



## **Martin Berry**

### **What's your background?**

Towards the end of my career, I was an independent Management Consultant and freelance IT Director. I had a peripatetic lifestyle – I worked away from home a lot on various assignments.

### **Why did you join Rotary?**

Although I had lived in South Cambs for many years, my work had prevented me from “putting down any roots”, and my partner was new to the area, so I thought joining Rotary would help us to meet new people and make new friends – and I was right!

### **What do you do in Rotary?**

The club encourages its members to take a turn as President and I was President for a couple of years – mostly during Covid. Leading the club through lock-down was a challenge but I enjoyed it.

I am on the “back benches” this year so I don’t have any formal responsibilities – though I did lead a small team to organise this year’s “Gala in the Gardens” event as part of the Royston Arts Festival and I organise an annual twinning weekend with a club in France. I chaired the Kite Festival Committee until we were no longer allowed to hold it, and I have organised “Youth Speaks” an event that gives local school children in years 4 – 8 an opportunity to develop their presentation skills. I have also acted as Master of Ceremonies at “Youth Makes Music” an event that gives local school children an opportunity to perform live on a professional stage in front of a large audience (we hire Saffron Hall for this event).

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

I really like working as part of a team to deliver something worthwhile. We are making a difference – perhaps a modest one – but a difference none the less.