

## **Press Release**

# **Twinning Association Seeks New Members For Year Ahead**

The Hailsham & District Twinning Association is on the lookout for new members to join the group in 2011. If you think that you would like to take part in the group's various social activities and hosting exchanges, and perhaps make friends with a French family, why not join the Association?

The aims of the Hailsham & District Twinning Association are to promote and foster friendship and understanding between the people of Hailsham and its twin town Gournay-en-Bray, to promote and organise hosting visits by individuals and groups of all ages in each direction, and to broaden the mutual understanding of the cultural, educational and recreational activities between the link towns.

The Twinning Charter between was recently renewed in Hailsham in October last year, and will be signed in Gournay-en-Bray later this month, as part of the tenth anniversary twinning celebrations. The Association currently has around 50 members, and is always seeking new members to become involved with twinning events and activities.

Membership is open to anyone living in or near Hailsham. The annual rate for 2011 is just £7.50 per person, rising to £10 in 2012. Membership for under 18s is free.

Keith Townsend, newly elected chairman of the Association, said "Through membership, a myriad of opportunities exist to help organise and take part in social events throughout the year, such as quiz nights, open evenings, friendly sports tournaments, as well as the highly enjoyable annual trips to Gournay-en-Bray."

"We are currently looking for new members who enjoy France and the French way of life - young people, older people, members with children and perhaps most importantly, people with new and fresh ideas for improvements to the way in which the Association carries out its various activities. You have nothing to lose and you'll make plenty of new friends, both at home and abroad!"

Anyone is welcome to join the Hailsham & District Twinning Association. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact John Puttick, Membership Secretary, on 01323 441787 (evenings). Alternatively, log on to [www.hailsham-gournay.org](http://www.hailsham-gournay.org) for further details.

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