

## Our Vision

Our Vision is to have active links and contacts between people and organizations in Coalville and Romans, exchanging work, ideas and experiences to further a better understanding of each other's culture and way of life.



## Welcome to Coalville & District Town Twinning Association

Membership of our Town Twinning Association is open to anyone living in and around the Coalville Area.

New Members are always welcome.

***You do not need to be able to speak French.***

Members may take part in exchange visits to Romans-sur-Isère in alternate years, subject to hosts being found.

If you go on an exchange you are expected to host a French person or couple the following year (usually the people you have stayed with).

You can also offer to host a French Visitor, even if you do not wish to go to France.

There is a small Membership fee which helps to support our organization. It covers a single person or a family. (*see web site for details*). For this you will receive our Newsletter several times each year and be able to attend the Quarterly Meetings and AGM.

You will also be able to take part in social and fund raising activities locally and meet people who have exchanged.

We have run Youth Exchange schemes in the past. We would now like to develop links between local organisations, groups, clubs and people interested in music, sport and the arts.

### Local Groups & Organizations

Local groups and organizations here can use our Association to make links or develop projects with similar groups and organizations in Romans-sur-Isère and can become affiliated members.



For more information or to contact us go to  
[www.coalvilletowntwinning.org.uk](http://www.coalvilletowntwinning.org.uk)

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# Coalville & District ROMANS-SUR-ISÈRE Town Twinning ASSOCIATION

*Your passport to French life !*



*Get to know your Twin Town  
its People  
Customs  
Culture &  
Daily Life*



## Why join Town Twinning?

Belonging to Town Twinning gives you the opportunity to get to know a beautiful part of France, its people and customs.

### **WE HAVE BEEN TWINNING FOR OVER 50 YEARS**

In addition to our exchange visits there are opportunities to link up with individuals, groups and organizations in Romans - to compare and share work, hobbies and experiences of how things work in France.

Romans is very different from Coalville. It is an ancient town with a long history and attractive old buildings on the banks of the beautiful river Isère at the foot of the Vercors mountains in southern France.

The town and its people have a strong cultural tradition - there are many concerts and multi-cultural events throughout the town, thriving open air markets and of course many cafes, restaurants and bars making use of the pavements and attractive town squares.

Things are organized differently and French priorities seem to emphasize the quality of life and culture. Every year there is a large International Festival featuring traditional music and dance from all over the world - one of the best in France!



## Who is Town Twinning for ?

*Well, it could be for YOU !*

### **Families & individuals**

#### **Young and Old**

*Meet and stay with a family in France on our Group Exchange - or just visit and meet people through our contacts.*

### **Local Clubs and Organizations**

#### **Sports Clubs, Arts, Music, Dance, Ramblers, Cyclists, Photo Clubs, Choirs, Bands**

*Visit Romans to meet and participate in activities or just exchange work and ideas with a similar group in Romans or arrange displays and exhibitions.*

### **Schools & Colleges**

#### **Primary Schools, Secondary Schools & Colleges**

*Link up with similar schools and colleges in Romans - compare work, arrange joint projects and displays.*

### **Businesses & Service Organizations**

#### **Local Businesses, Farmers, Councils, Fire and Ambulance Services etc.**

*Find out how businesses and services are run in France from the European dimension.*

## Exchange Visits

We normally have an Exchange visit with the people of Romans-sur-Isère each year. French families come to Coalville one year and we take a group over there the following year.

We usually stay with families and offer a reciprocal arrangement, which means people can really live and experience local family life and activities here and in Romans.

There is also a programme of visits and activities organized for the group - and of course there is the opportunity to sample local food, wine and cultural activities.

### **You do not need to be able to speak French**

If you are apprehensive about staying with a family you have never met, then we may be able to arrange a 'taster' visit for you - but that, of course, would be more expensive.

