

The Rotary Club of Newcastle upon Tyne



An invitation to join Rotary

What is Rotary?

Rotary is short for Rotary International - a worldwide association of local clubs for men and women in business or the professions who;

- provide humanitarian service to the community locally, nationally and globally
- encourage high ethical standards in all vocations
- work for goodwill and peace in the world

Rotary was founded in 1905 and now has more than 1.2 million members in more than 31,000 clubs in 165 countries and geographical regions. There are more than 1,800 clubs in Great Britain and Ireland with over 59,000 members.

Membership of Rotary

Rotary club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs. Through community service and other means, Rotary club members help promote peace and understanding throughout the world. Our members are our most important asset. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its many humanitarian efforts and achieve its mission.

Meetings

Meetings are held weekly and Rotarians are encouraged to attend as many as their business commitments will permit. A meeting will often include a talk on a subject of general interest by an outside speaker.

Every Rotarian has the right to attend the meeting of any other club in the world which will count towards their attendance total. Rotarians may invite non-Rotarian guests to their own club meetings which helps to promote acquaintance and fellowship.



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The Newcastle upon Tyne Club was the first Rotary club to be founded in the North East of England on 20th August 1915 with an initial membership of 50 local business men. Over the intervening years the



members have served the needs of the community in many ways, devoting their time, energy and professional skills to a whole range of projects. Considerable support has also been provided for many international appeals and financial assistance has been made available to many young people giving them the opportunity to study and help with projects abroad. The main fellowship opportunity is at the weekly meeting which is held each Friday at

the New Kent Hotel in Jesmond.

Our members represent a wide range of businesses and professions in and around the city. Each one has something to contribute to the many projects, which the club undertakes to serve others.

Rotary Service

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis for worthy enterprise

The Projects Committee of the Rotary Club of Newcastle upon Tyne is the main organising group of the Club and combines the functions of the previous service committees of our Club. These include

- **Community Service** through which we aim to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community by employing their time, talents and resources to respond to critical needs in the local community.
- **International Service**, which aims to encourage and facilitate members to promote world understanding and peace through World Community Service and Rotary Friendship Programmes and
- **Vocational Service** aiming to encourage Club members as business and community leaders, to aspire to high ethical standards and serve others by sharing skills and expertise through their vocations, inspiring others in the process.



Why Join Rotary?

Membership in Rotary, which is open to both men and women, offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders

Local and international organizations that have been supported by Newcastle upon Tyne Rotary Club in recent years include:

Aidis Trust;	Rainbow Trust
Aquabox;	Rattan Lal Foundation;
Australia Bush Fire Appeal;	RNIB Talking Books;
Barnardos;	Royal Airforce Association;
Bigogwe Trust;	Riverside Netball Club;
British Lung Foundation;	RVI Childrens Kidney Research Unit;
Childrens Heart Unit;	Saint Oswalds Hospice;
British Polio Fellowship;	Shelterbox;
Cystic Fibrosis Trust;	Shieldfield Social Club for the Disabled;
DEC Haiti Appeal;;	St. Anthony's C of E Primary School;
Disability North;	St. Thomas the Martyr Trust;
Drug Awareness Campaign;	Stepney Bank Stables;
Fairbridge in Tyne & Wear;	Student Community Action;
Freeman Hospital;	The Samaritans on Tyneside;
Fulcrum Trust	“Thanks for Life” Polio Appeal
Great North Air Ambulance;	Thomas Bewick School;
Help fo Heroes	Tiny Lives-RVI Premature Baby Unit;
Leonard Cheshire Foundation;	UK Committee for the Prevention of Drug Abuse;
Maggies Centres;	Westgate Community College;
Mencap;	West Walker Play Garden;
Multiple Sclerosis Society;	Yorkshire Flood Relief.
Newcastle Hospital Trust;	
Newcastle Soc. for Blind People;	
Northern Counties School;	
Percy Hedley Centre;	
Peoples Kitchen;	

Over the five years up to 30th June 2011, grants totaling over £47,000 have been made by the Club to local, national and international charities, including those named above

Rotary membership is by invitation of local clubs. If you would like to be considered for membership by the Rotary Club of Newcastle upon Tyne, 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.

