rid the world completely of polio by continuing to immunise children until the virus is eradicated. [End Polio Now](#) is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation who give £2 for every £1 raised by Rotary.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Attached is a picture showing Provost Jim Leishman, Fergus Carnegie Bear and one of the swimming teams, led by Anne Sloan, Secretary of Carnegie Rotary Club. Also in the picture is Libby Seath, Past President of Carnegie Rotary Club.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, part of Rotary International, has 1,800 clubs and more than 51,000 members.

Rotary International was founded in 1905 in Chicago and is now the world's largest international service organisation with 1.2 million professional men and women as members. There are 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary clubs are open to men and women of all ages who are business, professional or community leaders and who want to use their experience for the benefit of others.

Rotary initiates local and global projects to promote world understanding and peace and improve life conditions for people of all ages and cultures. To find out more, visit www.ribi.org.