



# The ARCH

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham



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## Guiding principles of Rotary

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

### Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service-,
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society-,
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life-,
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relation-

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ships and an active membership development plan.

- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service and the Code of Conduct](#).
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#).
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

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*As we have a number of relatively new members, I thought it useful to remind us all of some of the principles of Rotary. Of course most of the above is summed up in our motto of “Service above Self” to which we all aspire and, perhaps, should remember that it also applies to volunteering for posts within the club. We should not need to go round persuading members to volunteer for posts—there should be a queue waiting to take up the challenge.*

*With the motto above goes the Rotary Wheel and this is what we use to advertise ourselves to the public. Also each Rotary Year, the incoming RI President picks a theme and an icon for his or her year and this is used to inspire Rotarians but is not used for the general public. This, together with the rules for how our insignia can be used, are held in the Brand Center on the RI Website.*

*The RI President this year—Jennifer Jones, from Canada—chose the following as her theme and icon for this year.*



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## MORE MATERIAL NEEDED

The Arch has had to revert to an issue every two months as there are so few contributions coming from readers. Of course Lockdown meant that many activities were curtailed but post lockdown many other opportunities have arisen. Please let us have some of your stories—have you read any interesting books, taken up a new hobby, researched your family tree or found a new walk? Do you have any suggestions for future activities? Have you taken any interesting pictures or helped your neighbours recently? Unless we get more material ARCH will have to revert to every 3 months.

There must be scores of interesting tidbits out there, so why not contribute to our newsletter.. If you are shy, we don't need to publish your name. Our next issue will be out on February 1st 2023 , so send any contributions in by the 20th January to [dumbrelljl@btinternet.com](mailto:dumbrelljl@btinternet.com) and lets make the February issue a bumper one

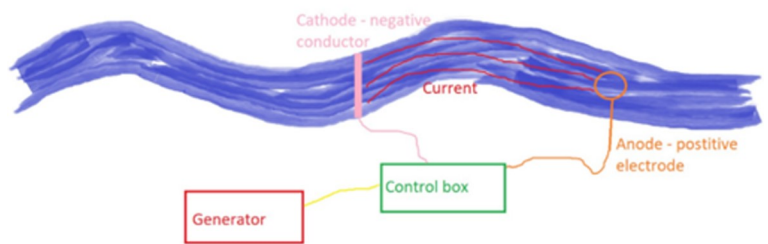
*John Dumbrell, Editor*

## Have you done any good?

Spending a day on the river meeting a fellow angler, one may be greeted by “Have you done any good” or “Anything doing”... The conversation may then lead into discussions about the water height, temperature, mergansers (fish eating ducks) and any other excuse we can find for not catching a fish. When asked a similar question in the summer, my response was “Not today but I had 345 yesterday!”. Astonishment and incredulity followed until I revealed I had been electro-fishing with Tyne Rivers Trust.

After a very informative and in depth group training led by Jenny Dowden, I was invited to help survey the Tipalt burn way up in the hills near Greenhead, a wild spot near a remote farm. The objective was to monitor the health of the burn and one of numerous surveys carried out by Tyne Rivers Trust from around July to September each year.

Electro-fishing works by introducing a small electrical current into the water which draws fish out from hiding, enabling them to be caught, measured, recorded and safely released. Power is provided from a generator or battery.



A cathode is placed in the river in the central point of the survey stretch. An operator then sweeps the river with the anode and when turned on this creates a current which attracts the fish. Wearing rubber chest waders, anyone involved is insulated from the current. There are strict operational protocols given potential hazards of working with electricity in water, these include specific PPE and strict training for all involved. Before starting a survey water temperature, river height, conductivity and a number of other checks are made to allow the survey to proceed, this is to ensure it is safe to undertake the survey and will not harm the fish.

Behind the operator a team member follows the anode operator netting the fish as they approach the anode and collects them in a bucket of water. Sometimes the operator will have a net too.

Fish safety is vital and on the day I was there, it was a warm day and important to return the fish to the river as quickly as possible. Aerators and the provision of shade, fresh and cool water during measuring are just some of the techniques used to ensure good fish welfare.



As one progresses down a 30m sample stretch, the buckets are emptied into a larger tank. The intention is to collect all the fish from the stretch but some do escape!

Next comes the fun and challenging part....

