**Summary of the article in the German press about the visit**

The visit in October took place over five days, with 18 guests from Wirksworth and 32 from the south of France including the twin town of Die. All of them were accommodated with hosts and this gave the opportunity to make new friends and meet old friends again. The programme included a walk in the National Park Kellerwald to the chapel; a boat ride around the Eder Dam; a tour round the old town of Frankenburg with a visit to the weekly market and an impressive organ recital in the church. There was a tree planting ceremony in Louisendorf, as the visitors from Die had presented Frankenau with a mulberry tree and the Mayor of Die gave a beautiful speech on the symbolism of the tree for their 40 years of friendship between the two towns and that would continue with new and future generations - the tree represented growth, permanence, strength and deep ties.

On the Saturday evening there was an official dinner with the Mayor of Frankenau; folk dancing from a local youth group and a choir performance. On Sunday morning, the visitors joined the hosts at a church service in Frankenau; followed by a guided tour of Louisendorf with its history of the Huguenots; the monastery at Haina and a tour of a farm in Altenlotheim.

The next twinning visit is to Die from 28 May to 1 June 2025.