



Villeneuve-lès-Béziers



Twinning



with a village of Southern France...



The City Council of Villeneuve-lès-Béziers would like to realise a twinning with a city of Great Britain for friendship relations and sharing our cultural legacy and landscapes.

Villeneuve-lès-Béziers, city of more than 4 000 inhabitants is ideally sited at only 4 kms of Mediterranean sea nearby the Natural Regional High Languedoc Park, close of Béziers and half distance of Montpellier and Perpignan, our village is also crossed by the Canal du Midi.

Our city has kept charm and beauty of the past, and also creates an important economic development during those last years.

We hope that our city will be attractive enough to initiate the beginning of a relationship with an English town, perhaps yours...

If you're interest to be involved in this project, please contact us.

Waiting for your answer,

Sincerely yours.







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Villeneuve-lès-Béziers City Council

In charge since March 2008, the new city council has decided to realise a twinning with British city in order to share our local traditions and cultural legacy.

Municipal Council



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WHERE IS SITUED VILLENEUVE-LÈS-BÉZIERS IN LANGUEDOC ?

Villeneuve-lès-Béziers is situated nearby the «Béziers-Cap d'Agde airport in Languedoc» connected with the international «Bristol airport.»

Our central situation in Languedoc gives us a major advantage and makes our village a very attractive destination.





ITALY

Béziers Cap d'Agde
Airport

Montpellier

Béziers

Villeneuve-lès-Béziers

Perpignan

Golfe du Lion

Mediterranean Sea

SPAIN

Villeneuve-lès-Béziers



ABOUT THE VILLAGE...

The old village



The castle tower...

the tower is the only remaining relic of the ancient castle which used to be the residence of the local Lord.



Street corner of the old village,
with religious statue and frame window
of the 16th century...



Saint Etienne
church



Villeneuve-les-Béziers

The “canal du Midi” gets through Villeneuve-lès-Béziers





The channel bridge

Point of view on the bridge

The channel lock...





On the channel's edges...



The city-hall,
built in 2006





The market place



HAPPENINGS ...

All year long, Villeneuve-lès-Béziers is a nice, sunny and peaceful place for living...

In summer the City Council organised or promoted many festivities and traditional happenings.

People come during summertime to enjoy, have fun and share the Southern way of life...





The totemic swallow of Villeneuve-lès-Béziers...

Some cities have “totemic symbols” usually an animal, this old tradition is a particularity of our region. The totemic animal of Villeneuve-lès-Béziers is the swallow, symbol of spring and liberty...



For the first time this year, the City Council has initiated “the channel feast” tribute to

Pierre-Paul RIQUET

and the creation of the “Canal du Midi”
in the middle of the seventeen century.



LOCAL DEMONSTRATIONS 2009



Artistics activities



Séville exhibition

Horses are blessed before
the “abrivado” and “encierro”



What about “abrivado and encierro”?



Near the Spanish border Languedoc-Roussillon share sometimes similar traditions with that country... during this traditional feast, the “gardians” on horses leads the best bulls across the city streets...the spectators are protected by security fences and barriers. The riders take care of avoiding hurting the animals...

The purpose of the “abrivado” and “encierro”
is to show how the “gardians” managed the animals ... horses and bulls...

“Gardians” and bulls
in the Villeneuve-lès-Béziers meadow





TRADITIONALS DEMONSTRATIONS

Traditional dance on the city hall place...



HOTEL DE VILLE MEDIATHEQUE





Jazz Festival

Villeneuve-lès-Béziers

Country Festival



14th of July



“Marianne” statue

in front of the city hall...



T

raditional national fireworks...





L and of Rugby...



And Vineyard