Once the survey has been completed, fish are removed from the tank one at a time, identified, measured and recorded. Gently holding and measuring a lively fish can be comical. It is

much easier said than done because it needs to be done quickly to reduce fish stress but also as accurately as possible. The fish understandably have other intentions and have the knack of

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## Hexham Rotary join the Wombles

On Saturday 14 Rotarians joined the Hexham Wombles, a litter picking group organised by councillor Suzanne Fairless-Aitken, to help tidy up Hexham. Andrew Rigg organised our team who helped collect over 60 bags of litter during the morning. This was an excellent exercise and we hope to assisting again in the future with this worthwhile task.



*Andrew Rigg*

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jumping just at the wrong moment. Once measured, fish are put in a bucket and safely returned to the river unharmed.

Collecting data is vital to understanding the health of our rivers in order to help decide on actions to protect them. Data can also be used to provide evidence that an obstruction is preventing salmon migration and once removed or mitigated, for example installing a fish pass, we can return later to demonstrate its impact. The Tyne is the best salmon river in England and Tyne Rivers Trust do a terrific job in terms of protecting it for the future. Next time you ask me "Have you done any good", the response is not the proverbial fisherman's tale...



*Christopher Porter*

# What is Rotary View?

Everyone should have received a note from Rotary GBI about this new system. However in case you have not seen it, this is the description from Alcester. You should be able to log on to see it for yourself at [rv.rotarygbi.org](http://rv.rotarygbi.org) but you may find the link works intermittently. So much for the new system.....

Rotary View is a system that has been designed with the intention of replacing the current Data Management System (DMS) that is used within Rotary GB&I. Rotary View will deliver enhanced member features and services – with the aim to enrich the membership experience for all members in Great Britain and Ireland, not just club and district leadership. This will be done via introducing a host of new areas and tools that will be specifically targeted for individual member usage rather than being specific “administration” tools.

We have been working on the planning and early development of Rotary View intently over the last year, ensuring that every decision, each step of the way, is for Rotary’s benefit – ultimately to deliver a working, modern and professional system for our membership. The system is being delivered via a phased approach, which means smaller sections of the system are being worked on and developed, allowing us to deliver Rotary View “step by step”.

This ensures we can carefully test each phase before delivering the next one, paving the way to a stronger “full” release. The modular approach to constructing the system will allow future developments to be built on-top of the system with ease.

As part of this phase one period, it is important to note the system is not fully complete. This means there is limited functionality and areas that are accessible at this time. This is not yet a finished product and as such you will be redirected back to the DMS when trying to access features that are not yet present in Rotary View but are still maintained in the DMS. You may still be required to log into the DMS when being redirected back.

Please rest assured we have synchronisation systems in place to ensure that any changes made in the DMS, or Rotary View are reflected in each other automatically, without need for manual corrections by members.

## What can I do in Rotary View during phase one?

Our goal with delivering phase one is primarily the initial setup and distribution of the system and platform. This does mean unfortunately you may not see many features or tools at your disposal just yet, however these will rapidly increase with short gaps between next phase releases. This release is one of the largest as it involves sharing the platform with all members, so subsequent releases can build upon it. You will be able to modify your own details, and club and district leadership will be able to modify club details and club officers.

If you have not received anything about the above, it may be because you have opted not to receive emails from Rotary in Britain and Ireland which would be a pity as they send out a lot of information that will keep you up to date with what is happening in Rotary. If you do not receive these emails and would like to, then send an email to [cds@rotarygbi.org](mailto:cds@rotarygbi.org) asking to be put on the list.

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# Finally

Walks have been part of Hexham Rotary over a number of years.



Can you recognise any of the participants below and when do you think it was?  
There are 14 Rotarians in there enjoying a walk in the Shire

## ROTARY GB&I NEWSLETTERS

To help keep Rotarians informed, Rotary GB&I sends out the following to all active and honorary members within Great Britain and Ireland who have a valid email address on the Rotary International (RI) database (unless they have specifically unsubscribed from the circulation list).

A regular **Members' Newsletter** - contains latest essential news and information about events, campaigns and updates and a monthly **Service News** with links to **Team Newsletters**.

**Team newsletters** are sent to relevant district officers each month and so that members can keep up to date with the Rotary GB&I Teams. Within the Service News are the links to each of the team newsletters e.g. Foundation, Humanitarian Service, Membership, Public Image. Leadership Development, and more.

An archive of these '**Newsletters**' can be found within the 'Members' area of the Rotary GB&I website and under 'Public Image'/'Rotary Communications'. (My Rotary login required)