

*A Twinning Agreement
between the village of Mountsorrel, United Kingdom
and the Cultural Association of the Château of Montsoreau, France.*

Preamble

Deep and numerous links have been woven throughout history between the village of Mountsorrel, United Kingdom and the Castle of Montsoreau, France, both built on the banks of the Soar and Loire rivers. The Mountsorrel Castle and the Château of Montsoreau played an important role in the wars between Etienne de Blois (Stefen) and Henry II Plantagenet. The Mountsorrel Castle was built on the model of the Château of Montsoreau by Stefen's enemies and named "Mountsorrel" in reference to the Château of Montsoreau.

In recognition of this special and long lasting relationship, each community desires to document and solidify its commitment to the other. This Twinning Agreement between the Village of Mountsorrel (United Kingdom) and the Cultural Association of the Château de Montsoreau (France) outlines our mutual commitment to the development of active and meaningful relationships between our structures so as to create and sustain a long-term twinning relationship. This twinning agreement aims to strengthen and develop these links in a sustainable way. We therefore agree that:

Purpose of Agreement

We will foster mutual understanding in such areas as arts, culture, education and history to help in the cause of world peace.

We will encourage the involvement of community groups in our twinning relationship to develop a spirit of co-operation and create strong bonds of friendship.

We will execute the attached proclamation of the twinning to further evidence our commitment.

*Protocol for Delegations between the Village of Mountsorrel and the Cultural
Association of the Château of Montsoreau*

We will support exchange visits between the village of Mountsorrel and the Cultural association of the Château of Montsoreau by ensuring that visitors are provided with the opportunity to explore their specific areas of interest and are offered the following courtesies:

Delegations that are officially sanctioned by their respective municipal or associative authorities will be greeted upon their arrival in the host city by a like delegation (in size and status) and will be hosted at such events as are determined by the designate.

Unofficial delegations which include groups or individuals not officially sanctioned by their respective municipal or associative authorities, will be greeted upon their arrival in the host city by appropriate persons who can assist them with their specific interests (including assistance for billeting, tours and meetings where appropriate).

Adequate notice of all delegations should be provided to the hosting village in accordance with this agreement.

Development of strong cultural and educational links, will be arranged directly between the competent person designated by the village of Mountsorrel and the competent person designated by the Cultural association of the Château of Montsoreau.

Responsible Committees and Twin City Contacts

The persons groups having responsibility for twinning activities are:
the Parish Council of Mountsorrel, United Kingdom
and
the Cultural Association of the Château of Montsoreau, France.

Gifts

Official gifts may be exchanged between the Village of Mountsorrel and the Cultural Association of the Château of Montsoreau on special anniversaries of this agreement. Gift exchanges may take place more frequently between delegations, groups and individuals and will be at the expense of the exchanging parties.

No Exclusivity

This agreement does not limit either Village of Mountsorrel or the cultural Association of the Château of Montsoreau from establishing other twinning agreements but commits both communities to advising the other of their intention to develop a twin relationship with another community.

Regular Reviews

It is the intent of the signatories that this agreement will establish a long-term relationship and therefore provisions will be made for regular reviews of the agreement to ensure that it continues to meet the purpose and goals as established in the attached Proclamation.

Signed this date, at place, City, Country.

Lorraine Davies, Parish Clerk
Mountsorrel, United Kingdom

Philippe Méaille, President
Cultural association of the Château of
Montsoreau, France