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Dear Sabine

As Mayor of Ashford, I write on behalf of the Leader, Cllr Gerry Clarkson, and Members of Ashford Borough Council to convey our sincere condolences to our most valued friends in Bad Münstereifel and your surrounding area.

It is with great dismay that we learnt the shocking news about the devastating flooding and the catastrophic impact on the communities. The loss of lives, homes and businesses is heart-breaking to see, and I cannot imagine the pain and suffering you are feeling at this dreadfully sad time.

Together with the citizens across the borough, I extend our deepest sympathy to all the families and friends of those who lost their lives and our love and support reaches out to all who are affected by this tragedy.

The bond between our towns is steadfast, so in recognition of your great loss and our resilient friendship, our Borough flag is flying at half-mast. We are also working closely with the Ashford Twinning Association to support you in any way we can and the crowd funding campaign has begun to raise funds for your town. The appeal page is: <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bm-flood-appeal>

Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you as we reach out our hands of compassion and friendship across our lands, to give strength and comfort in these dark days.

With our kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Callum Knowles".

Cllr Callum Knowles
The Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Ashford

