

KEY BRITISH FORCES GERMANY THEMES IN ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

KEY THEME	DETAIL	MASTER MESSAGE
G ERMAN COMMUNITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The German community is our home and provides the base from which we conduct our military training, exercises and operations. Substantial moral and other support is provided by community leaders, demonstrated when troops deploy to places such as the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. As an expression of support, the German emergency services are crucial to our community security, safety and well-being. 	<i>Mutually supporting, we depend on each other</i>
E CONOMIC BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The British Army contributes significantly to the German economy. We employ people from the local community. The local economy benefits from our formal investments and personal spending. 	<i>We benefit from living in Germany; the German economy benefits from us</i>
R ELATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The British Army has a long history of being located in Germany and has always had good relations with the local German community. We look forward to the relationship continuing long into the future. 	<i>Historically we have good relations; let's strive to make it better</i>
M ILITARY DISCIPLINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The high proportion of young men and women in the British Army are generally responsible and highly disciplined. Occasional incidents of ill-discipline and irresponsibility among members of the British Army are viewed very seriously by the Army commanders. We take responsibility for our own actions. 	<i>We have it and we should be proud of it</i>
A CTIVITIES SPORTING & SOCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships are formed between us and the local community through common interests. We wish to encourage the development of more links, interaction and participation in local events. 	<i>We have many links and it is great to be involved</i>
N ATO ALLIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been NATO allies for many years. Links of friendship exist between equivalent British and German Army units. Further alliances and friendships should be generated and encouraged. 	<i>We work closely together</i>
Y OUTH AND EDUCATIONAL LINKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth and education provide an opportunity for interaction between British and German communities. Links are forged through schools and participation in young peoples' sports and cultural events. We can support the growth of friendships through our children and young people. 	<i>Good community relations can start with our young people</i>