

# RAGLAN TWINNING

26<sup>th</sup> February 2009



# Agenda

- Background
- What are the Benefits of Twinning?
- Steps to Twinning?
- Parc -sur-Sarthe
- Q&A
- Vote
- Next Steps

# What are the Benefits of Twinning?

- Social
- Economic
- Educational
- Cultural

# Steps to Twinning

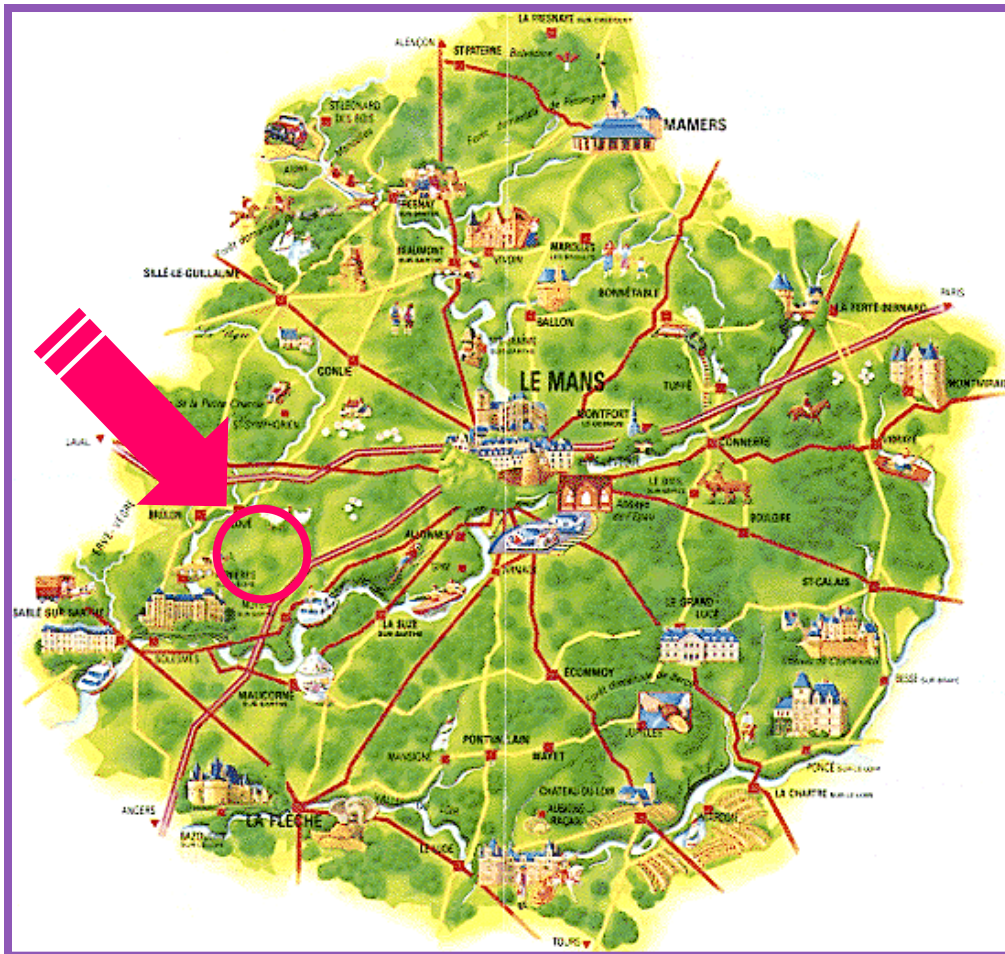
- Finding a Partner
- Exploratory Visits
- Formalising the Relationship
- Creating a strategic plan
  - Aims and Objectives
  - Methodology
  - Desired outcomes and benefits

