



WHY ROTARY? REASONS TO JOIN

NEWPORT USKMOUTH AND SATELLITE



The Rotary Club of
Newport Uskmouth & Satellite

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Reasons to Join Rotary

Many members say they join Rotary because it gives them a chance to give something back to their community. In local communities alone each club raises tens of thousands of pounds or more for community projects and local charities. Members also volunteer their time - supervising and organising community events, running projects to promote the achievements of young people, co-ordinating educational programmes and supporting local businesses.

Why should anyone join Rotary?

One answer would be to be part of the world's largest charitable organisation, where each individual member can make a difference in the local and international communities.

To see Rotary in pictures log on to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUIUbK5nGCU>

This brochure aims to give you an insight into what Rotary, and in particular Newport Uskmouth Rotary and Satellite, is about.

Newport Uskmouth Rotary Club

Is a Rotary Club for Newport's business and professional leaders interested in community service. We are one club – two groups. One Traditional (Newport Uskmouth Rotary) and one Contemporary (The Satellite).

Newport Uskmouth Rotary

Newport Uskmouth Rotary meets weekly for lunch at The Waterloo Hotel & Bistro, Alexandra Road, Newport. 12.30pm for 13.00pm. The meetings are either open for general discussion or guest speakers will talk on a variety of topics. Projects are planned and implemented outside of the weekly meetings by members through teams that deal specifically with local or international ventures. A list of current Club projects can be found elsewhere in this brochure.

The Satellite

The Satellite encourages younger fresh thinking business and community leaders to join Rotary, the largest humanitarian organisation in Great Britain and Ireland. Weekly lunchtime or evening meetings are difficult or impossible for many potential Rotary members to attend. The Satellite Club overcomes this and other obstacles by meeting monthly at a time and place that best suits the membership.

The Two Groups Together

Throughout the year the two groups meet separately but come together socially for our Christmas Dinner; Charter Night (the Club's 'Birthday' celebration) which is a 'Black Tie' dinner in March and Handover Dinner at the end of June when the new president, together with other officers, takes over. The fourth meeting is organised by The Satellite Club. These events are also open to partners, friends and potential new members. None are obligatory but members are encouraged to join in. Throughout the year, in addition to these four joint meetings, there are various social events promoted by either or both groups. These also are open to partners, friends and potential new members.

Members are free to attend any meeting of Newport Uskmouth Rotary, The Satellite or any other Rotary club worldwide.

What is the commitment?

Rotary membership is an indication of an individual's worthy representation of their vocation, being in sympathy with Rotary ideals and being prepared to help make those ideals effective in their public, business, social and private life both in the local community and internationally.

The Rotary motto is "Service above Self" and should be no idle phrase. It should represent an attitude to life, which we each practice in different ways according to our capacities and circumstances.

The basis of Rotary is fellowship and so regular attendance is necessary - regular contact develops friendships.

What is the cost?

There is a one off joining fee of £25 and an annual subscription (2013/14 = £110). Regular meetings usually include a meal (Breakfast around £6.00 or Lunch £12) but there is no obligation to eat. Additional social events vary in cost.

What else can be gained from being a Rotarian?

Friendship:

In an increasingly complex world Rotary provides one of the most basic of human needs - the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons Rotary was formed in 1905.

Business Development:

The second original reason for Rotary's beginning was business development. Everyone needs to network and Rotary consists of a vast cross-section of every business community. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

Nice People:

Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are people who follow the policy of: *"It's nice to be important but it's important to be nice"*

Personal Growth and Development:

Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

Leadership Development:

Rotary is made up of leaders and successful people. All Rotarians are encouraged to put themselves forward to serve as a club officer. Being a District officer, National or even International officer is open to all. It could be said that taking on any of these positions, which is not a requirement of membership, is like a college education in leadership – learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.

Vocational Skills:

Every Rotarian is encouraged to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. In so doing Rotary helps to make one a better leader.

Community Status:

Membership in a Rotary club can make one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of some of the most active citizens of any community.

Citizenship in the World:

Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 32,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

Public Speaking Skills:

Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skills in communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these.

Assistance when travelling:

Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere around the globe, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice etc., while travelling has found assistance through Rotary.

Entertainment:

Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences and conventions that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.

The Development of Social Skills:

Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

Family Programs:

Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

The Development of Ethics:

Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

Cultural Awareness:

Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

Prestige:

Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

What Newport Uskmouth Rotary does

Local Projects

- Newport Uskmouth Rotary City-wide Charity Draw (NURD)

The Club produces 20,000 raffle tickets and distributes them to more than forty participating local organisations. They keep 100% of the money raised from the tickets they sell. The Club obtains all of the prizes, collects the sold ticket counterfoils and organises the draw.

