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## **"Friends of Bocholt" visit anniversary fair**

### **Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff receives guests from the English twin town Rossendale**

Eleven guests from the English twin town Rossendale were in Bocholt this weekend for the anniversary fair. The "Friends of Bocholt" were hosted by the German-British Society Bocholt. Both associations celebrate their 40th anniversary next year. They have been making regular visits to each other's twin towns for just as long.

This year, three years after a break due to Corona, there was again a visit from Rossendale. The occasion was the traditional autumn fair on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the town of Bocholt. Normally the meetings of the two associations take place one over the other year.

#### **German-British breakfast in the restaurant "Zur Glocke"**

Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff welcomed the "Friends of Bocholt". Together with members and host families of the German-British Society Bocholt he took part in a German-British breakfast in the club restaurant "Zur Glocke". In his greeting, Kerkhoff referred to the 70th anniversary of the twinning between Bocholt and Rossendale this year. He emphasized how essential personal encounters are. He thanked the host families in particular for welcoming the English guests and wished them a lot of fun at the fair.

#### **Trip to Rossendale in 2023**

The chairman of the "Friends of Bocholt", Ros Bill, gave her speech in German. "So much has happened in the last four years: The Covid pandemic, the Ukraine war and ultimately the death of Queen Elizabeth II," she said. That made everyone all the more happy to be back in Bocholt. "We are happy to have you here," said the chairman of the German-British Society Bocholt, Andreas Becker. Both societies are already busy making plans for a return visit to Rossendale. This is to take place at the beginning of the autumn vacations next year. Interested parties can already contact the German-British Society Bocholt by e-mail [info\(at\)dbg-bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:info(at)dbg-bocholt(dot)de).





*Die "Friends of Bocholt" vor der Gaststätte "Zur Glocke" gemeinsam mit Bürgermeister Thomas Kerkhoff  
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