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FAO Mrs Shona Barton
Argyll & Bute Council

Dear Shona,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for funding from the Twinning Association.

The small group from Helensburgh had a wonderful visit to Thouars in July 2023, and we donated towards a meal and festivities to celebrate the 40th Anniversary.

As mentioned in the letters in previous years the French committee decided to cancel their visit to Helensburgh for 2022 due to the pandemic. To get the bi-annual dates back on track they plan to return to Helensburgh in 2025.

The committee are hopeful that the Twinning Association will receive the Twinning grant as previous years so that we can give our visitors from Thouars a wonderful time in Helensburgh and surrounding areas. The programme of excursions is in development at the moment, but we are finding ticket prices and catering have increased phenomenally. For 50 guests, for example, entry to the Hillhouse could cost upwards of £14 per person, so £700, that's £100 more than when I wrote to you last year. This would also obviously only cover one day of a 7-day itinerary.

Our committee would welcome the support of elected members in maintaining this historical & well-established twinning link and its associated costs. And we thank the elected members for their continual support over the years. It is very much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Dennett
Secretary, Helensburgh and District Twinning Assoc.