

Report No. TC00819 Appendix: D Agenda Item:	Council 20th March 2019
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OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Report Author: Cllr Lowe	Title: Councillor
Subject: Twinning Exchange	
Strategy: Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups. Promote the Town as an attractive place to visit and stay	

Background:

The Oakham Twinning group have now received confirmation that a party of seven members of the Barmstedt community are visiting Oakham 11th – 15th April 2019. The group are spending one day in London as well. Some members of the Group are taking part in the half marathon at Rutland water.

The planned visit includes a Mini Bus Tour of Rutland villages, visit to Burghley House and a reception welcome dinner which is being paid for by the Oakham Twinning fund. That is in Oakham.

The guests will be given a gift box containing items associated with Oakham as a momentum of their stay in the County.

Oakham Town Council set aside a budget for twinning and it being asked if some of the costs incurred over the stay can be paid from this budget, as already said the Germans are visiting London at their own expense, the reception dinner will be covered by Oakham Twinning and the hire of the minibus is being covered by Mr Tim Norton. The minibus will be used for collecting them from and driving them back to Stanstead as well the day trips.

The Council are being asked to contribute toward the visit to Lyddington Bede House, Burghley House, gift boxes and fuel used by the minibus. There will be receipts for all expense reimbursed. Accommodation costs are being covered by host families. Costs are broken down below:

- visiting the Bede House - Maximum £80
- visiting Burghley House - Maximum £250
- gift boxes - Maximum £250
- cost of the fuel - Maximum £300

Decisions Required:

- That Council agrees to contribute to the visit
- To authorise expenditure of a maximum of £900, within the 2019-2020 budget heading allocated to Twinning