

## PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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### TWINNING AGREEMENT WITH LIGNÉ, LOIRE-ATLANTIQUE, FRANCE

The community of Presteigne and Norton has established an official twinning agreement with Ligné, a town of some 3,800 people about 30 km north east of Nantes. It has a mix of agriculture and industry and also, like Presteigne and Norton, it is close to a border, between Brittany and the Loire district. We wish to develop social, cultural and sporting links between the towns, with a particular emphasis on young people. We also believe that the twinning will benefit Presteigne and Norton economically by promoting tourism from the area around Ligné.

Initial contacts took place in 1999 between the Collège St Joseph in Ligné and John Beddoes School, Presteigne. Following the school exchange, the mayor of Ligné and other members of the town council visited Presteigne to hold informal discussions in 2000. In October 2001 eleven people from Presteigne and Norton went to Ligné and spent the weekend there. We were made very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed our visit. We organised a highly successful return visit for fifteen of our friends from Ligné in October 2002. Exchanges have also been taking place between school pupils, young footballers and other groups in both communities. A formal twinning ceremony finally took place in Ligné in October 2003, followed by a second one in Presteigne in May 2004.

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You are welcome to join the Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association, which will entitle you to receive our newsletter and be kept informed of the Association's activities. Please complete the form below and send it with your subscription of £5 per person to the membership secretary, Patricia Wilson, Penkevel, School Lane, Norton, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2EL. Cheques should be made payable to **Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association**.

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