

Artannes-sur-Indre is a friendly village, slightly bigger than Bathford. It's in the Loire Valley, near Tours. This area is famed for good food and wine and superb chateaux.



Spirit of Twinning

Ordinary tourism can be superficial, perhaps restricted to sight-seeing, a hotel and limited contact with locals.

By contrast, twinning will introduce you directly to French families and you will stay in their homes.

When the French visit us, you will have the opportunity to welcome them into your home and/or help with the visit.

This leads to greater understanding and friendship between our two countries.

What happens?

Every year we take it in turns to visit each other's country. The host village arranges sight-seeing and entertainment. This is normally over a long weekend.

In addition, there are often small, special interest trips. For example, we have had:

- workshops for amateur musicians and singers with joint performances
- a visit from the top class of the primary school in Artannes
- a cookery event introducing the French to English Christmas cooking
- a tour of English gardens
- a beer appreciation weekend
- shared holidays - examples have been Devon, Brittany, the Isle of Wight and Bordeaux.

Practicalities

It doesn't cost anything to be part of the Twinning Association—just join our mailing list.

Accommodation will be given to you free in France but there will be a contribution from guests towards communal meals and activities. Travel to Artannes is usually in private cars or public transport and it may be possible to arrange lifts.

You don't need to speak or understand French although it helps.

The French are always interested in meeting new families. This might be a fascinating way for your children to experience another culture.

Does this appeal?

If this sounds interesting, bear in mind the following points.

You need to:

- be interested in France and the French way of life
- be happy to stay in a French home and not bothered by unfamiliar food and customs
- be prepared to offer reciprocal hospitality or help in other ways
- live within the Bathford/Kingsdown area

Please visit our website:

www.bathfordtwinning.org.uk



Contacts

If you would like to learn more, you can contact us at:

info@bathfordtwinning.org.uk

As a supporter, your name and contact details can be put on our database (in line with our Privacy Policy—see website). This will ensure that you receive newsletters and notice of all events.

Any of the committee (below) will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Chair:	Maureen Breeze
Vice Chair:	Jenny Matthews
Minutes Secretary:	Colin Priston
Treasurer:	Kevin Marris
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Social Activities

There are social events during the year in Bathford for anyone interested in the Twinning Association. News of events such as Safari suppers, quiz nights, Saturday morning 'Rendezvous' (chats with coffee and croissants in the café) and the AGM, etc. is sent to supporters and also appears in the *Bathford Bulletin*, the *Local Look*, on posters around the area and on the website.

Are you between 16 and 21?

You might be interested in our grant scheme. The Twinning Association will pay the travel costs and some spending money for a young person to pursue an interest or project in Artannes.

Are you involved in a local club or society?

The Twinning Association is keen to encourage you to link up with similar groups in Artannes and has a grant scheme to help cover the costs of group travel to France and will help you make contacts.

Do talk to us if you are interested.

Bathford has been twinned with Artannes since 2005.

Bathford Twinning Association

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