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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: Type 7 Durup Denmark



Durup

Number of inhabitants: 1026

Name of Municipality: Skive

Vorderland distance:

117 km northwest of Århus



A voice from Durup:



"We wish to initiate a process that can spread like ripples in a pond. By improving our own front yards and houses, we might inspire our neighbours to do the same. Those who are unable to handle the task can get help from a group of volunteers. Alone we cannot lift the task - but if we have wide support everything is possible"

Poul Verner Pedersen, member of volunteer work group



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We are type Nr 7!

What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?

Strengthen the strengths!

Demography

- *Comparatively stable number of inhabitants*

Economy

- *Very high employment rate*

Social Life

- *A huge number of active clubs and associations
many of those with young members!*

Reduce the risks!

- *A growing number (10%) of empty or badly maintained houses...*
- *Loss of industry*
- *Risk of loosing local work places*



The swimming hall has just been renovated



The stellar observatory



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Look what we have achieved so far:

Calendar of activities in the last 10 years and Picture Gallery

- 1998 A Playground by the school is built by the parents
 - A youth group establishes a lake in the village
 - An “educational forest” by the school is established by pupils and their parents, organized by the youth club
- 2004 – ongoing: work to establish and develop a stellar observatory (today it has one of the largest stellar telescopes in Europe!)
- 2005 Art exhibitions in the former Dairy
- 2006 “Dunk i Durup” – young artists from Copenhagen exhibit art in the old dairy
- 2007 Plantings along the approach roads for better visual impression
- 2006 New foot paths within the village for better infrastructure
- 2007 Village park renewed
 - New lake
 - playground
- 2007 Renewal of swimming hall



Young artists from Vorderland Copenhagen make art exhibition in the old dairy



Playground by the school



The lake is taking form in the new village park



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Our vision for the future:

Vision: “Durup - a place with potentials”

Next Projects:

- **continuation of the work of a newly established work group with the goal of making a visual difference in the village by purchasing houses that are badly maintained or in danger of being abandoned.**
- **Make use of the newly established financially strong fund – which has the declared aim of supporting development in Durup and vicinity.**
- **Moving the stellar observatory to professional facilities in the former train station –including teaching facilities.**



The municipal administration has an office in Durup



The work group in action