

BANBURY AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Press Release – Tapestry

In 2006 we celebrated 25 years of twinning with Hennef, in Germany, and both towns were keen to have some permanent recognition of this milestone. The idea of a commemorative tapestry, depicting life in both towns, was readily accepted, and then expanded to include Hennef's other twin towns of Le Pecq, in France, and Nowy Dwor in Poland.

Each town would be responsible for creating 5 metres of tapestry, based on illustrations submitted by local school children. The Banbury section featured the famous nursery rhyme, 'Ride a cock horse', plus landmarks and events of Banbury's past and present, and was designed and stitched by Banbury Embroiderers Guild.

All four sections of the tapestry were completed and unveiled in Hennef in September 2006, and revealed stunningly beautiful design and workmanship. This work of art, (for no less a description will suffice), then went on to be displayed in each of the towns in turn, and will be in Banbury to coincide with North Oxfordshire Arts Week. It will be on view in St. Mary's Church, Banbury between 19th May and 9th June. Further information regarding times of viewing will be publicised later.

At the end of its tour, the tapestry will be split up and each town will receive its own section to be put on permanent display.

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