

Guildford and Freiburg celebrate link Twins for 30 years

Freiburg facts

- Freiburg and Guildford have many similarities – they are both historic towns surrounded by countryside, with regional shopping centres and business activity, a university and cathedral.
- Freiburg's Gothic cathedral dates from 1510 and stands in the ancient market place, where a daily farmers' market is held.
- The city is recognised as one of the greenest – with a strong commitment to the use of energy saving measures and renewable energy.

Guildford will celebrate 30 years of twinning with German city Freiburg this summer.

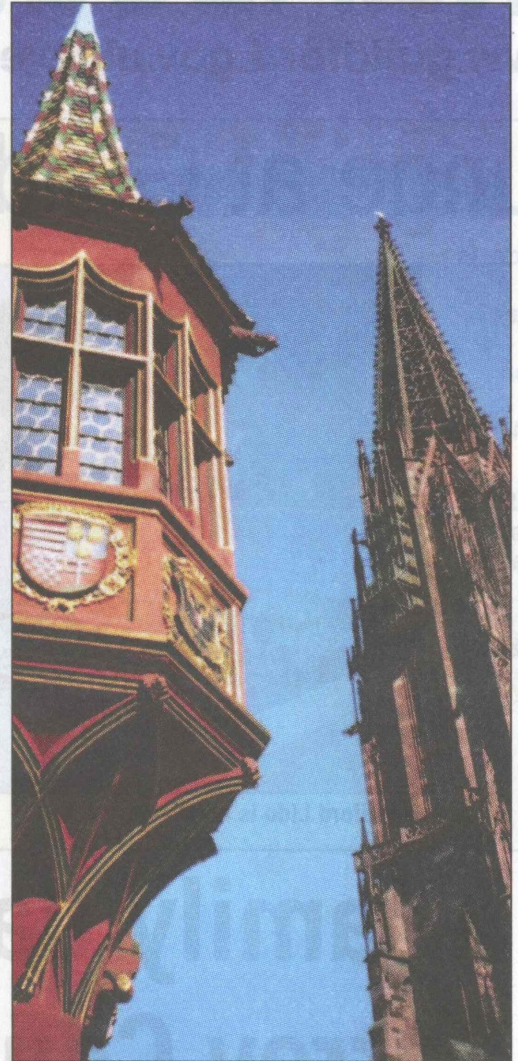
The Mayors of Guildford and Freiburg signed a Deed of Partnership in 1979 as 'a token and promise of lasting friendship between the two communities'.

A Guildford Freiburg Association was formed to promote the aims of the twinning – encouraging and arranging contacts and visits, sharing experiences and supporting residents.

Guildford schools and organisations, including George Abbot School and the Vivace Chorus have benefited from regular exchange visits and joint events over the last 30 years.

Guildford is also represented each June at a Partner Cities Market event, promoting our attractions to Freiburg's other eight twin towns from across the world. This year, Guildford Freiburg Association volunteers will show an exhibition of photographs by the Guildford Photographic Society and provide tasting of beer from the Hog's Back Brewery.

Leaflets and brochures on Freiburg are available from our Tourist Information Centre, Tunsgate. For more information visit www.guildford.gov.uk/freiburg or call the Guildford Freiburg Association Chairman on 01483 531472.



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