

External Board/Outside Body

External Board/Outside Body	Maidstone Twinning Ass (formally Maidstone Beauvais Twinning Ass)
Councillor(s) represented on the Outside Body/External Board	Cllr Wendy Hinder
Report Author	
Date of External Board/Outside Body Meeting Attended	In 2018 we met in January. March, May, June. As Chairperson I attend every Meeting. We meet Every other month and the last meeting was on 19/07/2018.

Purpose of the External Board/Outside Body:

The primary objects of the group is to foster friendship between the people of Beauvais and the people of Maidstone through civic, commercial, educational, family, cultural, social and sporting links.

To visit Beauvais to attend their Jeanne Hatchett festival held each year in June.

To entertain the delegation from Beauvais when they accept the Mayors Invitation to the Garden Party.

To hold fund raising events.

To forge links with choirs and sport.

The Ass is reinventing itself since the withdrawal of funding from MBC when sadly its links with sporting organisations had to be dropped. We are slowly trying to rebuild some of these with our fund raising events.

Update:

This year I led a delegation of ten members to Beauvais in June to attend their Annual festival.

We have welcomed three new members

We have decided that we will go out to other Towns In Europe to endeavour to forge greater links with them. We feel that this could be an advantage to Maidstone in Terms of Tourism, business and schools. Hence the change of Name.

We held our first fund raising event which was extremely successful.
