

TOWN TWINNING AGREEMENT
between
FROME TOWN COUNCIL
and
FROME TWINNING ASSOCIATION

26 February 2020

To be reviewed in January 2024



OBJECTIVE:

Frome Town Council (FTC) and Frome Twinning Association (FTA) work supportively together to further the cause of twinning in Frome.

1. FTC and FTA are committed to working together and with relevant organisations to promote the positive outcomes of friendship across borders, and how working with twin towns can contribute to Frome in many different ways.
2. As more opportunities for twin towns to work together open up, FTC and FTA agree to work together for the benefit of the town of Frome.
3. FTA will fulfil a primarily social role and take the lead on informal communication with twin towns.
4. FTC will be the formal communication link with twin towns and continue to take a proactive approach to working with twin towns on cultural, economic, regenerative and community based projects and opportunities.

Frome Twinning Association will:

1. Adhere to the Twinning Charter of 17 July 2009 signed by the four twin towns. The English language wording of the Charter is shown in the Annex to this Agreement.
2. Continue to liaise with organisations that have strong links to twin towns to ensure dates of visits to twin towns are available to all relevant parties.
3. Handle media and publicity for FTA organised social and fundraising events.
4. Manage the FTA website, content to be sourced / provided by FTA and FTC and other sources, as required.
5. Provide advice on all twinning related matters to FTC.
6. Continue to proactively fundraise and arrange social events for its members.
7. Invite the Mayor or the lead Cllr for twinning to all FTA meetings.
8. Actively seek to engage with Frome's French, German and Polish community, to establish interest in twinning, as well as enhancing cultural integration within the town.
9. Provide a link from the FTA's website to FTC's website.
10. Have in place and operate procedures for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.



Frome Town Council will:

1. Adhere to the Twinning Charter of 17 July 2009 signed by the four twin towns. The English language wording of the Charter is shown in the Annex to this Agreement.
2. Appoint a Cllr and member of staff for Twinning.
3. Work with twin towns to make joint applications to the EU, the British Council and other appropriate bodies or organisations for funding for joint projects.
4. Develop contacts with appropriate organisations to further cultural and economic exchanges including schools, youth, sports, arts and cultural groups, business and civic groups and leaders. For example, the International Work Experience Programme.
5. Handle media and publicity for FTC related to twinning activities, in liaison with FTA.
6. Establish a small budget for Cllrs and staff to travel to Twinning events.
7. Continue to provide support to the FTA by providing photocopying and distributing information and correspondence etc.
8. Provide a link from FTC's website to FTA's website.
9. Maintain links with Frome College and local schools.
10. Actively seek to engage with Frome's French, German and Polish community, to establish interest in twinning, as well as enhancing cultural integration within the town.

Jointly, Frome Twinning Association and Frome Town Council will:

1. Hold a joint meeting annually in January in preparation for the FTA AGM in March, and more regularly if required. Agendas and approved minutes to be made available on the FTA's and FTC's websites.
2. Forward relevant communication to the other party as soon as possible.
3. In the case of the Quadripartite and other official meetings taking place in the partner towns, FTC and FTA will work together to agree the detail of the visit, including but not exclusively items such as speeches, presentations, attendance at the four towns' business meeting, publicity, press reports etc.
4. In the case of the Quadripartite and other official meetings in Frome, FTC and FTA will discuss details of the event, including but not exclusively such items as date of event, programme, financial contribution of each party to the budget, hosting and accommodation of visitors, publicity for the event, recruitment of hosts, speeches and presentations, attendance at the four towns' business meeting, press reports etc.



5. These roles and responsibilities will be reviewed every four years. The next review to be in January 2024 as part of the annual meeting.

Signed on behalf of:

Frome Twinning Association:

J.H.M. Womugham (Chair FTA) 24/02/2021

Frome Town Council:



Vivienne Whitaker, Project Officer

Date:



Annex to TOWN TWINNING AGREEMENT between FROME TOWN COUNCIL and FROME TWINNING ASSOCIATION of February 2020

English language wording from the Twinning Charter of July 17th 2009.

The towns of Château-Gontier in France, Frome in Great Britain, Murrhardt in Germany and Rabka-Zdrój in Poland have together agreed a twinning partnership in order to further a united Europe. The agreement is based on the good examples of co-operation and friendly relations that have evolved over the years of twinning between Château-Gontier, Frome and Murrhardt.

The objectives of twinning will be promoting contact between citizens of the four towns to foster peace and friendship. It will serve to exchange experiences, develop and strengthen co-operation and in particular arrange and support exchanges between schools, clubs, institutions and individuals.

The agreement is hereby signed by the mayors of the four towns with a commitment to ensure the future well-being of their citizens.