



**A Memorandum of Understanding to cement the  
spirit of fellowship and brotherhood between  
Stoke-on-Trent, UK  
and  
The Lidice Memorial, Czech Republic  
and  
The Town of Lidice, Czech Republic**

There has been a deep and profound friendship between Stoke-on-Trent in the UK and Lidice in the Czech Republic ever since the Lidice Shall Live campaign was launched by Barnett Stross at the Victoria Hall in Stoke-on-Trent on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1942.

Following the news of the atrocity in Lidice on 10th June 1942, Barnett Stross rallied the working people of Stoke-on-Trent, many of whom donated a week's wages to support the campaign. Over the following years the Lidice Shall Live Campaign raised a considerable proportion of the funds that were used to rebuild Lidice in 1947.

In recent years, the relationship between Stoke-on-Trent and Lidice has been refreshed and strengthened.

In November 2010 a City Council led delegation visited Lidice to discuss possible future links between the Lidice Memorial and Stoke-on-Trent. Later the same month, a delegation from the Lidice Memorial visited Stoke-on-Trent to further these discussions.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 a memorial service was held in Fenton in Stoke-on-Trent to mark the anniversary of the Lidice tragedy and a similar memorial service was held in Stoke Minster on the anniversary the following year.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012 the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent visited Lidice to take part in the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary Lidice Memorial event, where they laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Stoke-on-Trent.

From 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Stoke-on-Trent City Council has organised a series of special events to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the Lidice Shall Live campaign, attended by a delegation of special guests from Lidice.



Representatives from Stoke-on-Trent, the Lidice Memorial and Lidice Town have chosen to cement this spirit of fellowship and brotherhood on this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lidice tragedy and the launch of the Lidice Shall Live campaign in this Memorandum of Understanding.

The representatives of Stoke-on-Trent, Lidice Memorial and the Town of Lidice here promise to:

- Inform and educate their local communities and children about the special bond between Stoke-on-Trent and Lidice
- Commemorate important anniversaries of the Lidice tragedy and the Lidice Shall Live campaign
- Maintain exchange visits between Stoke-on-Trent and Lidice to further strengthen the bonds that tie these two communities

*The miners' lamp dispels the shadows on the coalface. It can also send a ray of light across the sea to those who struggle in darkness.*

Barnett Stross

On behalf of  
Stoke-on-Trent:

On behalf of  
Lidice Memorial:

On behalf of  
Lidice Town Council:

Councillor Terry Crowe  
Lord Mayor  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Mr. Milouš Červený  
Director of Lidice Memorial  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Mrs Veronika Kellerová  
Mayor of Lidice  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2012