



APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANTS FOR TWINNING COMMITTEES

APPENDIX 3.

Please return completed form to:

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Or by email to peter.smith-parkyn@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

NB. A signed version should also be provided.

Name of Twinning Group

CAEN

Grant Applicant's name

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Grant Applicant's Address

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Post Code.....

Project Title

VISIT of CAEN FIRE DELEGATION TO PORTSMOUTH

Outline of Project


(SEE ATTACHED REPORT)

Explain how this project will benefit people in Portsmouth

Proposed start date (if applicable)

Proposed end date (if applicable)

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Finance and Management		
Please give a breakdown of the estimated costs for the project for which you are seeking funding		
	A	B
Item or Activity (Please provide a breakdown of how the grant requested is expected to be used)	Amount Requested from PCC	Total Cost
VISIT OF FRENCH FIRE DELEGATION (CAEN)	£ 300.00	£
TO PORTSMOUTH FIRE SERVICE.	£	£
21 st SEPTEMBER 2013	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
Total Cost of Project	£ 300.00	£
If the total cost in column B is higher than the total cost in column A please state where the rest of the funding will come from.		
Please give bank details (to which grant can be paid if application is successful)		
Name of Bank.....		
Address.....		
Sort Code..... Account Number		
Names and positions of two signatories to the bank account		
1.....		
2.....		
Signature 		Date 24 SEPTEMBER 2013
For or Date		Grant approved Yes/No Date.....

French (Caen) Fire-fighters Visit to Portsmouth - 21 September 2013

The visit was a great success and everyone went home happy and tired. The French, as I suspected, saw lots of equipment and techniques they do not have and there is talk of them coming back to visit the ambulance service to see how they can improve their frontline response techniques. While they do not have paramedics, they do have emergency nurses who have a higher level of medical training than current ambulance crews and there is talk of re-arranging human resources to get closer to our model within their existing structure, which seems feasible and would be a major step change for them.

On the fire side, they admired the ergonomics of the latest appliances and our 112/999 centralised system which allows other services apart from that requested to be mobilised as required which saves time and money. They were also impressed with the level of IT available on a modern fire truck. They are still operating on hard copies which can get lost or be out of date. Presentations were made about ship board fire fighting and visits were made to both HMS Victory and HMS Warrior to discuss techniques when dealing with wooden ships.

They were shown the video about the Shirley Tower fire which killed two fire-fighters and were deeply moved at the tragedy and impressed that the investigation had been compiled into a training video and circulated to anybody with an interest in fire safety, evacuation and fire management. They plan to have the video translated into French and to introduce it into their training regime.

They were also very impressed with the number of people who turned out to a station open day and could see the value in both reaching out to their community and using the opportunity for education and information. They were very impressed with the long running smoke alarm initiative. They preach the same gospel but are not out there proactively fitting alarms in the homes of the vulnerable. Smoke alarm penetration in France is nothing like here where it is pretty much universal.

They loved the full English breakfast served up at the station and were happy munching a burger at lunchtime while being lectured because the timetable was starting to slip and enjoyed the evening meal at the Jolly Sailor. The band fired up at around 21:00 which also went down well

All in all, the event exceeded my expectations and this is what twinning ought to be about as well as the other stuff that we do. I was sorry that the senior police man did not turn up as promised which was a bit embarrassing, but they took away so much I do not think that they really noticed. However, there is scope for twinning the French fire service and British police divers. I will look into this a bit further in due course. I very much hope that this sort of activity can be extended to our other twinned cities, or at least the ones we can reach relatively easily.

There was talk of a return visit to Caen and I suggested the International day as the appropriate time.

Report by K. Chippindall-Higgin