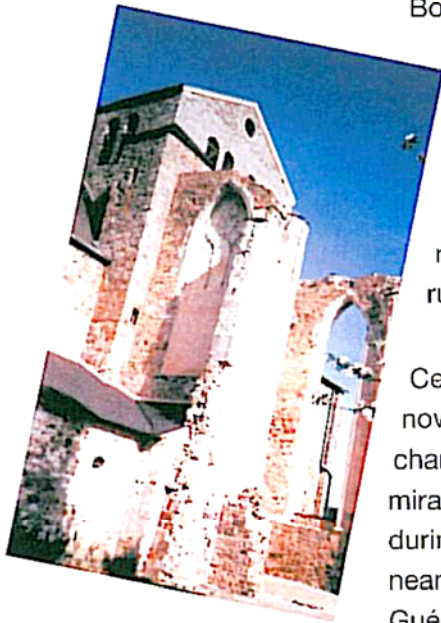


La Roë

Small is beautiful - that's certainly so in the case of lovely La Roë in the Mayenne district of France, a short drive from the port of St Malo.



Both La Roë and its twin village, Bradley in Stafford Borough, are very similar in size. With populations of around 350, both lie in rural areas.

In fact, La Roë's local economy is almost totally dependent on farming and rural tourism. Within the village boundaries there are no less than 18 farms, ranging in size from 250 acres down. In La Roë, tractors rule the road!

La Roë's main tourist attraction is probably the 11th Century abbey, founded in 1096 by Robert d'Arbrissel and now being lovingly restored. The building reflects the changes in architecture over the last 900 years. By a small miracle, the abbey records were saved from destruction during the French Revolution and they are now kept in the nearby town of Laval. A 19th century windmill, the Moulin des Gués, is a designated historic monument.

La Roë has a small shop, a post office and a superb restaurant! In addition, La Roë has a beautiful Chateau which offers bed & breakfast accommodation.

Right on the doorstep, anglers can try their luck on local rivers and streams, while wind surfing and other water sports are popular on the lake at La Rincerie.

Residents of La Roë are very enthusiastic about their links with Bradley, which help to promote both culture and tourism, an arrangement which is mutually beneficial.

