

Making a world of difference

... by creating a courtyard garden for residents of Jubilee Court residential home in Stowupland. Members and residents are pictured here at the opening party



How you can support our work

Helping the community can involve time, effort and money, and we know that not everyone is able to contribute in equal measure. So there are now three ways in which you can support Rotary:

1) By joining our club as a full member

At a cost of £10.00 per month, this gives access to the complete range of club activities, both charitable and social, but does require a certain amount of regular commitment.

2) By joining our club as an associate member

Free of charge for the first six months; thereafter a donation of a minimum of £5.00 per month. Associate members can take part in as many club events and activities as they wish but have no say in decision-making and are ineligible to vote.

3) By supporting us with a regular or one-off gift

100% of donations go to support our charitable work; not a penny is used in administration.

Making a difference

... by redecorating the Stowmarket Community Resource Centre operated by Suffolk MIND, the mental health charity

... by organising a community convention for all volunteer organisations in Stowmarket



Rotary Club of Stowmarket Gipping Valley

Find out more

Our club meets on Thursday evenings. Most of the meetings take place at the Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket, but some involve visits to other organisations or outings to sports and entertainment venues in the region.

If you are interested in our club you can be assured of a warm welcome at any of our meetings. Why not come along and give us a try?

For more information try our website (address below), or discover much more about the Rotary movement in general on the national website of Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland at www.ribi.org.

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Help us make a world of difference



... by building a sensory garden for Henry Chaplin, of Battsford, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and is virtually blind, although his senses of touch, hearing and smell remain acute



How we make a difference locally



... by erecting a pergola in the gardens of Red Gables, the voluntary services HQ in Stowmarket
... by planting screening trees and building access steps for residents of the historic Elmswell almshouses



... by providing £4,500 to fund the purchase of new equipment to benefit severely disabled children attending the Laurel Centre in Stowmarket



Making a world of difference with Rotary

We're always looking for more men and women of all ages and backgrounds to use their energy and practical skills to make a difference to the lives of others.

By working with Rotary you'll benefit from being involved with a large, internationally trusted service organisation committed to ensuring that your contribution in helping local and overseas projects is well organised, productive and rewarding.

Fun and friendship

Rotary can also be a whole lot of fun. Parties, social events and excursions provide the chance to forge new friendships with like-minded people who share common goals.



Most people would like to 'give something back' to their community, but many often don't find a suitable channel to do so. If you enjoy working with others to help the community, Rotary gives you the chance to do something really worthwhile.

Skills, leadership and understanding

Rotary also helps develop social, business, personal and vocational skills; it provides leadership training and mentoring for the young; it fosters peace and international understanding.

We're never far away

And Rotary is not just about our club – we are part of a vast international family of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Wherever you are, at home or abroad, you will find one of Rotary's 32,000 clubs near at hand.

There's so much you can do

The pictures here illustrate only a few of the practical projects our club has been involved in since its inception in 2002.

For example, our work with local schools and employers in encouraging young people to develop life skills is just as important – but not so easy to show in pictures.

There will always be a thousand and one ways in which you can use your special talents to help us make a difference.



... and in countries across the world

We also contribute to life-changing projects across the world.

Our members have been directly involved in hands-on projects in Africa and in helping fund the provision of emergency aid to disaster-hit regions.

Whether it's a tsunami in the Indian Ocean, an earthquake in Haiti or a children's home in

South Africa, Rotary is always there to offer practical help.

In 1985 the Rotary movement made a commitment to help eradicate polio from the world. Since then more than two billion children have been immunised, new cases reduced from 350,000 to around 500 annually and

the wild form of the disease eliminated from all but four countries.

Rotary has already raised \$1.2 billion for eradication and is committed to a further \$200 million by the end of 2012 to fund the final push which will rid the world of this crippling scourge.



... by working with local residents to build a house in KwaZulu province, South Africa