



Rotary clubs are in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Members of these autonomous clubs are called Rotarians, and we form a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, all volunteering our time and talents to serve our communities throughout the world.

The structure of Rotary is as follows:



Rotary Club of Whitstable with approximately 25 male and female members is part of:-




District 1120 - which consists of 87 Rotary clubs in the SE of England and over

..... 2,500 members - www.rotary1120.org and is a division of:-



Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) - which consists of 29 Districts and over

55,000 members - www.ribi.org and is one of 13 'zones' worldwide reporting to:-

 Rotary International - www.rotary.org


Our motto, '**Service Above Self**', exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide

Efforts of Rotary are directed toward:

 Peace and conflict prevention / resolution

 Disease prevention and treatment

 Water and sanitation

 Maternal and child health



Basic education and literacy



Economic and community development

All Rotary clubs aim to serve their community and those in need through club service projects, members learn more about local and international issues, and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

Recent projects that Whitstable Rotary has supported include the Joy Lane swimming pool renovation, Westbere Sailing Opportunities, 5th Whitstable Scout Group, Kiswa education centre in Uganda, Tools With a Mission and Hounds for Heroes.

Our Club meets for an evening meal every Tuesday at 6pm for 6.30pm at Chestfield Golf Club. This gives members the opportunity to build friendships, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

Members are welcome to attend meetings at any Rotary club -- a practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the world. What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it.

What are the responsibilities of membership?



Attend weekly club meetings.



Pay annual dues to the Club of £140 (includes District and International fees)



Participate in local and / or international Rotary activities or projects.



Aspire to club leadership or committee roles.

Service

By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed.

The Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based. The principal areas which the Whitstable club focuses are listed on our Home Page.

What are the qualifications for membership?

Prospective members must:



Hold (or be retired from) a professional, proprietary, executive, managerial, or community position.



Have demonstrated a commitment to service through personal involvement.



Be able to meet the club's weekly attendance requirements, which is a minimum average of 50% attendance.



Live or work within the vicinity of the club or surrounding area.

How do I become a member of Rotary?

Usually a person being considered for membership is invited by a club member to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about how our club works and to meet the other members.

If you are interested in finding out more about Rotary and our club, but don't know any of our members, please contact our Past President, [Malcolm Ramsey](#) and he will organise a suitable date for you to attend one of our meetings, please include your full name, address and contact details.

Please note that membership in a Rotary club is by invitation only.

For further details:

www.rotary.org