

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

GDPR is an EU regulation which came into force on 25 May 2018. It makes clear requirements on any organisation which collects and stores data about individuals. The Committee has considered the regulations and have agreed a draft policy and will ask the membership to ratify it at the AGM in November. Full details will be sent out in advance of the AGM.

The basic principles as they affect BMCTA are :-

1. Organisations have to list the information held on its members

In BMCTA we record name, address, telephone numbers email addresses, subscription paid, dates of membership. During planning for visits we collect additional information.

2. Organisations have to identify what is done with the data and how long it is kept and whether it is shared with others.

In BMCTA the information listed above is held for as long as the subject is a member of BMCTA and for a further 12 months. The data is used for purposes of contact, newsletters etc.. It would not be shared with a third party except at the request of the subject

3. Organisations have to identify how it manages the data and appoint a Data Controller and Data Protection Officer.

In OHPRA the Chairman and Secretary, have access to the the basic membership details. It seems feasible initially to identify the "Committee" as the Data Protection Controller and an officer of the Committee as the Data Protection Officer.

4. Members must be able to easily request access to their personal information; easily update their personal information; easily request deletion of personal information and easily request that information be delivered to themselves or a third party.

Consent must be obtained to process a person's data and a privacy policy should be written in clear terms. It should be easy for a member to withdraw consent. A draft policy has been agreed by the Committee and will be up for ratification at the AGM.

5. The GDPR sets out a set of lawful bases as the only allowable justifications for processing personal data.

OHPRA relies on "Legitimate Interest" because the minimal personal data collected for annual membership is necessary for the functioning of a twinning association.

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BURY METRO COMMUNITY TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER July 2018

Visitors from Tulle 8 - 13 July 2018



Reception at the Town Hall,

Twenty one visitors from Tulle arrived in Bury on the evening of 8th. July. Nine of our visitors were visiting Bury for the first time. The age range of our group (including hosts as well) was from nine to ninety and it all ran like clockwork. Monday was a day for families but visits

were additionally organised to Manchester Cathedral and Chetham's Library; people explored Hanging Ditch and found a cafe serving scones in town.

On Tuesday we went to the Lake District and cruised on MV Swan from Bowness to Lakeside and travelled on by steam train to



Haverthwaite before moving on to the Barton Grange garden centre for refreshments really, although the garden centre was clearly of interest to our guests. On the way home, the Olympus Restaurant in Bolton provided fish and chips and apple pie and custard and Dorothy provided the accompaniment as the Marseillaise was rendered by all



with great enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, The Mayor, Councillor Jane Black hosted the reception at the Town Hall and clearly enjoyed welcoming our visitors in their mother tongue. In the afternoon we were guests of Hollins Bowling Club



and on this occasion, the crown green bowling competition was won by the English. Tea and cakes in the interval impressed our guests.



Plans for bingo etc. in Hollins Social Club were overtaken by the match between England and Croatia and in the event we all vowed to support France in the World Cup final

This year because of airline schedules, our guests spent an extra day with us and on Thursday we visited Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope, where



members of the group found the experience really fascinating or not depending on their personal interests.

In the evening, dinner at the Owens Restaurant in Ramsbottom brought the programme to a close and allowed guests and hosts to say their farewells warmly and enjoyably.



Postscript.

We are aware that some members were disappointed that they did not know of the visit and were not able to participate. We are sorry about this. However, the visit was announced at the AGM and at the Christmas dinner and mentioned in earlier newsletters. Members informed us of their wish to host and for the first time we were not required to advertise; indeed some volunteers were disappointed and we had a reserve list of hosts. Where non hosting members contacted the planning committee with a view to participation and where there was room, we were able to oblige where this was possible, for example at the Hollins bowling event. Otherwise, available places were essentially taken up by hosts, guests and non hosting members of the planning committee.