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Dear Belinda

As Secretary of the Helensburgh and District Twinning Association I am once again applying for a grant from Argyll and Bute Council for our forthcoming Twinning visit to our twin town, Thouars in France, from 12-19 July 2015.

The group will be 39 adults and 12 children, all staying with French families for the visit. We will be making our own travel arrangements, the majority travelling by plane with Ryanair from Edinburgh to Poitiers. This airport is approximately one hours drive from Thouars.

The only other expenditure for the visit is the coach hire for trips and the airport run. Once again the Scottish Twinners will pay for the coach, usually this is in the region of £50.00 per head. If we were lucky enough in obtaining this grant, we hope it would pay for the children's contribution for the coach. It could also be used for gifts for the French committee and a special gift for the Mayor of Thouars. These gift will all be bought locally, as we feel it is important to support our local traders.

Once again we feel privileged to be able to take part in the Fête Nationale (Bastille Day) on 14<sup>th</sup> July, this is a National Holiday in France. Several of the children are members of the Margaret Rose School of Dance and they will be performing on this special day and also at other events arranged by our hosts.

As a group we continually fund raise for the visit to Helensburgh by our French friends. Twice a year we run the 'Tea Bar' at the Food and Craft Fair held in the Victoria Halls. More recently we held a Ceilidh and any money raised from these events all goes towards the next visit here in 2017.

I trust you will find this all in order and I hope the council will approve our application for some help with funding from the Argyll and Bute Twinning Budget.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Sue

Sue Hume  
Secretary, Helensburgh and District Twinning Assoc.