

## Willaston and South Wirral Rotary Club

*The Rotary Club started in 2014.  
This article, written by a member,  
gives a brief history.*



We had the first interest meeting in January 2014 hosted by two new Rotary club members Tony and Beryl from Saughall Rotary Club and after interest was shown we met with Ian and David who were the two remaining Rotary members of South Wirral Club. It was agreed the new club would take on the existing charter of South Wirral and become Willaston & South Wirral Rotary as a new informal Rotary club meeting at the Nags Head Pub.

We had our inauguration night in April 2014 which was very informal and other clubs came to support us and filled the Nags Head to overflowing outside. In the early days Saughall Club gave us a lot of support and so did Ian and David, who both stayed at the new club until they felt their work was done and the charter would continue.

Our first charter night was 2015 in Willaston Memorial Hall and was a barn dance with Shave the Donkey and a fish & chip supper. The founder members along with new members worked to make Willaston & South Wirral Rotary a club to raise funds for the local charities while having fun doing it.

We have supported a number of local charities over the years including the new play area project in Willaston, Stick and Step, Dementia Together Wirral, and Riding for the Disabled.



Founder members collecting around the streets at Christmas

This year (2022), we are raising money for The Hive in Birkenhead. We also organise the Christmas lights switch-on every year and Santa goes round the streets in his sleigh with his helper elves collecting for charity.

We have strived to recruit new members from Willaston and surrounding areas emphasising the good causes and fun side of the club.

We are still going after 8 years and lockdowns and are always looking for new members who would like to have fun helping the local communities. We still meet in the Nags Head every first and third Wednesday at 7.30pm. Come and try us out!