

Stapleford Twinning Association

Stapleford has been twinned with Villedômer, a small village near Tours in the Loire Valley of France since 1979, making it one of the most long lasting Twinning Associations in the country.

We hold exchange visits annually, going to France one year and welcoming the French to Stapleford in the following year. The Twinning Association organises the visits, raises funds to meet expenses incurred during the French visits to this country and provides social activities for its members

In 2024 it was our turn to return to Villedômer, where we received the usual warm welcome from old friends and made new ones. We visited a fascinating sea-life centre, tasted a variety of wines in an underground winery carved out of the limestone, had a guided tour of an old local water mill currently being restored and helped bake delicious pies in their ancient bread oven. We were entertained by the local band and invited to lunch by an English couple who have created a very luxurious campsite and education centre in the grounds of a Château just outside Villedômer.

We are looking forward to welcoming our friends to Stapleford this year from 22nd to 25th May, when we will be taking them to London (their request) and to Cambridge as well as wining and dining them locally.

If you would like to find out more about the Twinning Association and for joining details, please visit the website <http://twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk/> or contact the Chairman: Tony Hore Email: smokytone@aol.com