

ROTARY CLUB OF WIGAN

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District 1280 RI: 1675 RIBI: 147

Registered Charity no 1037625

DID YOU KNOW THAT?



Wigan Rotary Club founded **Wigan & Leigh Hospice**. Through the incredible support of the community, medical, religious, health and political bodies, the Rotary Club raised £86,000 (today equivalent to £400,000) to establish the original hospice in Poolstock; it opened in 1983.



Wigan Rotary Club was the first in the borough to acquire a **Life Education Unit** – a mobile exhibition and classroom used in the campaign against drug and solvent abuse. The current unit is now jointly owned by all 8 Rotary Clubs in the borough and regularly visits every primary and junior school with lessons for both children and parents.



In 1995 three members of **Wigan Rotary Club** formed **Age Concern Wigan Borough** (now renamed Age UK), this provides a wide range of services for the elderly throughout the borough. It has offices in Market Street and Pennyhurst Mill in Wigan and Bradshawgate in Leigh.



Following the very successful women only 'Race for Life' events **Wigan Rotary Club** started a men only event in 2004. The '**RUN4ALIFE**' 5Km fun run is held at the DW Stadium and has so far donated over £80,000 for research into men's cancers i.e. testicular and prostate cancers.

See www.run4alife.com



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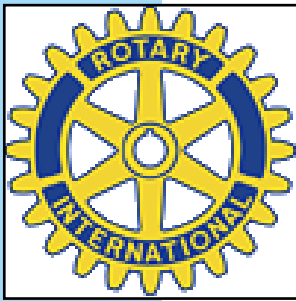
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A public speaking competition is organised by **Wigan Rotary Club** for schools in the town. 'Junior Speaks' is for junior schools and 'Youth Speaks' is for senior schools.

Wigan Rotary Club was largely instrumental in the establishment of **Mere Oaks School** for children with special needs in the mid 1960's.



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The international work of **Wigan Rotary Club** contributes to projects such as '**Water Aid**' and **Jaipur Limb Project**. The club is also a big supporter of the '**Shelter Box**', which provides a family of up to 10 people with a tent and essential equipment following a disaster such as the Tsunami. See www.shelterbox.org



Wigan Rotary Club working with **Wigan Council, Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust** has worked to improve the environment and brighten the appearance of the town and been actively involved in planting several million daffodil & crocus bulbs. In addition with the help of several councillors more than 300 trees were also planted around the town.



December is a major fund raising time for **Wigan Rotary Club** when **Father Christmas and his Sleigh** tour the district throughout December. Very popular with families and thanks to the generosity of the Wigan public it regularly raises over £9,000 which is then donated to charities and voluntary organisations both locally and overseas.



Wigan Rotary Club was formed in 1924 and its community work is now accepted as part of everyday life in the town! The club's priority continues to be to provide support for local community and voluntary groups. However, it does also provide financial assistance to organisations involved in humanitarian work in needy parts of the world.

It currently has almost 50 members, both men and women and meets every Thursday lunchtime at The Owls at Standish.

If you would like to know more please ring 07813 471000 or visit our web site.

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