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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lydney Town Council and Lydney & District Twinning Association Host Visit from Brehal representatives - Held on Thursday 9th May 2024

The Mayor, Councillor Tasha Saunders, on behalf of Lydney Town Council and the residents of Lydney welcomed representatives from Brehal, Normandy at an event held on Thursday 9th May at Lydney Town Hall.

Lydney & District Twinning Association was formed 33 years ago following a school exchange between the then Whitecross School and the Vanlee College in Brehal, Normandy. The proposal for a formal 'Declaration of Friendship' was put to both Town Councils where it received great support and the document was signed by both Town Mayors (Bill Hobman and Andre Clement) in June 1991.

Since this date, the Lydney and District Twinning Association have been acting on behalf of the Town to develop and maintain the cultural relationship with the Brehal Twinning Association. This essentially takes the form of a cultural exchange between families of both towns, usually during the May half-term period, with each town hosting on alternate years.

Brehal Town Council have consistently provided support to the Twinning relationship and in recognition of the 30th anniversary they commissioned a presentation bell which was given to Lydney & District Twinning Association.

The bell has pride of place at Lydney Town Hall.



Lead representative from Brehal; Mayor, Councillor Tasha Saunders; Andrew Dean, Chair, Lydney & District Twinning Association

The representatives from Brehal, who are visiting Lydney from 9th to 12th May 2024 and the Twinning Association are arranging a series of events including a celebration dinner and an afternoon trip on the Forest of Dean Railway.



The Twinning Association are supported by Lydney Town Council in hosting the delegation in Lydney.

A lead representative thanked Lydney Town Council and the Lydney & District Twinning Association for the hospitality.



Lead representative from Brehal; Andrew Dean, Chair, Lydney & District Twinning Association



Mayor Saunders thanked the Lydney & District Twinning Association for their work and the representatives from Brehal for coming to Lydney, as well as wishing them an enjoyable and informative stay.

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