

# The Rotary Club of Banstead

*April 2024*

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Warm greetings from all of us at Banstead Rotary!

Banstead Rotary was formed in 1951 and we aim to provide professionals aged 30 + and retirees with an opportunity to get involved in local and international community projects, and, to meet like-minded people in the local area. Hands-on volunteering, fundraising events, sharing skills to help local charities, organising youth / school competitions: these are just some of the activities we get involved in - as well as having fun while we're doing it!

We know most people are busy so we meet over dinner on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:15 pm at Cuddington Golf Club to plan projects, hear from inspiring speakers, and, have a catch up with friends.

Our club is a registered charity and our charity number is 1029532.

Explore our website to find out more about Rotary locally and globally, plus, follow us on Facebook and X.

So, if you're not a member of Banstead Rotary, but would like to join our meetings, to find out more about what we are doing and how you can get involved then please get in touch!

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**Jane Illingworth**

President of Banstead Rotary Club

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## FORTHCOMING DINNERS AND EVENTS:

### ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

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**2nd April** - Dinner and talk by Chris Elliott & Jennifer Hyde about the Surrey Anti-Slavery Partnership

**12th April** - Charity Quiz at The Beacon School

**30th April** - [Rotary International Convention](#) registrations and ticket cancellations are due

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## MAY 2024 - YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

12th May - Charity Walk on Epsom Downs

25-29 May - [Rotary International Convention](#), Singapore

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JUNE 2024 - ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

30<sup>th</sup> June - Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due.

## QUIZ NIGHT 12TH OF APRIL 2024

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Rotary 

Exercise those grey cells and come along to

# BANSTEAD ROTARY'S QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 12th April 2024

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Quizmaster - Simon Edmands

VENUE: The Beacon School, Picquets Way,  
Banstead SM7 1AG *(Parking available)*

In aid of Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

Nibbles and bottled water on the table  
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK - Glasses provided

**Supper provided**

**Ticket: £15**

Teams up to 8 or let us  
know and we will allocate  
you a team on the night.



To book: visit  
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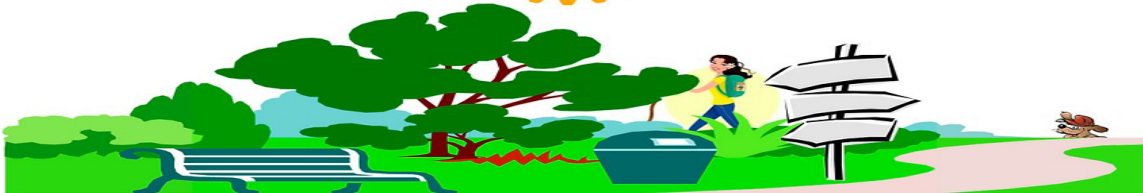


## BANSTEAD CLUB CHARITY WALK 2024

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# Charity Walk24



## Rotary Club of Banstead Sponsored Charity Walk24 Sunday 12<sup>st</sup> May 2024



A fully marshalled walk of approximately 8.5 miles through some of the most attractive scenery of the North Downs starting and finishing at Epsom Downs.

Walk to raise money for your preferred charity.  
A great family day out – dogs welcome!  
Entry and sponsor forms available online  
<https://www.bansteadrotary.com/charitywalk24>

Further information available from:-

Roger de la Perrelle      01737 813870  
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Rotary Club of Banstead Trust Fund  
Reg. Charity No. 1029532

In the month of May we put on a charity walk from Tattenham Corner and across Epsom Downs. We supply reception and stewards for the event to ensure its smooth running.

Over 80 walkers usually take part in this annual event.

Walkers begin the walk from Tattenham Corner and are able to take in the splendid views and see the Epsom Derby venue getting ready.

Members of Banstead Rotary and friends acted as reception and stewards along the route, giving support and ensuring the walkers are directed the right way. The main purpose of the walk is to raise money for charity.

Local charity groups in Banstead and the Surrey neighbourhood have always been in the forefront of the walk, and, in 2023, included Alzheimer's Society, CrossroadsCare



Surrey, Citizens Advice Reigate & Banstead, Diamond Riding, Dyscover, Jigsaw 4 U, and the Ryan MS Therapy Centre. Alongside them were individuals who had raised sponsorship funds to participate in the walk for other local charities.

