## Droitwich Spa Town Council Mayor's Parlour

## Councillor Mrs & Fellows Mayor of Droitwich Spa

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**PRESS STATEMENT** 



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## Towns celebrate 40 years of friendship

In 1983 Droitwich Spa signed a twining charter with the people of Bad Ems in Germany and this year marks forty years of friendship between the two towns. To mark the anniversary the Mayor of Droitwich Spa, Councillor Kate Fellows and Chairwoman of the Droitwich Spa German Twinning Association, Aimée Donnison will raise the flag of the Bad Ems and Nassau municipality at 11am on Saturday 16 September at St Richard's House in the town. The flag was presented to the Association by their German counterparts at a celebratory dinner earlier this year and includes symbols of Bad Ems, the River Lahn and the Roman frontier that runs through the region.

The Droitwich Spa German Twining Association organises visits to the fellow spa town every other year, with the people of Bad Ems and its surrounding villages making the journey to Worcestershire in between. At the end of May about 35 twinners of all ages travelled to a very sunny Bad Ems for the first time since the pandemic to celebrate this milestone. Whilst there they enjoyed a rooftop drinks reception in Bad Ems' new Spa Hotel, a day trip to Bonn, and afternoon tea in the magnificent Häckers Kurhotel overlooking the River Lahn.

Twinning in Droitwich Spa is completely independent and self-funding and has social events throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, please contact Aimee Donnison at <a href="mailto:a.e.donnison@btinternet.com">a.e.donnison@btinternet.com</a>.