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To Oakham Town Mayor and Councillors

9th June 2023

Dear Madam Mayor and Town Councillors

**OAKHAM TWIN TOWN BARMSTEDT IN NORTHWEST GERMANY**

We wish to advise you that we have decided to stand down from the twinning Link with Barmstedt, which has been in existence since 1987, when the Council gave permission to Francis Humphreys, as a Councillor at the time, to form this friendship, The Council stipulated it was to be operated as a non local authority Twinning (ie Fund raising, hosting and operation of the link be undertaken by supporters) Mr Humphreys agreed to do this with Council blessing as an individual , supported by a working committee and supporters .

The first 15-20 years were very successful and enjoyable with many exchanges between the towns including football teams, Vale of Catmose School Band, Scouts band and Scout camping exchanges. Table tennis teams, cyclists. Individual families have visited and hosted and friendships formed.


The link is still alive with less activity than in the early days and we would like to know if the Town Council would wish to continue this Twinning with Barmstedt to avoid it being closed down . The Town Council have been supportive during the 36 years, mainly in the form of welcoming visitors and hosting a small reception in Council offices and it would be good if the link could continue .

We are happy to answer any questions or make a presentation to the Council if it helps.

I enclose a few brochures to give you a glimpse of the town, plus an example of the membership application with brief history. We have informed the Barmstedt Twinning Group of our decision.

We very much look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



F and A Humphreys (original founders of Oakham Twinning Associaton)