This year the event raised over £6,000 for local charities. Over the years Banstead Rotary has organised the walk more than £40,000 has been raised.

## THE SURREY ANTI- SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP

Dinner and talk by Chris Elliott & Jennifer Hyde about the Surrey Anti- Slavery Partnership.



Surrey Anti-Slavery Partnership (in conjunction with Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus) gave a talk entitled Modern Slavery, Right Here, Right Now! There are thought to be over 122,000 men, women and children trapped in modern slavery in the UK today. Last year over 23,000 victims were rescued from slavery and now have the chance to rebuild their lives in safety thanks to the vigilance of the public reporting things they see around them that ‘don’t seem quite right’ and the investigations of police forces around the country.

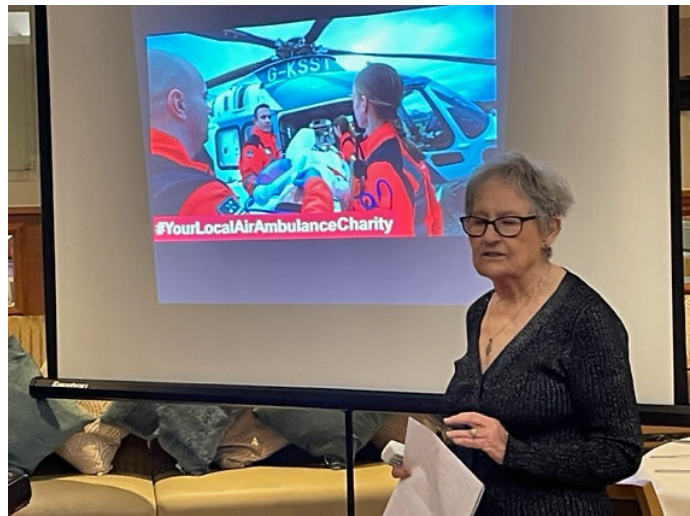
Modern slavery is the illegal exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain. It covers a wide range of abuse and exploitation including sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced labour, criminal exploitation, money muling and organ harvesting. Victims of modern slavery can be of any age, gender, nationality and ethnicity. Places you might see victims of slavery in your community are takeaway kitchens and delivery services, beggars and sellers on trains, building sites, care homes and domiciliary care as well as people who come to sell at your door.

**Find Out More** - You can find out more by asking us to talk at other meetings or taking part in our 4-session course, Hidden Voices, which aims to help you learn more and set up an action group to improve things in your area. To find out more, contact us at [rasocialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:rasocialjustice@gmail.com).

## AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX (KSS)

On 19th March 2024 Banstead Rotarians heard about the work of the Sir Ambulance Charity in Surrey, Sussex and Kent from volunteer, Beryl Smith. In the following summary Beryl highlights the vital role of the charity.

"Every day around 5,000 emergency calls are made to the Southeast coast ambulance control centre. The vast majority of these emergencies can be handled perfectly competently by the SECamb ambulance crews. But 8 or 9 times in 24 hours a life-threatening emergency will arise which needs intervention beyond the current skills required of NHS paramedics.



From our base in Redhill our qualified emergency helicopter pilots transport the critical care team of doctor and paramedic, along with state of the art equipment, to the scene of the emergency, bringing advanced care directly to the patient.

It is this early intervention by the Air Ambulance team which gives the patient the best possible chance of survival and a successful recovery.

KSS is not part of the NHS, and our dedicated team of volunteers work hard to help raise donations from the public to provide the £18.8 million to keep our helicopters flying, so that we can be there whenever and wherever we're needed."



## SENSORY SERVICES BY SIGHT FOR SURREY: ZOOM TALK BY KATIE & STEVE



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deafblind. The charity champion independence, where people thrive in their communities and achieve their aspirations. On your doorstep in Reigate and Banstead over 1,000 people make use of our vital services, expert support and advice. Specialist teams deliver services in homes, communities, and from their main office hub in Fetcham, reaching over 8,000 people across Surrey. At the heart of their mission lies a deep commitment to equality. The charity advocates for accessibility and inclusion, to ensure that people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, blind, partially sighted and deafblind can lead full and independent lives, as they've been doing for over 100 years. Do get in touch with the charity if you have any enquiries. All contact details are available on their website: <https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/>



## CROCUSES ARE IN BLOOM TO STOP POLIO!

Banstead Rotary has donated another 4,000 crocus bulbs to brighten up our Borough's environment and publicise Rotary efforts to Stop Polio!

