



# Crowborough Rotary

Join Us in  
Making a  
Difference

# Rotary



# Club of Crowborough

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# Who are we?



Crowborough Rotary is a friendly, informal group dedicated to serving our local community.

Since our founding in April 2021, by Graham Bucksey and Stephen Tester, we've grown under the leadership of passionate members and continue to thrive.

We welcome everyone—regardless of background—to join us in making a difference.

## What we do

We're involved in a variety of projects that support and uplift our community, including:

- Judging the Beacon School Masterchef competition
- Being part of the Crowborough Town Christmas Cracker
- Running bars for Crowborough Town Sussex Day and VE/VJ celebrations
- Hosting the Rotary Car Meet
- Hosting the Rotary Charity Golf Day
- Supporting the Wealden Dementia Alliance community café
- Hosting Charity quizzes
- Organising Charity fashion shows
- Helping the Crowborough Food Bank



## Fun and Friendship

Service is rewarding, but we also believe in having fun! Our social events include:

- Trips to Normandy, including Monet's garden and the Memorial Museum in Caen
- Christmas dinners with friends and family
- Wine tastings
- Thames and Windsor river trips
- Walks in Ashdown Forest
- Bowling nights
- Summer BBQs

## Rotary: A Global Movement

Rotary began in Chicago in 1905, founded by Paul Harris and three friends who wanted to build a network based on friendship and service.

Today, Rotary has clubs in over 200 countries and more than 1.2 million members.

### Key Milestones

- 1917: Rotary Foundation established for humanitarian projects
- 1985: Launch of PolioPlus, Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio
- Today: Rotary focuses on seven areas of service:
  - Peace and conflict prevention
  - Disease prevention and treatment
  - Water and sanitation
  - Maternal and child health
  - Basic education and literacy
  - Economic and community development
  - Supporting the environment



Founder Paul Harris



Community members from Jambal, India upcycle garbage collected from the Bhavani River during a river clean-up exercise led by the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. Partnering with the Ministry of Water, the World Wildlife Fund India, and the Government of India, the river was adopted by Rotary District 3203 as a long-term project with over 80 clubs in the district providing support. Jambal, India. 29 June 2024.

## Membership Options

We have three main types of membership

1. Individual membership
2. Business partners membership
3. Friends of Rotary

### 1. Individual membership

- Flexible attendance—join meetings in person or online
- Project meetings: Usually the second Wednesday of each month at Basepoint/online
- Social events: Usually the fourth Wednesday of each month
- As Rotarians we ask that you remember the motto “**Service above Self**” which means:
  - **Participate:** Keep involved as part of Crowborough Rotary
  - **Serve:** Join groups and help with fundraising activities.
  - **Promote Rotary:** Share our mission with friends, family, and colleagues
- **Cost:** £16/month (individual) or £28/month (couple)
- Includes access to Rotary resources, a name badge, receive regular information via email and WhatsApp group, and full membership in Rotary International



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*Rotary gives me a way to keep active in the community. Whether it's helping at the Community cafe, or supporting local causes, it's fulfilling and fun*

Carolyn Murphy, a retired NHS Finance Professional



## 2. Business Partners membership

- Connect your business with community service
- Attend meetings to share your business story
- Get listed on our website and use our Business Partners logo
- Gain exposure in press releases and local events
- Opportunities for staff development and team building and helping with our events and projects when time permits
- **Cost:** Your time and support (donations and sponsorships always welcome!)



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*I joined Rotary to stay connected with the community I've lived in for over 25 years. It's been incredibly rewarding - not just the volunteering, but the friendships and sense of purpose*

Phil Morris, Club Secretary and Retired Headteacher

## 3. Friends of Rotary

- For those who want to support and promote our activities but can't commit to full membership
- Help spread the word about events and share our mission
- Help with events and projects when you have time
- **Cost:** Your time and enthusiasm!



Ken Maynard & Annick King -  
East Sussex Today - Ashdown  
Radio



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*We're a group of locals who care deeply about our community and being part of Crowborough Rotary is about making a difference - and having a good time while doing it*

Ken Maynard  
Crowborough Rotary President



## Our mission:

**“Working with our  
community to make  
lives better.”**

Whether you want to join as a **member**, support as a **friend**, or partner with us as a **business**, Crowborough Rotary welcomes you!



## Key Contacts 2025/6

- President: Ken Maynard –  
admin@crowboroughrotary.org
- Immediate Past President: Graham Bucksey –  
grahambucksey@btinternet.com
- Incoming President: Annick King
- Secretary: Philip Morris
- Treasurer: Carolyn Murphy
- Social Events Lead: Glenys Jones

## Useful Links

<https://crowboroughrotary.org/>

<https://www.rotary.org/en>

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/>

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