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FAO Mrs Shona Barton  
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Dear Shona,

Further to my email earlier this month, please accept this letter as a formal request for funding from the Twinning Association.

After a very successful visit to Thouars in July 2019, we are now focussed on the excursions, activities and catering for the Thouars group visit which has been delayed from July 2021 to 2022 due to current restrictions. With very limited opportunity to fundraise through the pandemic we are very keen to secure this funding again for this year. There could be upwards of 50 guests coming and a simple entry to the Hillhouse for everybody could cost upwards of £600. The plan is very much to keep as much of the activities for the economic benefit of our surrounding area, giving a much-needed boost to local businesses. We are keen that the group from Helensburgh travel to Thouars in 2023 as this will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are looking forward to taking new families and individuals to benefit from the cultural opportunities that twinning brings.

Our committee would welcome the support of elected members in maintaining this twinning link and its associated costs. And we thank the elected members for their continual support over the years. It is very much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Dennett  
Secretary, Helensburgh and District Twinning Assoc.