

GETTING INVOLVED IS EASY

Twining Associations in Charnwood

To get involved in twinning in the Borough, all you have to do is get in touch with your local twinning association or one that is twinned with a town/country that you are interested in.

Barrow upon Soar Twining Association

Twinned with **Marans** (Western France)

Contact - Mrs K Timmons - 4 Beveridge Street, Barrow-upon-Soar, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE12 8PL
Tel. (01509) 416168 - katharyn_timmons@hotmail.com www.leicestershirevillages.com/barrow-upon-soar

Birstall Twining Association

Twinned with **Rixensart** (Belgium)

Contact - Mrs J. Bark - 48 Queensgate Drive, Birstall, Leicester. LE4 3JR
Tel. 0116 267 7576 - twinning@bark.clara.net

Bradgate Twining Association

Twinned with **Plateau Est de Rouen** (Northern France)

Contact - Mrs J. Wadey - Bradgate Twining Association, 30 Deanery Crescent, Leicester LE4 2WD
Tel. 0116 235 0948 - grahamjane@ntlworld.com www.bradgatetwinning.org

East Goscote Twining Association

Twinned with **Fleury sur Andelle** (Northern France)

Contact - Mr Terry Brown 14 Ministers Walk, East Goscote, Leicester. LE7 3SY
Tel. 0116 260 5861 - tebrownuk@aol.com

Loughborough Twining Association

Twinned with **Epinal** (France) **Schwäbisch Hall** (Germany) **Gembloux** (Belgium) **Zamosc** (Poland) and Community Link with **Bhavnagar** (India)

Contact - Ms S. Hunt (Secretary) – 8C Park Street, Loughborough, LE11 2EG
Tel. (01509) 210852 – soohunt@hotmail.com www.loughboroughtwinning.eu

Shepshed and District Twining Association

Twinned with **Domont** (Northern France)

Contact - Mr. Alan Robinson - 63 Elder Lane, Griffydam, Leics LE67 8HD
Tel. (01530) 222500 ar73@tutor.open.ac.uk

Syston Twining Association

Twinned with **Deville les Rouen** (Northern France)

Contact - Mrs. Ann. Baker - 43 Barons Court, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, Leicestershire . LE12 7EA
Tel. 0116 230 3835 - thebakers33@talktalk.net - www.leicestershirevillages.com/syston

Thurmaston Twining Association

Twinned with **Offranville** (Northern France)

Contact – Mr John Lewin – 8 West Street, Syston, Leicestershire, LE71HT
0116 260 8759 – j.lewin@premierit.net

GRANT FUNDING

The main costs associated with twinning activities are those of travel and accommodation. Travelling costs are usually borne by the participants (but are often minimised by arranging group coach travel), and hosts normally provide free accommodation for their guests.

Where twinning activities might be limited by lack of money, EU funding is available for projects which strengthen community links and encourage closer contacts between EU countries. Bids to support specific proposed activities can be made by the Twinning Associations.

CHARNWOOD GRANTS

Charnwood Borough Council supports twinning activities through the Charnwood Grants Scheme. Applications are welcomed for Community Engagement Grants where it can be demonstrated that local twinning activities will provide community benefit.

Full details and an application form are available on the Council website www.charnwood.gov.uk or by contacting the Grants Office. Tel: (01509) 634785
E-mail: grants@charnwood.gov.uk

TOWN & VILLAGE TWINNING



Town twinning first started in the 1950s as a way of building strong community links across the European borders following the Second World War.

It quickly developed as a way of establishing friendships across the nations giving individuals, schools and other establishments the opportunity for learning about the culture, language and lifestyle of similar communities in other countries.

Today, twinning in Charnwood sees these ideas thriving and developing with the new Charnwood Twinning Association working with the nine local twinning groups to foster links with fourteen vibrantly differing towns across such countries as France, Germany, Poland, Belgium and India.

Their regular contacts offer a wealth of opportunity for everybody to get involved, whether you want to act as a host/guest in a family exchange, set up your stall at an international market like the Belgian Braderie, visit the St. Nicholas festivities in Epinal, send your young people for a period of work and study in France, enjoy walking and picnicking in the forests of South East Poland or just enjoy the opportunity to practise your French or German.

The local Twinning Associations outlined overleaf are all very active, with regular meetings to plan activities, and fundraising events to support their hospitality and overseas trips.

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