



Dreieich was Stafford's first twin town with twinning links dating back to 1981. Dreieich was established in 1974 when five residential areas in the Offenbach am Main district were amalgamated. Although smaller in size and population, Dreieich (meaning three oaks), resembles Stafford Borough in many ways.

It is a largely residential area set in pleasant countryside a few miles south of Frankfurt with five main communities surrounded by smaller villages, some light industry, excellent recreational facilities and beautiful ancestral homes. The historic towns of Mainz and Heidelberg are not far away.

BUCHSCHLAG: the youngest and smallest of the five communities was founded in 1904, and developed as a residential district for professional people. The other four areas can trace their origins back to early medieval times.

DREIEICHENHAIN: dates back to a royal hunting lodge, built in the 10th century. It has developed into a modern community with important industrial companies surrounding the picturesque old town centre with its half timbered houses, ruined castle and former town gate.

GÖTZENHAIN: dates from around 1200. Until 1900, it was primarily a farming community, and its most famous building is the fine evangelical baroque church built in the 18th century.

OFFENTHAL: was founded in the 9th century. The people of Offenthal are proud of their "Apfelwein" (dry cider) pubs with their unique atmosphere.

SPRENDLINGEN: is the oldest of Dreieich's five settlements, first being mentioned in a deed of gift of 834. For many centuries it was an agricultural community, but, during the 1800s grew into a small industrial town.

