

Since 1974, Cleethorpes has been twinned with Königswinter, Germany.

Cleethorpes is a town in North East Lincolnshire, England, situated on the estuary of the River Humber. In 1996, Cleethorpes was merged with Grimsby and Immingham to form the unitary authority of North East Lincolnshire (170,000 inhabitants).

The Greenwich meridian passes through the town. The distance to London is 180 mi (290 km), to Kingston upon Hull 22 mi (35 km) and to York 56 mi (90 km).

Cleethorpes itself has a population of around 35,000 inhabitants. It is a seaside resort that offers many attractions to visitors and is physically linked to the neighbouring town of Grimsby.

Cleethorpes actually sits on the Humber estuary. The sea at Cleethorpes is the mouth of the Humber. The sea front provides views of the shipping traffic entering and leaving the Humber for the ports of Grimsby, Immingham und Hull.

Grimsby, 88,000 inhabitants, is indelibly linked with the sea fishing industry which gave the town much of its wealth.

The frozen food industry has become a large part of Grimsby's economy and new industries such as light engineering, chemicals and plastics have grown. Grimsby is known as UK Food Town.

Immingham, six miles northwest of Grimsby, is the UK largest port of tonnage. It is home to the largest deep sea docks in the country. The town itself has 13,000 inhabitants.

Since the very beginning, town twinning partnership has been supported by clubs, associations as well as the council of Königswinter and North East Lincolnshire. In 1998, the Verein zur Förderung der Partnerschaft Königswinter - North East Lincolnshire e.V. was founded. This association, whose target is to promote international (German-British) understanding, has given assistance in twinning matters for more than ten years now. An important part of the town twinning partnership also plays the school exchange. Throughout the 34 years of town twinning there have been regular exchanges between German and British schools. Involving young people in the cultural exchange is very important and all citizens of Königswinter always welcome people from the twin town.

For further information on the English twin town of Königswinter please visit www.nelincs.gov.uk.