# PARCÉ- SUR- SARTHE

Pays de Loire

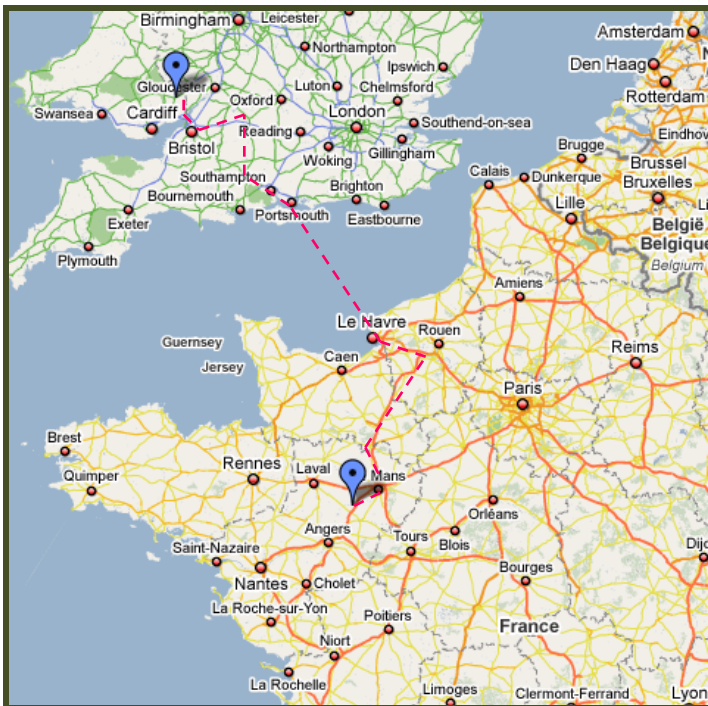


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- Travel & Accessibility
  - 2.5 Hours to Portsmouth
  - Overnight ferry
  - 2.5 Hours from Le Havre
- Nearest Airports
  - Angers , Nantes, Le Mans
- Nearest Ferry
  - Le Havre, Caen, Cherbourg
- Typical Costs
  - Ferry £50 Each Way

# Village Comparisons

## Similarities

- Both “historic” villages
- Similar socio-economic profiles
- Both farming communities
- Both have a number of sports and social activities
- Both rurally located in attractive countryside
- Both in river valleys with castles
- Both have been “sacked” by the English

## Differences

- Parc  slightly larger population
- More historic housing in Parc 
- River runs through Parc 
- More village based tourism in Parc  more Castle based in Raglan



# Village Comparisons - Services

## Raglan

- 1700+ inhabitants
- Farming Community
- "Mairie"
- Doctor
- Chemist
- School
- Post Office
- Butcher
- Local Supermarket
- 2 bars + hotel
- Hairdresser
- Church

## Parcé

- 2000 inhabitants
- Farming Community
- "Community Council"
- Doctor
- Chemist
- School(s)
- Post Office
- Butcher
- Local Supermarket
- 2 bars + restaurant
- Hairdresser
- Church





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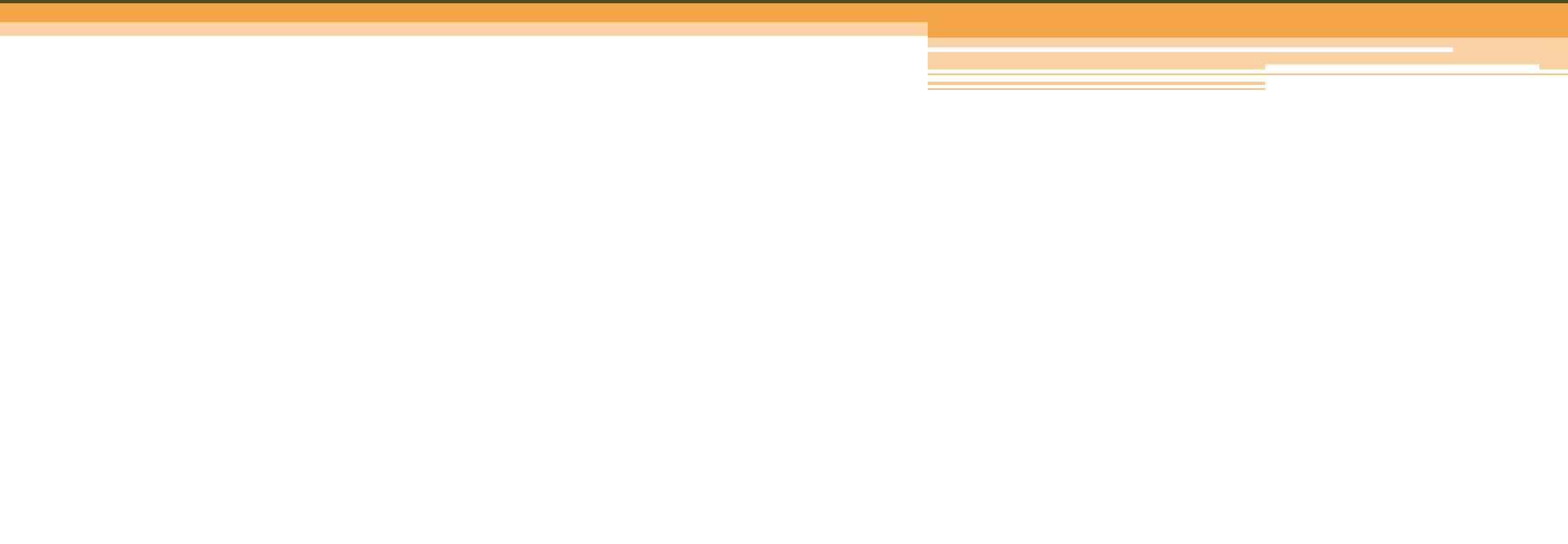
# Parcé – Tourist Attractions

- Solesmes Monastery with Gregorian chants
- Le Mans, 24-hr race, medieval quarter & cathedral
- Angers Castle
- Mont St Michel
- Chateaux of Loire Valley
- Chartres
- Paris – by fast train

# Message from Parc 

- Video link

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?



# Vote

Should Raglan twin with Parc ?

# Next Steps

- Set up a Twinning Committee
- Establish a Constitution
- Next meeting