

The European award-winning

**RUSHMOOR**

International Association



# ANNUAL REPORT

2019

## 2019 in brief from Alison Boukhobza, International Links Coordinator



2019 was a momentous year as partnership agreements with two new partner towns, Dayton Ohio in the USA and Rzeszów in Poland were signed. These links will be driven by the development of the aviation and aerospace industries that they share with Farnborough, and will provide mutual support and shared knowledge between businesses.

Firm plans have been made to sign an agreement in January 2020 with the municipality of Gorkha in Nepal. There is a strong Gurkha connection with the Aldershot Garrison and local area as many Gurkha soldiers, who have served in the British Army, originated from Gorkha.

Rushmoor International Association was created with its main brief being to promote, support and assist local organisations in establishing and maintaining interesting and inspiring links with Rushmoor's partner towns.

In 2019 and despite the Brexit effect, the association supported an average of two events a month involving local sports clubs, bands, choirs, schools and other interest groups benefitting hundreds of people, both here and in our partner towns.

European and international links can deliver many benefits to our community and provide unique and exciting opportunities, which may not be otherwise available.

On behalf of the association, the Chairman wishes to join me in thanking all the volunteers and members of the community who continue to contribute such valuable support.



**Rushmoor International Association** is an independent organisation that meets six times a year to review and plan activities. It has evolved from the previous Twinning Association of Rushmoor and its members are all volunteers, supported by one part-time member of staff.

Anyone who works or lives in Rushmoor, or who is a member of a Rushmoor club, organisation, society or school can become a member and have a say in the events and activities the association promotes.

The association receives no funding and relies solely on its own efforts to fundraise and bid for grants.



During 2019, Rushmoor International Association raised £1,273, most of which was used to fund a new website for the new association. £120 was spent on welcoming groups visiting Rushmoor.

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019



**Signing partnership agreement  
with Dayton Ohio, USA  
June 2019**



**Signing partnership agreement  
with Rzeszów, Poland  
September 2019**



**Rushmoor International Association is born with its  
new website going live in June 2019**

# POSTCARDS FROM RUSHMOOR AND ITS PARTNER TOWNS

Brunnenfest, Oberursel



Music lecture in Meudon by former Rushmoor Mayor, Brian Jupp



HawleyHurst School choral group in Meudon



Christmas Market, Oberursel



Cactus Brass at Oberursel's Christmas Market





Victoria Day, Aldershot – launching the new Rushmoor International Association



Rendez-Vous in France with their friends from Breaktime, Meudon



Laying a wreath on Remembrance Day on behalf of Rushmoor International Association and partner towns



Mayors of Oberursel and Rushmoor on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the partnership agreement



For the full list of current and past events, please look at [www.rushmoorinternational.org.uk](http://www.rushmoorinternational.org.uk).

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Anyone living or working in the Borough of Rushmoor can become a member. See [www.rushmoorinternational.org.uk](http://www.rushmoorinternational.org.uk) for membership form.



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