



Ville de Montreuil-sur-Mer

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Dear Mr Farhall,

Further to your telephone conversation with Hannah France, please find enclosed further information regarding our town.

We would like to establish a partnership with you as we think our towns have similarities and common interests. We would be happy to welcome a group of people from your town to show them around. We would equally appreciate the possibility of visiting you.

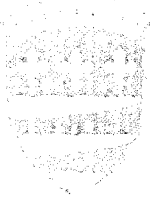
We look forward to hearing from you with a view to working together on this project.

Best regards.

The Mayor of Montreuil-sur-Mer
Bruno Bethouart



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Montreuil-sur-Mer is a historic walled town, in the Pas-de-Calais approximately 45 km from Boulogne, 80 km from Calais and 13 km inland from Le Touquet.

Through centuries it has been a popular stop over for many British people on their way to other regions of France.

There are 2,450 inhabitants within the town walls who benefit from local shops, supermarkets and restaurants.

For wine lovers, there are 3 excellent local shops, including the Wine Society. For regional cheeses, there is a reputed cheese shop. There are also plenty of bakeries and cake shops, 2 chocolate shops and a farmers market every Saturday morning.

The town boasts no less than 10 hotels, including a "Relais et Châteaux" as well as gîtes and B&Bs.

The local gastronomy is highly recommended with two Michelin starred restaurants and plenty of bistros and brasseries to choose from.

Although a fairly small town, Montreuil-sur-Mer has plenty of sports facilities and associations such a canoe kayak, synchronised swimming, football, handball, tennis, table football, badminton, walking and cycling etc.

There are several state and private primary and secondary schools.

The town is situated within 3 km of ramparts around which you can walk and take in the beautiful views of surrounding countryside and villages. It has a rich historical heritage: a lot of monuments date back to the early Middle Ages. There is a cinema, a theatre, a citadel, a church from the 12th century, a flamboyant gothic style Hotel Dieu chapel, a museum, town houses and picturesque cobbled streets.

From May to November 2009, a large exhibition about the British General Head Quarters during the 1st World War was held. There was a celebration of the 90th anniversary of Field Marshall Douglas Haig's stay in our town (1916-1919). We are looking at making this a permanent exhibition.

We hope to welcome international teams of athletes during the build up to the 2012 Olympics, providing them with excellent facilities and accommodation.



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