Planting in Banstead: this year's bulbs were planted in Autumn 2023 at the Library verge by Rotary, Banstead Village In Bloom and The Beacon School. They are now in bloom in February and will last until March. They provide a splash of colour to confirm that Spring is on the way!

- We thank Reigate and Banstead Borough for allowing us to do this.
- We have planted bulbs around the area in previous years:

- The Orchard in front of All Saints' Church at various points
- The Banstead Library lawn has this display
- The verges by the Library several plantings
- The verge opposite the War Memorial
- The Green at Tattenham Corner

### **What is Polio?**

Polio, poliomyelitis, is a paralysing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

### **Rotary International Goal**

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced cases by 99.9 per cent since our first project to vaccinate children in The Philippines in 1879.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralysing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To date 21 February 2024 there have been no cases reported! But, it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 each year.

### **Appreciation on behalf of Banstead Rotary Club:**

Dear friends

I just wanted to share the comments below about Banstead Rotary made by our

**Assistant District Governor, Tony Hamilton.**

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all your help, hard work and support to our Rotary Club!

Best wishes

Jane





**Subject: Re: Banstead Rotary Club Assembly**

I accept your kind invitation to the zoom meeting.

Thank you for your detailed programme for next year.

I must say that your programme and your involvement with other Rotary Clubs is admirable especially considering the size of your club membership.

I am so proud to have your club in my group.

I look forward to joining you at a meeting in the near future,

Kindest Regards

Tony Hamilton AG

## CHARITY PARTNERS CLUB DINNER CELEBRATING OVER £12,000 RAISED!



The Rotary Club of Banstead has raised over £12,000 for local charities over the Christmas period thanks to the generosity of Banstead residents.

The Club held a dinner for charity partners at Cuddington Golf Club on Tuesday evening to mark February 23 World Peace and Understanding day. This takes place on February 23 every year and this day is actually a commemoration of the first meeting of Rotary and this year marks Rotary's 119th Birthday!

President Jane Illingworth welcomed everyone to the dinner and provided the reasons for the event:

- To enjoy a good meal and convivial company;
- To provide the opportunity for charities to network and get to know each other;
- To learn a little of what Banstead Rotary does, and,
- To present the cheques and to give an award to one of our Charity Walk teams.

A great evening was enjoyed by all with Cuddington Golf Club serving a delicious two course dinner of Salmon En Croute with accompanying vegetables , and, a delicious chocolate gateau with vanilla ice cream. After dinner there was the chance to network over tea & coffee.

Rotarian Stuart Walker provided a presentation about Banstead Rotary and the Club's charity work and volunteering opportunities.

David Annand, Crossroads Care Surrey, gave an insight into the development of corporate relationships, and, how his charity can develop help and guidance for a business to support staff who are unpaid carers to their loved ones. In return the business provides philanthropic help such as staffing charity collections.

The Santa sleigh has been running for a great number of years and is a popular festive feature in the Banstead Community. Returning for the Christmas period this year and with charity partner Ekves raised over £12,000 during the Christmas activities this year which included participation in the Banstead Village Christmas Lights switch on with the Club Santa magically turning on the lights.

The club also organises supermarket collections and these took place at Waitrose Banstead and Asda in Burgh Heath.

Some of the charities to benefit include Home Start, Dyscover, Age Concern Banstead, Macular Society, National Autistic Society Surrey, Good Food Company (Epsom and Ewell Foodbank), Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper, Diamond Riding School, QEF, Princess Alice Hospice, Crossroads Care Surrey, Maggie's Royal Marsden, Transform Housing and Support.

Citizen's Advice Reigate & Banstead also attended to receive a trophy as the most successful Charity Walk fundraisers.

After Jane had presented the cheques, we took photos and, then she wished everyone a good journey home!



Thanks, are especially due to the Rotarians who worked hard to deliver the projects, David who Chairs the Christmas Collections, Suzanne who Chairs the Charity Walk and Roger who manages everything as Treasurer.

The photos below show each charity representative receiving their cheque.

## THE BANSTEAD WILDLIFE FIELD



Sensory beds and pond viewing platform showing repairs needed.  
A pretty little cowslip.

