

# Hartley Wintney Twinning Association

TWINNED WITH SAINT-SAVIN, FRANCE AND MALLE, BELGIUM

At an Inaugural Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022, twenty residents of Hartley Wintney, Heckfield, Mattingley, Rotherwick and Winchfield, voted to reconstitute the Hartley Wintney Twinning Association with immediate effect.

Gerda Bennett was installed as Chairman, with Sue and David Skellern elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Four Committee Members were also elected: Rosie Hughes, Sheila Smith, Jenny Roberts and Heather Sutcliffe. Louise Cox was appointed as an honorary Vice-President of HWTA in recognition of her outstanding long service to the Twinning ideal.

The principal aim of the Association is to promote and foster friendship and understanding between the people, organisations and interest groups of the five Parishes and the people, organisations and interest groups of the canton of Saint-Savin (France) and Malle (Belgium), including encouraging visits to and from the other communities.

The first opportunity for residents to get involved is to visit Saint-Savin from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. If you are interested to learn more about this, please contact Gerda at [gbt58@btinternet.com](mailto:gbt58@btinternet.com). There are already outline plans to host visitors from Saint-Savin and Malle for a Walking Weekend next year and it's not too early to register an interest in this or simply to be kept informed about Twinning activities. There is no membership fee and no obligation.

The particular emphasis for the Association will be to encourage and assist local organisations to make links with similar counterparts in Saint-Savin and Malle. If your

organisation would like to find out more about this opportunity, please let us know.



And finally, congratulations to the six triathletes from Malle, who visited for the Hart Sprint Triathlon on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Star performer was Jeff Mertens who finished third.

David Skellern