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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW HOME

- and welcome to Billund Municipality!

We are probably one of Denmark's smallest municipalities, but we have a lot to offer, including a strong sense of community through a wide range of associations, easy direct access to the whole world via Billund Airport, no less than 83 nationalities (to which the International School of Billund makes a big contribution) and many exciting workplaces.

Billund Municipality is the Capital of Children. This means that we involve our youngest citizens when we make decisions that also affect their everyday lives. For example, children have contributed to the design of pedestrian crossings and school paths. In general, we focus on the fact that play, learning and creativity are important to all of us throughout our lifetime.

As a newcomer, you may have many questions, but you may be unsure about where to find answers to those questions. You are not the first person to be asking these questions, so we have put together this welcome pamphlet to provide you with many of the answers you may be looking for.

I hope to see you at one of the many events in our municipality, on one of our fantastic hiking trails – or at the grocery store.

Stephanie Storbank Mayor of Billund Municipality

NEW RESIDENT SERVICE

If you need help with an overview of the area you have moved to, you can find further information at <u>welcome2billund.dk</u>. You are also welcome to reach out to our settlement coordinator, who can help you with:

- Information about day care availability and schools
- An overview of the various associations in the local area
- Referrals to social activities and events

Contact our settlement coordinator Marianne Thomsen at mkt@billunderhverv.dk or by phone on +45 22 69 24 98

NEW RESIDENT AMBASSADORS

How do I dispose of our Christmas tree? Where can I play chess? Where can I find local events? Where can I meet other people and my new neighbours in my local area?

You probably have a lot of questions about the town or area you have moved to. And you are certainly not alone. This is why we have appointed new residents ambassadors in each of our two urban areas (Grindsted and Billund) and eight rural areas in Billund Municipality. Our new residents ambassadors are ready to answer all your questions.

See our overview of new residents ambassadors for all the various districts.

LOCAL COUNCILS AND RURAL AREAS

Each of the eight rural areas has a <u>local council</u>, which represents the local citizens and associations for the general running of the community and which receives an annual operating grant from the municipal council. The local councils work to maintain the unique identities of their individual areas and are responsible for the planning and implementation of projects in their local areas.



EVERYDAY LIFE

Billund Municipality is a place where you will find everything the heart could desire; a wealth of shops, eateries, amusement parks, swimming pools, fitness centres and a cinema; we have it all! We also have four modern libraries, that serve as meeting places for locals. These are open every day of the week.

RESIDENT SERVICE

Your access point to us is our website <u>Billund.dk</u>. Here you will find answers to almost everything. And if you still do not find what you are looking for, you are always welcome in what we call "Borgerservice", which means "services for local residents". You are always welcome to get in touch or drop by if you have questions or need help.

You can find <u>"Borgerservice"</u> at Billund Library and at the Magion Library in Grindsted. Please note that you will need to book an appointment to talk to Borgerservice.

WASTE AND RECYCLING

In Billund Municipality, we are good at sorting our waste, and we take pride in recycling as much as possible. But we do understand that it can be a little difficult for newcomers to the municipality to keep track of all the various recycling bins and options.







On our <u>website</u> you will find informations about sorting, when your waste will be collected and the location of the various recycling centres.





LIFE FOR CHILDREN

Who would not want to be a child in Billund Municipality? Here you can have fun at LEGOLAND, Lalandia, LEGO House and WOW Park. We have all that, but even our ordinary everyday life is child-friendly. As one of Denmark's smallest municipalities, most things are just a short distance away. This is a place where you can accompany your child to kindergarten or school by bike.

We invest in new schools, day care institutions, sports facilities and playgrounds throughout the municipality. But bricks and mortar are not all that we invest in. We also invest in giving day care institutions and schools the opportunity to realise our vision behind the Capital of Children, among other things by continuously training our childcare staff.

THE CAPITAL OF CHILDREN

Billund Municipality is the Capital of Children. Here, children learn through play and play a role as creative world citizens. We believe that children are at least as competent as adults. Therefore, we shape our future together with the people who will be living in it. We also believe in community. This is why we work with the LEGO Foundation in a joint company called, CoC Playful Minds, to further our ambition to be the Capital of Children.

This ambition has left its mark everywhere in the municipality. Among other things, children are involved in the design of paths and pedestrian crossings. And the children in all the municipality's schools encounter a teaching approach called "Playful Learning", just as all our child daycare centres work with a playful approach, too.

In 2020, Billund Municipality was the first municipality in Denmark to be certified as **Child-Friendly City and Municipality** by Unicef.

CAMPUS

There are good opportunities for a <u>youth education</u> in the municipality. We have one of the most exciting and cohesive Campus areas in Denmark.

In Grindsted, our courses of education are located side by side with and surrounded by an outdoor square that invites to basketball, table football or just to hang out while listening to some music.

There is a direct bus connection from Billund to Campus, and all young people in the municipality are able to travel cheaply on public transport with an <u>UngBillund</u> card or from address to address with <u>FlexUng</u>.



COMMUNITY AND EXPERIENCES

With such a wide range of attractions and a magnificent nature, nobody in our municipality would ever have to get bored in their spare time. But did you know that we also have one of Denmark's best <u>cultural schools</u> with the opportinity to play, sing, dance ballet and make visual art.

With over <u>500 associations</u>, there is ample opportunity for you to find just the right one for you, whether you are into sports, fishing, social associations or senior offers. You can also search for new communities, friendships and interests for free through the <u>Boblberg.dk</u> social platform.

Maybe you want to volunteer and make a positive difference for others as a coach, mentor, visitor or something completely differentt. See **examples** of the different options to volunteer or contact our volunteer consultant.

Our cultural and leisure life also features a number of exciting events; from Vorbasse Market, through the Triangle region of Denmark's Week of festivities to the Danish Cycling Championships, Music at "Gryden" and much, much more. Our <u>event calendar</u> provides an overview of a number of events in our municipality.

You can also follow local Facebook pages, including pages for Billund, Internationals in Billund and the Grindsted Handelsstandsforening (local traders' association) – and of course our own Facebook page of Billund Municipality.









BUSINESS SERVICES AND ENTRE-PRENEURIAL ENVIRONMENT

Through <u>Billund Erhverv</u>, Billund Municipality offers help to both established companies and to people who are thinking of starting up their own ventures.

Do you own a company in Billund Municipality, or do you dream of becoming your own boss? Then give Billund Erhverv a call on <u>69 15 21 76</u> or <u>info@billunderhverv.dk</u>. Their business developers are ready to help out. You can get your own office space, and you will become part of the area's strongest business network.