In Banstead there is a valuable 1.7-acre urban wildlife field. On the gate there is an undated notice advising that ‘This land is currently being developed as an educational facility for nature study’. This is clearly a past aspiration as the area has not been prioritised for many years. Local resident, Anthea Smithies, and I supported by Banstead Horticultural Society are motivated to promote the site in line with its original aims.

The land is council owned and maintained. The circular paths and walks are kept beautifully clear and are fully accessible, but a lack of advocacy and financial constraints have reduced the management routines, which are so essential to maintain a rich chalk downland meadow. The field is slowly reverting to woodland with thatch, saplings and brambles claiming ever larger areas. Whilst the beauty and diversity of the meadow flora has diminished there are still valuable habitats for nature’s smaller creatures, birds, insects, a resident fox, a badger. A wildlife pond with viewing platform

(in need of repair), perimeter woodland, and raised sensory beds each have their different maintenance requirements.

Because nature works so hard in spring and summer, we are unable to charge in with keen and eager effort. It needs an educated approach to maximise any future investment. Meanwhile, pending the September ‘cut’ of the meadow, there is an immediate priority, which is to raise support for replacing the now dilapidated and dangerous supporting framework for the raised sensory beds. This work is outside the Council’s biodiverse remit.

The summer work embargo is also the ideal time to begin to build our background knowledge, and gain Council permissions for both short- and long-term strategies.

So far there has been really encouraging interest from various parties: Rotary, the Reigate and Banstead Environment Councillor (Nadean Moses, Banstead Village Ward), the Downland Trust (Peter Wakeham ‘... a highly worthwhile project’) and Epsom College, who will be running a weekly education group to the field from the 17th of April. Brownies, Scouts, and local residents also enjoy visiting this peaceful environment. We hope to encourage further educational use by nearby schools, higher education groups and recreational clubs.

In due course we envisage a Friends group with volunteers to provide practical fieldwork and essential fundraising skills to support the future of the field. The amount of goodwill encountered so far has been fantastically encouraging. There is much to be learned and negotiated to return this site to its full potential as a calming natural environment that can be enjoyed by humans, students, and wildlife in balance. It is a great opportunity and I look forward to reporting future developments.



Lower field showing  
thatch and saplings  
with its sheltering  
woodland surround



### **Diana Beck, Banstead Horticultural Society April 2024**

Address Basing Road, Banstead SM7 2AH. Basing Road is on the left, about halfway up Bolters Lane (going uphill) or on the right going down from the village. The field is on the right, opposite the tennis club. Wild cherries are flowering now and cowslips can be seen in the meadow

## **GET INVOLVED WITH ROTARY!**



Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Your skills and experience are invaluable in our drive to help communities at home and around the world through our volunteer work. Whether you become a member of Rotary or volunteer your time and abilities to our local club, you will be helping to make people's lives better. Just take a look at our list of members and committees [HERE!](#)

*Banstead Rotarian Stuart Walker*

### **There are many ways to get involved with Rotary:**

- You could join your local Rotary and open up a world of opportunities
- You could donate to a club or Rotary initiative

- You could volunteer to speak at a club about a cause or interest
- If you are a school pupil, you could take part in a Rotary competition
- You could volunteer to help the club in one of its initiatives, without becoming a Rotary member

If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like volunteering some of your spare time, **we'd like to hear from you!**

Please contact us [HERE](#) to discuss your interest with a view to meeting up with local Rotarians at the Banstead Club - attending one of our speaker evenings or social events is a great way for you to get the measure of Rotary and for the club to get to know you.

You can learn more about us and membership [HERE](#) and:

[Twitter@BansteadRotary](#)

[www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub](http://www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub)

## BANSTEAD ROTARY LEAFLET

### End Polio Now

This is an international project for which Rotary is well known and at Banstead we play our part. With the help of The Beacon School and Banstead Village in Bloom we plant purple crocuses across the Banstead area to provide a wonderful purple display and to serve as a reminder of the fight to end Polio.



### Supporting Young People

Our support of young people is provided through Rotary competitions such as Youth Debates, Young Chef and an Interact Club (12-18 age).

In addition to these higher profile activities, we are constantly supporting other charitable initiatives under the radar.

