

Chairpersons report

About 15 months ago a group of us decided we would try to revive the Buxton Bad Nauheim Twinning Association. One of our aims was to look at a new way of twinning for the digital age that could be inclusive and would not rely on participants having to have a spare room or even having to speak German. We also felt that, with Brexit looming, it was important to find ways of maintaining positive links with our European neighbours. Our aim was for the committee to facilitate links and help put groups and individuals in touch with each other rather than organise everything ourselves and the link Pam told you about exemplifies that. There are other projects where we will be much more hands on. Bad Nauheim has an Elvis society celebrating the fact that Elvis lived in BN when he was stationed in Germany. I have a dream of inviting some German Elvis's to Buxton for the Fringe one July!

At times it has felt like an uphill task but looking back at the tasks we identified last year we can see we have made progress.

We have adopted a constitution and protocols. We have devised paper work so we can track and evaluate projects. We now have a bank account and a super web site which Keith is going to tell you about later. We have been awarded a start-up grant from DCC. As you can see from the presentations we are starting on some projects. We feel we have a solid foundation upon which we can build and develop the association and would welcome new members. You can volunteer to become a committee member, you can express an interest in developing a specific link or you can do both. We look forward to establishing some new links with groups from Bad Nauheim in 2020.