

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is one of the largest and most influential humanitarian organisation in the world.. It has 1.2 million members worldwide, belonging to more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. As volunteers, Rotary members have been serving the needs of communities worldwide since 1905.

Rotary is a global network of business, professional and community leaders, and through volunteer service the members of Rotary build friendships and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. Participating in international service projects allows Rotary members to connect with people from around the world and to promote cross-cultural understanding.

Rotary promotes peace and international understanding through its educational and humanitarian programmes. It sponsors the largest privately funded international scholarship programme in the world. Since 1947,

Rotary has contributed roughly \$500 million to fund 38,000 students from 100 countries. These cultural ambassadors use the skills they acquire through their studies abroad to help their own communities. Rotary clubs promote peace by initiating thousands of humanitarian projects every year. These address the underlying causes of social instability and conflict - hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. Since 1985 Rotary members have donated their time and money to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries. To date Rotary has contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to fight this disease.

While Rotary is an international organisation, operating on a global scale, it also functions on a national and local level. From supporting national appeals such as the flood relief in Cumbria to helping local organisations and individuals both financially and physically.

The Rotary Club of Spey Valley meets every Wednesday in the Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore, at 6pm for 6.30pm. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome, but should confirm the meeting with the Hotel on 01479 810233.

The Rotary Club of Spey Valley would like give sincere thanks to the many who have supported the Walk - to the estates and landowners who have agreed to the use of their land - to Glenmore Lodge for the use of their facilities - and most of all to those who are walking and raising sponsorship for our worthy causes.