**BUT we always want to do more, and this is where you could play a part**

### Get involved with Rotary!



Volunteering with Rotary could be the most important thing you ever do. Rotary Membership means access to a circle of new friends and a range of social activities.

If Rotary sounds like the organisation for you and you feel like volunteering some of your spare time, we'd like to hear from you!



Meeting over Dinner at Cuddington Golf Club



Banstead Rotary Club has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity over the years. We give back to the community, both local and international - and we'd love to have you come along.



Contact us via our social channels.

Website: [www.bansteadrotary.com](http://www.bansteadrotary.com)

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub](http://www.facebook.com/bansteadrotaryclub)

X: [@BansteadRotary](#)

**What Banstead Rotary Does!**

**Christmas Collections**

Christmas is a busy time of the year for Banstead Rotarians. We are proud we still maintain a Santa's sleigh. We brave the winter weather to tour the streets of Banstead with Santa to the delight of the young and young at heart. We are helped by local charity partners.

We also supply Christmas trees to local schools. But our biggest Christmas tree, which we select and cut personally, is reserved for pride of place in the centre of the roundabout at the start of Banstead High Street.

Through our Christmas collection programme, we aim to raise £10,000 to £12,000 each year.



**Charity Walk**



In the month of May we put on a charity walk from Tattenham Corner and across Epsom Downs.

Over 80 walkers usually take part in this annual event.

Members of Banstead Rotary and friends act as reception and stewards along the route. The main purpose of the walk is to raise money for charity.

Local charity groups in Banstead and the Surrey neighbourhood are at the forefront of the walk. Alongside them are individuals supporting other local charities.

This event raises over £6,000 for local charities.

**Village Fair**



In July each year we facilitate the Banstead Rotary Village Fair with over 30 stall holders representing a wide variety of local charities and organisations. There is music throughout the day and "The Orchard" is a colourful delight. This is a hugely enjoyable event which, as well as raising funds for local charities, raises the profiles of these organisations.

The importance of the event is in raising the profile of local groups and charities. The Rotary Club focuses on the organisation of the event as a key priority each year.



## START YOUR ROTARY JOURNEY HERE

**Rotary is more flexible than ever before. With a variety of ways to get involved with your local club, there is bound to be an opportunity to suit you, your lifestyle and your commitments.**

### **Join an Existing Club (in person or online)**

The most common method of joining. Clubs are flexible in their meeting times and locations, with multiple clubs often operating in a certain area, giving you options to suit you and your commitments.

As well as face-to-face meetings, a number of clubs operate with online meetings, offering greater flexibility for those who are frequently on the go, or those who lead a particularly busy lifestyle, but still want to give back to the community.

While clubs meet at different times, in different places and in different ways, the thing they all have in common is the fact they come together for hands on projects, volunteering and community activities to improve the lives of others.

### **Friend of Rotary and Project Volunteering**

If you're not quite ready to commit, a number of clubs offer 'Friend of Rotary' programmes or volunteering options on specific club projects.

This gives you the opportunity to get involved with Rotary to decide whether it is right for you.

We'll ask you a few questions to understand what you're looking for, before connecting you with members in your area, where you'll have chance to try a few clubs to find your best fit.

### **Form your own club**

Rotary builds from the ground up. So if you've got family, friends, colleagues or acquaintances to join you, why not start your own Rotary group? You can lead the way by facilitating new and vibrant ways of volunteering in your area. Rotary has a dedicated team of volunteers to help you every step of the way and build the perfect Rotary experience for you.

### **Corporate membership**

Perfect for business! If your organisation wants to work closely with your local Rotary club to get involved in the community, you can. Rotary is a great way to put your organisation's Corporate Social Responsibility ideas into action.

### **Check out the Rotary Action Groups here:**

<https://my.rotary.org/en/participate/programs/join-a-rotary-action-group>

### **Or Rotary Fellowships**

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>



 <p>Have you nominated a charity?</p> <p>You could help your chosen charity receive a £1,000 donation through Benefact Group's Movement for Good awards.</p> <p><a href="http://movementforgood.com">movementforgood.com</a></p> <p> BENEFACT GROUP</p> <p><small>Promoted by Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Plc part of the Benefact Group</small></p>	<p><b>Charity number 1029532</b></p> <p>For more information click on the image</p> <p><b>Rotary</b> </p>
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12 days, 120 charities  
£1,000 each, £120,000 total

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