At the end of its fourth year over £80,000 had been raised by the organisations and the draw for year five, scheduled for June 2014, is expected to take the cumulative total to nearly £100,000.

- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

This is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. It emphasises leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders and encourage leadership of youth by youth. The Club selects and funds three candidates each year from the local community.



- Caring for Young Carers

Each year the Club arranges various activities to provide young carers from Newport with the opportunity to take time out from their caring responsibilities. Typical events include Gwent Dragons rugby matches, visit to Oakwood theme park, visits to the theatre and RYLA.



Rugby match tickets are donated by Newport Gwent Dragons whilst the Club funds the other activities.

- **Duffryn Community Project**

The Club has very close ties with Duffryn Community Link Project where our members actively contribute to their work. Besides funding football team and dance group shirts the Club has run training sessions on applying for jobs followed by mock interviews. In addition, training has been provided for those wishing to work in the hospitality business. Most recently, following cutbacks in funding, we have provided resources to allow one of the dance groups to continue.

Projects with other Rotary clubs

- **Kids Out**

An annual event when Rotary clubs from South East Wales get together to provide a day out at Barry Island for up to 600 children in special needs education.



- **Rotary Welsh Disabled Sports**

Across Wales, Rotary organises a range of sports activities for disabled people of all ages. Gymnastics, Soft Ball Tennis and Blind Bowls are a few examples of the yearly events. The culmination is the Team Championships held at Newport International Sports Village where teams from Southern Wales (Haverfordwest, Tenby, Brecon, Newport, etc.) battle it out.

- **Rotary Young Musician**

The Young Musician competition provides a stage for musical talent to shine in competition before the national grand final itself. Starting with club level competitions, winners progress to district events followed by regional contests with the hope of appearing at the national final. The Club sponsors a local contestant.



- **Rotary Young Interviewer**

Newport Rotary clubs host students from across southern Wales when they compete in the finals of Rotary Young Interviewer. Recent guests to be interviewed include Ann Widdecombe and Lord Michael German.

International Projects

- **Polio Eradication**

PolioPlus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. For more than 25 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, PolioPlus and its role in the initiative is recognised worldwide as a model of public-private co-operation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion.



Several members of the Club have visited India at their own expense to take part in National Immunisation Days.

- **Street Kids in India**

SKCV (Street Kids Community Village) in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India, is a registered charitable trust that takes care of children who have no other place to go, with the intention of giving them a meaningful future. The ultimate aim is to make the children ready for life in mainstream Indian society. In practical terms, this means that they should be capable of generating their own income.



The Club actively supports the children and has provided funds to allow procurement of picture framing and lamination equipment, sewing machines and poppadum production equipment. The activities are now self-financing and a source of income for the village.

Some Club members have visited and seen the work first hand.

A spin-off from this project is that the Club has developed a close relationship with the Indian community in Cardiff. They have organised cultural evenings with the proceeds being sent to SKCV through the Club.

Our latest project is to provide funds over three years for the higher education of three young girls from SKCV. The intention is that once the girls have qualified they will return to the village to enrich the community by passing on their new skills.

- **Mary's Meals**

Mary's Meals is an international movement that sets up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works - by providing a daily meal in a place of education, chronically poor children are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty. Over 700,000 children receive Mary's Meals every school day. The average cost to feed a child for a whole school year is £10.70.

The Club actively supports this project through various fund raising activities.

- **ShelterBox**

ShelterBox provides emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families around the world who are affected by disasters, at the time when they need it the most. They are firmly established at the forefront of disaster relief and their work constantly earns the respect of outside agencies.

Each large, green ShelterBox is tailored to a disaster but typically contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, blankets, groundsheet, water storage and filtration equipment, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack and other vital items.



£590 will allow ShelterBox to supply and deliver emergency shelter and other lifesaving equipment to a family who have lost everything following a disaster. The Club regularly provides funds for the supply of at least two boxes each year.

- **Drinking Water**

In conjunction with specialist charity 'Just a Drop', the Club has totally funded the construction of a new well, reconstruction of two existing wells and the provision of ceramic candle filters to all families and the school in a village in Bolivia. Twenty-one families, representing around 120 people have benefited - 40% of these are children.



If you would like to know more about our great organisation just read through these pages then e-mail or call one of the contacts from the list below. We will arrange to meet over coffee at a place and time that suits you.

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