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**STAFFORD BOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

**A Busy Season for Twins**

Have you ever wondered what Stafford's links with its twin towns actually amount to, apart from the names listed on the signs at the borough boundaries? According to the Chair of the Stafford Borough Twinning Association, Ian Glover, there is a lot more to twinning than meets the eye and he is looking to a very busy season indeed as far as twinning activities are concerned.

'A party from our twin town in Germany, Dreieich, arrived in Stafford this week. They will be followed, next week, by a group from our French twin, Belfort. Both groups of visitors will be staying with families in Stafford. In many cases, this means a return to stay with friends, first met when twinning began. Our link with Dreieich, is more than twenty-five years old and our link with Belfort is now into its second decade. Both groups of visitors will be looking around Staffordshire, as well as taking part in social activities. Looking further ahead, three groups will leave Stafford in the Autumn, one to visit Tarragona in Spain, another to visit Stafford, Virginia, in the USA and a third to visit Rimbach in Germany. We will be busy, but in a way that we welcome, indeed look forward to. All of us involved want to add weight to the visible signs. Not just the flags in front of the railway station and the signs at the borough boundary, but the very real and strong links that continue to bind us to old friends and introduce more people of Stafford to new ones.'

Anyone wishing to get involved in Stafford's Twinning activities, in any way, would be most welcome and should ring Ian Glover on 01785 824494.