



Storrington & District Twinning Association Spring Newsletter

Newsletter 2025

In late October members of the Twinning travelled to Villerest set in Rhone Alps for the bi-annual exchange visit. We were greeted, as always, with a very warm welcome and friendship.



Along with the Storrington contingent, Cerrione, Provance of Biella, Italy also attended sending 30 members.

During the four day event we visited a local family owned jam making factory showing us how they start the process from freshly picked fruit to the end product in the jar. Of course the visit was not complete without tasting many of the different varieties on sale. The following day the choice of either a guided tour to visit the historical town of Roanne's Town Hall built from 1865 with it's beautiful fountain or to visit Les Halles Diderot, a place for gourmets, selling local produce, sweet and savoury specialists, where you will always

find something to delight you. For example, the Pastry - Chocolaterie. A speciality since 1958 “La Pralulin”. Customers will queue a long time waiting to buy one or two. Then there is the Maison Mons cheese counters, fishmongers, greengrocers etc. Also in Roanne there is the old town and its castle.



To round off the visit we were accompanied by the Mayor of Villerest and Cerrione for our last supper at the Village Hall. Whilst paella was being cooked in the kitchen a magician entertained us. In all it was a very enjoyable visit.

We are now focusing on a return visit from Villerest on 11-14th June 2026.

