

TWINNING UPDATE (March 2026)

Contact from the new Mayor of Marl

Following the sending of an electronic Christmas card to the new Mayor of Marl, Thomas Terhorst, a card was received from him by The Mayor of Pendle, President of Pendle Twinning Association.

Jennifer Radscheid is doing a very similar job to previously with a bigger team and for the new Mayor of Marl. She continues to cover twinning. There is also a new additional team member for twinning, Benjamin.

Work placement of 2 young people from Creil in October 2026

A work placement for 2 young people from Creil in October 2026 had been offered to Creil. N. Saudrais-Anciant replied that this was not currently possible as our Creil Council contact, R. Diarra, who would normally make decisions re. exchanges, no longer worked there. (She mentioned that no young people from Creil took part in the International Youth Seminar in Kusadasi in Turkey.) In addition she stated there are municipal elections in Creil to appoint a Mayor in March 2026. She suggests that we speak again at their Festival of Associations in Creil, although she didn't yet know whether this would be in June or September 2026.

Guides

There had been an enquiry from 6th Colne Holy Trinity Guides re. possibly sharing information with a Guide unit from Marl or Creil as part of their World Culture badge. Initial plans would be that they would write postcards. Marl and Creil were contacted to ask if a unit there would be interested.

H. Mengert from Marl Twinning Association advises that they have a Scout group who are very keen to be in touch with 6th Colne Holy Trinity Guides. (Scout seems to be used as a generic term in German – H. Mengert referred to the Colne Guides as “Scout girls” in 1 email.) Contact details re. the Marl group have been forwarded to A. Mann of 6th Colne Holy Trinity Guides.

Pendle Ladies' Choir & Colne Golf Club

H. Mengert has kindly provided contact details so that Pendle Ladies' Choir & Colne Golf Club can contact equivalent groups in Marl if they wish.

Creil advise there is no longer a ladies' choir in Creil. N. Saudrais-Anciant says she has the address of a golf club, which is not in Creil itself and she could find out more.

Saxophone Quartet from Marl in 2027

René Lankeit, Arts and Culture Officer at Marl Council and a talented musician himself, advises that they are thinking about visiting Pendle with their saxophone quartet in 2027 and asks if Pendle Twinning Association would be interested in that.

50th Anniversary of Wind Band from Marl in 2029

René Lankeit states that their wind band will celebrate its 50-year anniversary in 2029. He asks if Pendle Twinning Association would be interested in a concert in Pendle too. René says he would love to come to England with 50 people in 2029. He asks if we have any ideas for accommodating 50 people in the Pendle area. If the Association is interested in this project, René could send us more information.

Twinning holiday in La Rochelle in September 2026

N. Saudrais-Anciant is organising the trip to La Rochelle via Nantes, Noirmoutier and the Poitevin marshes in September 2026 and urgently needs to know if members of Pendle Twinning Association wish to attend.

Venue of meeting

The next Twinning meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th March 2026 will take place in the Members Room at Nelson Town Hall.