



Shelford Twinning Association Twinning Visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte 25/28 May 2024

We are really excited that the Parish Councils of both Great and Little Shelford have expressed a desire to be involved with our twinning activities. Shelford Parish Council have kindly agreed to subsidise the cost per child to the tune of 50%, meaning that instead of £90 per child, the cost will be £45 per child.

The visits are open to everyone of all ages: single adults, couples, family groups and teenagers. All we ask is that primary aged children are accompanied by a parent, grandparent or approved guardian.

What are the benefits of the visit?

You get to see a lovely part of France. Verneuil en Halatte is a village of a similar size to Great Shelford, surrounded by the Halatte forest and some beautiful open countryside. It is just north of Paris and is close to some interesting towns : Chantilly, Compiègne, Pierrefonds and Senlis, with its beautiful medieval architecture.

It is an opportunity to experience life with a French family and develop friendships with those of a different culture and language. Most families speak some English and are happy to do so but are delighted if you are prepared to have a go at their language. New friendships are forged with your hosts and others whom you meet in the village ... they are a very welcoming and homely group. Visits, entertainment – as well as food and wine – provide for an excellent experience.

If you have children, you have a wonderful opportunity to spend time with them, away from the busyness of home as well as helping to broaden their experience.

Travel to/from Verneuil is by executive coach via the Channel Tunnel or Ferry.

When is the visit in 2024?

In 2024 the visit is planned for Saturday 25th – Tuesday 28th May (the beginning of the school half term).

What is the cost?

We are delighted to inform you that Great Shelford Parish Council are generously supporting this visit and as a result we are able to offer places for children at £45 per child. The cost per adult is £115 per person.

Any extra expenditure?

All travel and trips are included in the cost of the visit. As you will be staying with a family, your only other expenses would be a small gift for the host family, a little pocket money and your travel insurance for the four days.

** Please note that all travelling adults are expected to become members of the Twinning Association if they are not members already (£10 single membership /£15 family membership) otherwise we may fall foul of legislation which would deem us to be acting as a travel agent and, therefore, illegally.*

How many will there be in the group?

We hope that the group will consist of approx. 48 people and we will be travelling to/from Verneuil-en-Halatte by executive coach.

I'm interested! What is the next step?

If you think that this is something you would enjoy, please contact either of the following: (sarah.haddow@talk21.com) or Colin Jefferson (colin@frenchfrogs.net) to register your interest. You will then be sent the relevant information and a form to complete so that we can match you with a suitable family in France.

Throughout the year, we offer a range of events – illustrated talks, wine-tasting, quiz evenings - to name but a few. Please visit our website for further information: www.shelfordtwinning.org.uk