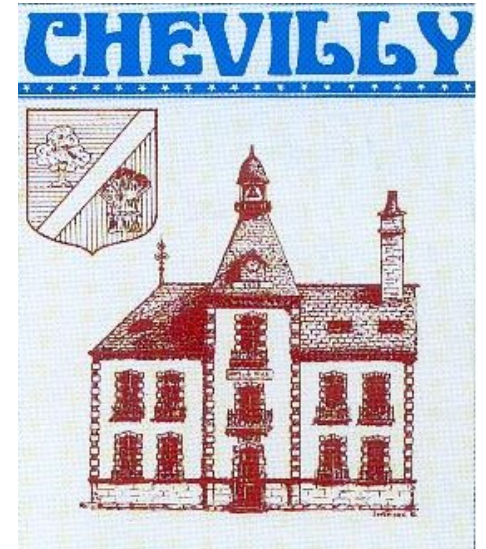


Curry Rivel and District Twinning Association



To promote Anglo-French
understanding through
friendship and travel and to foster a
special and lasting relationship with
the people of Chevilly.



Further to explore and
develop cultural, business, educa-
tional and wider social links with
Chevilly



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CURRY RIVEL/CHEVILLY TWINNING

I/we wish to join the Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association and enclose the appropriate subscription
of £..... Cash/cheque. *Please make cheques payable to Curry Rivel Twinning Association.*
I understand that membership entitles me to receive details of all twinning events.

SURNAME..... FORENAME/S.....

ADDRESS.....

POSTCODE..... TELEPHONE..... E-MAIL.....

If a family please give names and date of birth.....

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ABOUT THE TWINNING

The Curry Rivel Twinning Association was formally constituted in January 1998 after successful negotiations with our partners from Chevilly. The first charter was signed in Chevilly in May 1998, followed by a second signing in Curry Rivel on 1 May 1999. This was a glorious occasion in full sunshine and was attended by our MP, David Heath, our Euro MP, Graham Watson, the Chairman of Somerset County Council, Ralph Clarke as well as the Chairs of the District and Parish Council, and, of course, the Mayor of Chevilly.

Since then the friendship and understanding between our two communities has gone from strength to strength. We visit Chevilly on alternative years and they come here in-between. We stay in French homes for a weekend usually in early May and are always warmly welcomed.

We have a committee of nine members and a membership of around 80 people from Curry Rivel and the surrounding area. We organise a series of fund-raisers to help us host our French friends and we are involved in other French-related projects locally.



The French town of Chevilly lies in the Department of Loiret, just north of the historic city of Orleans and the beautiful River Loire with its celebrated wines and chateaux. Further north is the cathedral city of Chartres with its famous spire and stained glass.

Chevilly is surrounded by rolling farm-land and forests and the area, like our own, is essentially agricultural. The town has roughly the same population as Curry Rivel, though, typically for French rural communities, it has its own Mayor and 'Mairie' and a strong sense of local identity, with many thriving community organisations, sports clubs, a pre-school and a primary school. There is a fire station, (the 'Sapeurs Pompiers' were hoping that there would be a fire-station in Curry Rivel!) and a number of small and medium-sized businesses.

Our French partners take this twinning very seriously and together we are working to encourage young people and families to participate and take an interest

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Who can join the Twinning Association?

All are very welcome from Curry Rivel and neighbouring villages.

Do I have to speak French?

Certainly not. There will be someone around who can speak French when the two communities meet; many of our French friends have little or no English, but still have a good time when they come.

Do I have to go on the visit to Chevilly or host a French family if I join?

Members may choose whichever activities they join in. There is a programme of social events running throughout the year. Sometimes personal circumstances make it difficult to host a family at the time of the visit. Naturally we hope to take a good-sized party to Chevilly and are keen to find host families. There is no shortage of interest in the exchange on the French side.

What does it cost to join?

£7.50	Individual
£15.00	Family
£15.00	Organisation

How can I join?

Fill in the application form on the back and send to Membership Secretary (see reverse).