

WIMBORNE-VALOGNES TWINNING ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Single person rate is £6.00 p.a. Family rate is £10.00 p.a.
Subscriptions are due on 1 January but may be paid at the AGM.
Membership will cease if a subscription has not been paid by the end of March, unless we know that there are special circumstances.

Methods of payment. Please tick which you will use:

- By Standing Order.** Once set up this would automatically renew your membership each year without a reminder. We will let you know if the subscription has to be increased. If you do elect to pay by standing order this year please let me know your chosen payment date.
- By cheque** payable to WVTA
- By BACS** using the sort code and account number opposite.

Please help us to keep your database details correct

Name(s)

Address

Postcode

Telephone:

Email:

Please send both parts of this form to:

The WVTA Treasurer
9 Bourne Court, Wimborne, BH21 1DF

Tel : 01202 619892 e-mail: membership@wvta.org.uk

STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

To: The Manager Bank / Building Society
Address:

Postcode

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Sort code

Account number

Please pay to **HSBC Bank plc**

To the credit of **Wimborne-Valognes Twinning Association**

Sort Code **40-46-37** Account no **01403729**

The sum of £..... *Amount in words:.....pounds*

Commence on/.../20..... (day/month/year)

and on(day)(month) each year until further notice.

PLEASE QUOTE MY ACCOUNT NAME WHEN MAKING PAYMENTS

SIGNED *(all signatures are necessary for joint accounts)*

Signature dated/...../20..... *(day/month/year)*

OUR AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

WVTA exists to foster and promote good-will and friendships between individuals, families and clubs of the two towns. Our Twinning Charter was signed in 1968, making us one of the UK's oldest twinning associations.

Our main aim is to help members to make friends in our twin town. Visits by individuals and groups take place in both directions. Accommodation is mostly en famille.

Many members have made strong friendships and further their bonds by visiting independently. We can help sporting and cultural groups to contact their opposite numbers with a view to taking part in events on both sides of the channel, and we try to help young people in both towns to find holiday jobs. We also foster interest in our twin town by making occasional small grants and giving other assistance to local schools and organisations.

Our social programme includes meals, skittles matches, French theme evenings, wine tastings, quizzes, talks, occasional visits to places of interest and French conversation groups at various levels.

HOW WE ARE RUN

WVTA is run by unpaid volunteers elected at an annual meeting, and is independent of the local authority.

Apart from an occasional small grant from the Town Council, it is self-supporting. At some of our events we raise funds so that we can give a proper welcome to visitors from Valognes, reciprocating the generous hospitality they always give us Wimburnians. A quarterly newsletter supported by advertisers contains reports of our activities and members' articles. Concessionary ferry fares are usually available to members.

OUR WEBSITE www.wvta.org.uk

Visit it for details of our association, its programme of events, the latest newsletter and information about exchanges. There are also useful links to French language courses and other websites in Dorset and La Manche.

WHO CAN JOIN WVTA We welcome any person, family or club interested in our aims and activities. You do not have to be able to speak French and there is no residential qualification.

OUR TWIN TOWN

(www.sites.google.com/site/cjvalogneswimborne/)

Valognes is about 20km south of Cherbourg. From there the car journey to Valognes takes about 20 minutes. There is also a rail connection.

The town is situated in the pleasant countryside of the Cherbourg peninsula (le Cotentin) and has a population slightly higher than Wimborne's. The lively centre has good parking, a weekly Friday market and a variety of eating places. Like Wimborne, it is proud of its long and varied history and is known as the "Versailles of Normandy" because of its many stately houses (like the Hôtel de Beaumont). The town suffered serious damage during the 1944 liberation battle when the château and original church were destroyed.

Within easy reach are the beautiful Saire valley (le Val de Saire). The fishing ports of St-Vaast and Barfleur (with spectacular views from its 72m phare,) I'Île de Tatihou (twinned with Brownsea Island) and the wild grandeur of Cap de la Hague.

There are castles to visit at Turlaville, St-Sauveur-le-Vicomte and Briquebec, and picturesque villages and towns such as Carentan, Granville and Ste-Mère-Eglise.

At Barneville-Carteret there are bathing beaches and ferries to the Channel Islands. Utah Beach and various WW2 museums are not far away, while the other D-Day invasion beaches, Gold, Juno, Omaha and Sword and their museums and cemeteries are within easy driving distance.