



David Smyth

**What's your background?**

I am a true Roystonian and during my working life I practiced as a Chartered Accountant with offices in Royston, Cambridge, Letchworth and Huntingdon. I was with the same firm since leaving school at the tender age of 16 before finally retiring fully in 2024.

**Why did you join Rotary?**

My then father-in-law was a founder member of the Rotary Club of Royston and it was naturally his wish that I should join the Club which I did so in 1984. Although I already knew several of the members it was interesting to see them outside their business environment and it enabled me to integrate even more into the local community.

**What do you do in Rotary?**

It is probably not surprising that due to my profession I am Treasurer of the Club. Most of the administration is repetitive but it is something that I am happy to deal with, and I know that it is appreciated by the rest of the Club. The only time I am unpopular is when I send round the three-monthly accounts and the membership cannot believe that they owe the Club money!

I was President of the Club in 1995/96 and was awarded a Paul Harris in 2001 for services to the Club. Paul Harris founded the Rotary movement in 1905 and I was privileged to receive the award from the then President of the Club.

**What do you enjoy most about being a member of the Rotary Club of Royston?**

After having been a member of the Club for over 40 years I still enjoy the weekly meetings which are serious when required but very enjoyable with a varied mix of speakers. In addition, there are many social events that are arranged throughout the year which enables members to meet partners and wives in a social setting. I have always found that if you put effort into the Club, you will always receive benefit in many ways. Being local I am always keen that we help the local community, which we certainly do in various ways both in money terms and by way of personal service commitments.