

Spheres of Medieval Life – Towns

Glossary

<i>alderman</i>	member of a city council	Ratsherr
<i>alley</i>	very narrow street	schmale Gasse
<i>borough</i>	(in England) town that sends one or more members to Parliament	
<i>cemetery</i>	area of land uses for burials	Friedhof
<i>cesspit</i>	covered hole into which drains empty	Abfallgrube
<i>chancery</i>	office	Amt, Kanzlei
<i>chronicler</i>	someone who writes a chronic	Chronist
<i>clerk</i>	person employed in an office	Angestellter
<i>Cologne</i>		Köln
<i>contaminated</i>	dirty, unclean	verunreinigt
<i>curfew</i>	signal that people should stay inside	(Ausgangssperre)
<i>disposal</i>	getting rid of	Entsorgung
<i>enclose</i>	put a wall around	Ummauern
<i>fertile</i>	(of land) producing much	fruchtbar
<i>grant</i>	give	gewähren
<i>lane</i>	very narrow street	enge Gasse
<i>merchant</i>	trader	(Fern-) Kaufmann
<i>Nuremberg</i>		Nürnberg
<i>oath</i>	solemn promise	Eid
<i>parchment</i>	usually writing material made of sheep skin	Pergament
<i>pigsty</i>	place to keep pigs	Schweinstall
<i>privy</i>	simple toilet, especially an outdoor one	Abtritt
<i>residential tower</i>	strong stone building used for living	Wohnturm
<i>sanitation</i>	arrangement to protect public health	Abfallbeseitigung
<i>seepage</i>	slow leaking through	Durchsickern
<i>slate</i>	a kind of blue-grey stone	Schiefer
<i>spice</i>	substance to flavour food	Gewürz
<i>stall</i>	small open shop used in a market	Marktstand
<i>tax</i>	money to be paid by citizens	Steuer
<i>tile</i>	plate for covering roofs	Ziegel
<i>toll</i>	payment for the use of a road etc	Gebühr
<i>town council</i>	group of persons elected/chosen to run a town	Stadtrat