



STADT REMSCHEID

Ashington & Newbiggin by the Sea Town Twinning Association

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Dear Sarah, Dear Elaine,

Remscheid and the 1984/85 Miners Strike

You are no doubt aware that this year marks the 40th Anniversary since the start of the miners strike and in October of 1984 many organisations in Remscheid got together to form the Wansbeck Miners Support Group.

This support group raised many thousands of D-Marks, (converted into food vouchers) the delivery of food and clothing to hundreds of families and, one-to-one support from families in Remscheid to Families in Wansbeck. The group also arranged for 50 children to have a holiday in Remscheid at the end of the strike.

In October this year, a small group of prominent citizens from Remscheid will be visiting Northumberland in a private capacity, including, the Stadtdirektor Sven Wiertz and two city councillors. October marks 40 years since the Wansbeck-Remscheid miners support group was formed.

The Town Twinning Society is therefore looking to arrange a short ceremony to acknowledge what happened 40 years ago and kindly request the support of the two councils to host the event.

Our Remscheid visitors will arrive in Northumberland on Saturday 19th October and leave on Saturday 26th. The Society has provisionally pencilled in Friday 25th October for the event to take place, but this could change should you wish to get involved.

I do hope you can support this initiative and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Bill Gale (Secretary)