

**Application to join the Association**

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

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Tel. no.....

E-mail.....

I/We wish to join the Association and enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association.

Signed.....

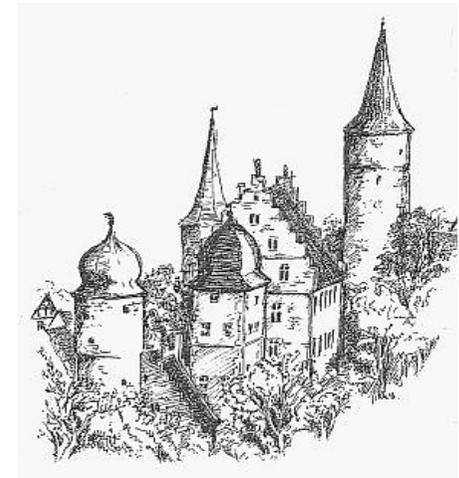
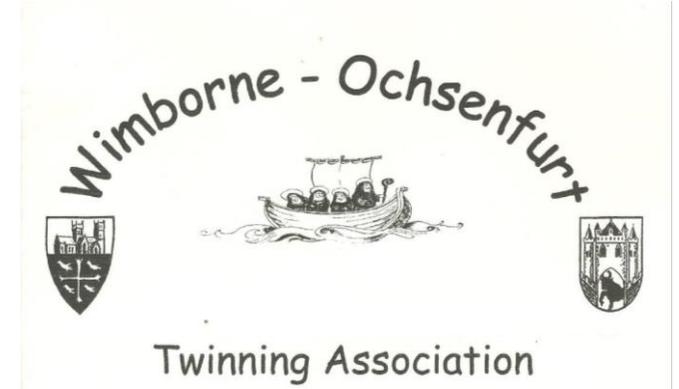
If you are able and would like to host when our friends visit, then it would be helpful to know how many guests you would be able to accommodate.

I/ We can accommodate ..... people.

A knowledge of German is not essential.



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## **A Brief History:**

A unique connection exists between the two towns of Wimborne Minster and Ochsenfurt when around 740AD nuns from Wimborne's double monastery were sent as missionaries to Germany (Franconia) after St Boniface wrote asking for help in his work converting the pagan tribes there to Christianity. They are remembered to this day as Patron Saints of towns and villages and several were beatified including Saint Thekla. The nuns are also credited with taking over vines to grow there.

In the 1980s a priest from of Ochsenfurt came to Wimborne researching this connection and in 1985 the Bürgermeister of Ochsenfurt visited Wimborne to take part in the service of thanksgiving for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII. After this visit it was decided to formalise a Twinning agreement between Wimborne and Ochsenfurt, and this was signed in November 1989 in Ochsenfurt, notably coinciding with the fall of Berlin Wall

### **Ochsenfurt and area**

A pretty and historic town, Ochsenfurt is situated on the banks of the river Main, south-east of the city of Würzburg, in the charming area known as Franken in the State of Bavaria. The area is rural, with Ochsenfurt's main industry being sugar-refining, using the

sugar beet which is grown in the fields around the area.

This is also very much a wine-growing area and all along the river Main dotted with traditional villages, the banks rise steeply and are covered in vines. The varieties of grape vary from vineyard to vineyard, with both red and white grapes grown and bottled in the traditional and distinctive Bocksbeutel. The food in the area is rich and varied, with many types of tasty sausages, pork, game, and luscious breads and cakes!

### **Visits and events**

Twinning visits take place annually alternating between the two towns. Relationships and friendships between the communities have developed well over the last 30 years with private visits also taking place throughout the year between old and new friends.

A full social calendar of events for members is organised in between visits:

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### **Aims and Objects of the Association**

a) To promote and foster friendship and understanding between the people of the Wimborne area and those of Ochsenfurt and its environs.

b) To encourage visits by individuals and groups to and from the two towns, particularly by young people, and the development of personal contacts to broaden the mutual understanding of the historic links cultural, recreational and commercial activities of the linked towns.

If you would like to know more about the Association, or would consider joining, please contact the membership secretary.

### **Membership**

Individual membership	£8.00
Family membership including all those resident at the given address.	£12.00
Corporate membership e.g. schools, companies, clubs etc.	£15.00

Please send this completed form to:

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