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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: Type 7 Oddense Denmark

Oddense



Number of inhabitants: 715
Name of Municipality: Skive
Vorderland distance:
109 km northwest of Århus





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We are type 7!

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

Strengthen the strengths!

Demography

- *Comparatively stable number of inhabitants*
- *Good infrastructure in relation to larger city Skive*

Economy

- *Very high employment rate*

Social Life

- *Many active clubs and associations – and good co-operation between them!*

Reduce the risks!

- *Risk of loosing local grocery's shop*
- *A diminishing number of local enterprises*
- *Keep our village attractive for immigrants, especially young families!*



Oddense won a contest in 2006 of having most people signing up for the new high-speed internet



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Look what we have achieved so far:

Organization of local activities and initiatives as a main achievement

In 2005 a number of active groups and clubs in Oddense got together and decided to coordinate and cooperate. They applied for and received governmental development funds for their „Network for development of Oddense”.

This network has since then developed and coordinated the work of the many active groups in the village. The network has focused on the following main activities – and has achieved results in most of them:

- New/alternative activities for children and youth who are not into sports,
- Improved access to nature around the village,
- coordination of the activities of clubs and unions,
- improving the visual impression of the village,
- Development of the local Wood Museum
- better information for potential and actual newcomers
- Better infrastructure within the village
- Access to the internet and construction of webpage



Playground by the school



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Our vision for the future:

Vision: “Oddense – a good place to live”

Next Projects:

- Development of wood museum – culture centre
- Modernization of local grocery’s shop
- “Open Village” event in spring 08
 - Renewal of village web page
 - Information leaflet about Oddense
- New housing areas
- Improved infrastructure in relation to institutions: school, kindergarten, sports hall – improved visibility



A system of recreational foot paths around the village