

## FAQs

Can I take out a family membership?

At this point in time, membership of STA is only open to those aged 18 years and above. The annual subscription is currently (2025) set at £18 per person.

If I join, what am I committing to?

The only firm commitment members make is the payment of the annual subscription. All events on the social programme, including the exchanges, are optional; clearly, participation in these does incur further cost which reflects the activity in question. However, STA would hope that anyone who joins, will want to play an active part in events in Solihull, and possibly travel to France and/or Germany.

If I don't speak French or German, can I still participate in exchanges and/or host guests?

The answer is most definitely 'yes'! During exchanges much time is spent in groups, so there is always someone on hand to help with any communication challenges. When pairing up hosts and guests, consideration is always given to the ability of individuals to speak German, French or English. Much enjoyment is often gained as collectively we try to make ourselves fully understood! And, of course, Google Translate is usually near at hand...!

How do STA members travel to Cholet and MTK?

We will deal with MTK first as that is easiest! We fly, as a group, from Birmingham to Frankfurt, where we are met by our hosts, who then take us to MTK. The position with Cholet is slightly different in that there isn't currently a direct flight from Birmingham to Nantes. In 2024 we flew to Paris (CDG), from where we got a connection to Nantes. Hosts then took us by car to Cholet.

