

Gotland

Gotland is Swedens largest island.

Military strategic.

Residents: 60 911

Villages in Gotland: 92



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Stark socken

Stark socken (Strong village) develops Gotland's civil defense, strengthens our household preparedness, and promotes local cooperation in every village.

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STARK SOCKEN
TILLSAMMANS FÖR ETT STARKT SAMHÄLLE



Stark socken (Strong village) – building resilience in every home

Strengthening local readiness

Stark socken works to develop our civil defense and increase community resilience by encouraging household preparedness and local cooperation, in the cities as well as on the countryside.

Empowering rural life

The initiative also supports rural development by strengthening each villages identity and making Gotland's countryside more attractive through safety, togetherness, and a shared sense of purpose.

A strong civil defense begins at home

A strong civil defense starts in our homes – with our own preparedness and readiness.

In local communities, people gather in places like the community house to share experiences and build connections. Through open conversations, we explore our strengths and how we can support each other.

This is a straightforward way to raise awareness and strengthen our mental preparedness.

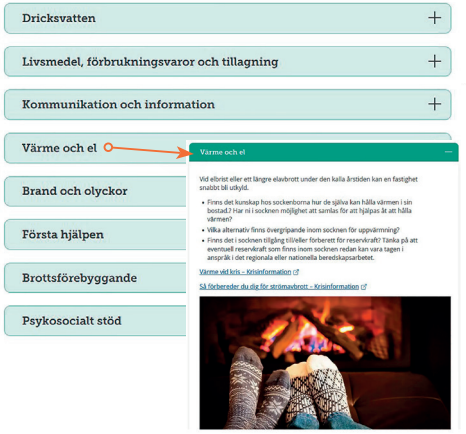
Everyday resources matter: a water well, a wood stove, or medical skills. Small things that make a big difference when needed most.

Social transformation

- Strangers become neighbours.
- Societies become less anonymous.
- Loneliness decreases.
- People feel needed, proud, valuable.
- Crime prevention.

Method of support

- Analysis of strengths and development areas.
- Toolbox: Gain knowledge and practice
- Implementing measures.
- Report back.
- Receive award.

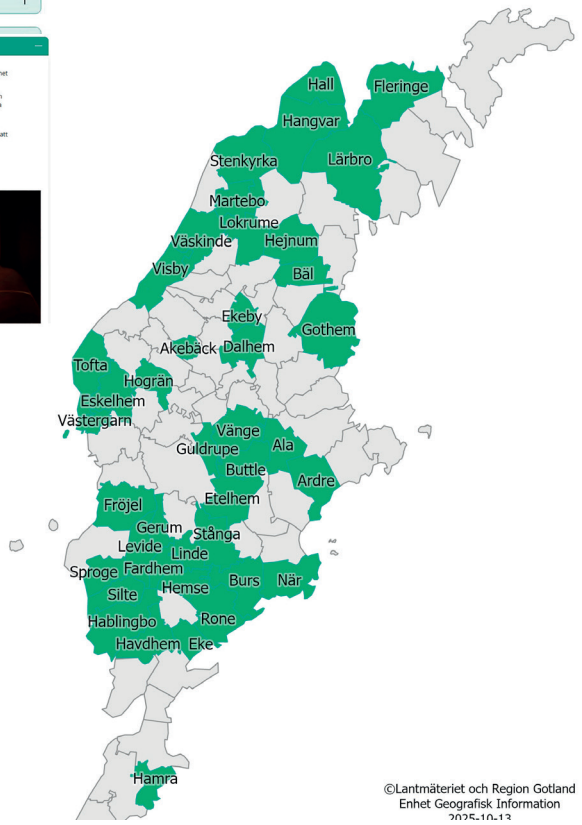


Why it works

- Built on deep human needs.
- Free of charge.
- Easy to use.
- Works everywhere, in the cities as well as on the countryside.
- Above all: it creates meaning and a sense of belonging.

Results so far

- During our first year:
  38 villages have joined
  10 more on the way
- Change in people's lives.
- Concept works in cities as well as in rural areas.
- Recognized both nationally and internationally by governments.
- Attracts a large media attention.



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