

# KIDSGROVE

Twinned With

ST PAUL DU BOIS (Bois – wood)

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In September 2003 Kidsgrove was officially twinned with the French Town of St Paul du Bois, situated mid France in the Loire Valley region. This followed a number of exchange visits with both towns through local junior football clubs.

St Paul has a population of 600, and is part of Canton i.e. 10 other small villages with a total population of 17,000, the largest town is Vihiers, twinned with Whalley in England. St Paul has two adult football teams, 1 junior and 1 under 12's team. It also has a ladies basketball team, boasts a thriving theatre and recent museum which houses a proud array of costumes dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

It is predominantly agricultural area with vineyards and a large cheese factory. Nearby there is an out-door international Go-Karting track which is open to the public and reported to be the best in Europe. The town centre is very pretty with a Town Hall, Church, Hotel with bar and restaurant and a few small shops and has adjacent parkland with a small lake.

A 30 minute drive will take you to Pescalis, a new fishing village and 40 minutes away is Futurescope, a large theme park but there are other theme parks in the surrounding area. Five minutes from St Paul du Bois is an excellent camp site which has 15 mobile homes, a swimming pool and a bar, this facility is used by many tourist from the UK and Europe and is owned by a Kidsgrove couple, Peter and Tracy Tooth [www.camping-raudiere.com](http://www.camping-raudiere.com).