

Wirksworth Twinning Association

Newsletter August 2025

Fundraising!

As part of our Twinning Association, you already know how valuable our exchanges and events are in building friendships and cultural understanding across communities. But did you know that much of what we do depends on the success of our fundraising?

To keep our twinning activities running — from hosting guests to supporting youth exchanges and community events — we need funds. That's why we're asking members to lend a hand with our upcoming fundraising efforts.

Whether you can help organise an event, make a cake, sell raffle tickets, or just spread the word, every bit of support counts. It's also a great way to get involved, meet other members, and help shape the future of our association. If you have any ideas of ways we can raise funds, we would love to hear from you.

Join Us at the Market Stall

6th December – and possibly 7th December too!

We're excited to be running a **Twinning Association fundraising stall at the Farmers Market on Saturday, 6th December/Sunday 7th December**, and we'd love your support!

We're asking all members to get involved — whether that's by **coming along on the day to show your support, helping out on the stall**, or simply stopping by for a chat.

Got an idea for a fun activity we could run at the stall? Let us know! We're open to anything that helps draw in a crowd and raises a few extra pounds for our twinning projects.

We're also **collecting prizes** for a tombola / lucky dip / hook a duck — anything small but appealing is welcome (bottles, gift sets, chocolates, etc.). If you can donate a prize, please get in touch. We also plan a guess-the-name-of-the-teddy and need a prize for that.

Please get in touch at: news@wirksworthtwinning.org.uk

Art Knows No Borders!

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September



As part of the Festival Art and Architecture Trail, we are delighted to be able to include the work of four French artists from Die.

The French artists' work, alongside local artists, will be displayed in the Town Hall Corridor.

Roland Dehon lives in a tiny hamlet near Die and has produced work both from on high; watercolours of the valley seen from hang-gliders and paragliders, and from down low; creating marvellous magical worlds – including small doors at the base of trees, and enigmatic characters made from roots, branches and driftwood found on walks.

Bruno Robinne lives in the Quint valley close to Die and concentrates on drawing the landscapes that surround and nourish him.

Hervé Schneider uses photography as a “Zen space”, a return to the essential. His photographic work focuses on our shared environment as a way of raising awareness of its incredible diversity, and to convey the beauty and fragility of the balance of nature.

Come along to the Town Hall and see the art and have a chat. We would love to see you there.

We do need to have someone present at the art display 10am – 5pm both days, so we are putting together a rota. If you would be able to help out even for an hour or two, we would be delighted to hear from you at: news@wirksworthwinning.org.uk

Returning the Favour in 2026

3rd - 10th August 2026



Next year, Wirksworth artists will be sending their work to be exhibited at the Chatillon Arts Festival 3rd - 10th August in Châtillon-en-Diois, a beautiful town close to Die.

This festival celebrates art and wine and is a wonderful opportunity for artists to share their work with a French audience. It's also an opportunity for the French festival visitors to see what brilliant work Wirksworth artists can produce.

So, if you are a Wirksworth artist, or know of someone who is interested in getting involved in the 2026 Chatillon Arts et Vigne festival, please contact Steph at step111@hotmail.com

Next Twinning Film – From Hilde, With Love (In Liebe, Eure Hilde)
Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th September



Our next Twinning film will be in September, after the summer break. This will be a German film with English subtitles. Book tickets on the Northern Light cinema website: www.tnlcinema.co.uk

Berlin, 1942. A shy Hilde falls in love with Hans and gradually finds her place in the resistance group that would come to be known as the “Red Orchestra.” Together, they spend a summer where their relationship entwines with acts of defiance. When members of the group are arrested, however, Hilde and Hans are among their numbers. Inspired by a true story set against the backdrop of conflict, FROM HILDE, WITH LOVE is a tale of love and resistance.

Join us at 7.30pm on Monday 29th for twinning nibbles (the film starts at 8.00pm). Alternatively on Tuesday 30th the film is showing at 5.30pm.

Twining Visit to Wirksworth
2026

We are firming up dates around 4/5/6 July 2026 for the visit to Wirksworth from our friends in our twin towns.

As part of our planning, we are thinking about what themes to have for the visit. We are hoping to possibly have a music theme and would love to hear from you if you have any ideas – or skills – that could be part of our programme. Please email us at: news@wirksworthtwinning.org.uk

Gig in the Park - Reviving Twinning Together: Supporting Darley Dale Twinning Sunday 24th August 2025

In the true spirit of twinning, we've recently been working with **Darley Dale Twinning Association**. While their association has been quiet for some time, it's now being actively revived — and we've enjoyed **sharing ideas and experiences**.

As part of their renewed presence, **Darley Dale Twinning will have a stall at the *Gig in the Park* at Whitworth Park in Darley Dale on Sunday 24th August 2025, from 12 noon to 7pm**. This promises to be a lively community event with **live music, food, and a great atmosphere**.

We'd love to see Wirksworth members pop by to show their support — your presence would be a great show of solidarity and friendship.

More details here:

👉 <https://darleydale.gov.uk/gig-in-the-park-2025/>

