

Riverside Rotary Corporate Membership

Who are Rotary and what do they do?

Maidstone Riverside currently have around 20 members comprised of local people from a range of backgrounds and occupations. Some are retired, many fairly recently, but others are still working. All are active Rotarians in that we all apply our time and energies to try to help make our local community and the world in general a better place for those in need of a bit of help.

As well as being a service organisation we are also a networking hub bringing together local people, businesses, schools, charities and other organisations for the public good.

Along with personal members, businesses and other organisations are invited to join with us

Corporate members (any organisation larger than a single person)

The word 'Corporate' just means any organisation with more than 1 person in it. It includes businesses, schools, charities, local councils, any organisation which sees a benefit of being part of the Rotary ethos.

What's in it for corporate members?

Although the theme of giving something to society is common to all, there are particular benefits depending on the type of corporate you are:

Small and medium-sized businesses.

Be you tradespeople, restaurateurs, consultants, retailers, printers, farmers, whoever you are Riverside Rotary has a place for you.

- You will gain all of the advantages of personal membership
- Your logo will be included on the club website and a membership plaque is available for you to display in your workplace should you wish. You are also free to add the Rotary logo to your stationery, website, social media etc.
- You and your nominated colleagues will have full members' access to the Rotary resource centre which includes online personal and professional development courses and materials
- Your organisation will gain visibility in the local community and is welcome to publicise your participation in any Rotary event on your own website or social media channels. Membership of Rotary is a great way to demonstrate your commitment to social responsibility and the community.
- You will have the constant opportunity to network with other members

How much does it cost?

Corporate membership is exactly the same cost as for a single person, so £140 for the 2024-25 year. Corporates have one full member, so eligible for a members' vote, and up to 4 named 'alternate' members who all get access to all the benefits that Rotary offers. So that allows for up to 5 people attending meetings, be it individually, together or in rotation, so that a number of people in the organisation are able to take part and feel a part of the club

To enquire or register your interest: membership@riversiderotary.co.uk

Corporate membership is not just about businesses. It is open to any organisation that wishes to engage in and benefit from the Rotary ethos.

Schools

Schools will not only gain all of the benefits of the small and medium sized businesses above, in addition schools will benefit from:

- Access to a range of external adults across a spectrum of life and business experience. This can be invaluable in developing relationships for the purposes of Work-related Learning activities for students, (be it work experience, mock interview practice, business challenges, careers events etc.)
- Access to publicly minded people who may want to become school governors or help the school in other ways
- Through other extended relationships that Rotary has, schools may be able to access specialist help and advice (maybe on buildings or grounds-related issues), charitable opportunities for their students to take part in, or any of the many other features of a Rotary club
- Club support should the school wish to set up a student-led Interact club in the school

Charities

Charities will gain all the benefits of the small and medium sized businesses above, plus:

- The opportunity to regularly put your charity front stage amongst members and other like-minded organisations
- The opportunity to raise additional funds through activities with or by the Rotary club which would more than cover the cost of membership.
- The chance to network with local businesses, volunteers, schools and other charities in a common approach to tackling local and international issues.
- Access to the event-planning and organisational development expertise of Rotary to help with the charity's own projects and activities, including manpower for events
- Access to the wider aspects of Rotary at district, national and international level to develop their own projects. For more about the wider organisation visit www.rotarygbi.org

How much does it cost?

Corporate membership is exactly the same cost as for a single person, so £140 for the 2024-25 year. Corporates have one full member, so eligible for a members' vote, and up to 4 named 'alternate' members who all get access to all the benefits that Rotary offers. So that allows for up to 5 people attending meetings, be it individually, together or in rotation, so that a number of people in the organisation are able to take part and feel a part of the club

Rrova volunteers

Not strictly speaking a membership option but a way for people to volunteer occasionally in Rotary events and join us in other activities. There is no cost or commitment to being a volunteer, you just let us know you're going to be there and turn up on the day. Many of our volunteers joined us during the Covid pandemic when we were busy marshalling at inoculation centres, but others have joined since and are an appreciated and valuable part of the Riverside team.

To enquire or register your interest: membership@riversiderotary.co.uk