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**Club of Horbury
and Ossett
Phoenix**

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NEWS RELEASE - GASKELL'S

Rotary marks historic progress toward a polio-free world.

**Thousands of Rotary Clubs around the world are holding events TODAY
24th October WORLD POLIO DAY**

Rotary are taking action on World Polio Day to raise awareness, funds, and support to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world.

When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative more than three decades ago, polio paralysed 1,000 children every day. We've made great progress against the disease since then. Polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent, from 350,000 cases in 1988 in 125 countries to 33 cases of wild poliovirus in 2018 in just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. And we remain committed to the end.

With polio nearly eradicated, Rotary and its partners must sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralysing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million each year to support global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total yearly contribution of \$150 million.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to ending polio since 1985.

About Rotary

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities around the globe. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to improve lives through service. From promoting literacy and peace to providing clean water and improving health care, Rotary members are always working to better the world.

Visit endpolio.org to learn more about Rotary and the fight to eradicate polio.

With your help, The Rotary Club of Horbury and Ossett Phoenix will play a part in this

**FUNDS RAISED AND DONATIONS THIS EVENING WILL BE GIVEN TO
ROTARY'S END POLIO CAMPAIGN.**

Rotary Club No 1788;

Meet at: Heath Cottage Hotel, Wakefield Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8ET

Website: <http://www.phoenixrotary.co.uk>

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