

# Welcome to Vorby



Your guide  
to our community









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As a new resident of Vorby, we want to welcome you. No matter if you're staying here permanently or just visiting, we want you to feel at home.

We'd like everyone here to feel a deep sense of belonging and connection to the city, the land, and the community. We trust you to contribute in whatever way you think makes sense. It's not just on you, though, it goes both ways. We'll do our best in supporting you, as you get settled in.

To help you familiarize yourself with Vorby, we have compiled a comprehensive collection of resources that we ourselves would appreciate if we were to just arrive here. This includes a map highlighting key important sites, community centers, amenities, and cultural offerings. We have also made suggestions for experiences that might be a good starting point for you.

If you do not find what you are looking for, please reach out to us at the station and we will help guide you.

With the wish of a pleasant stay in Vorby,

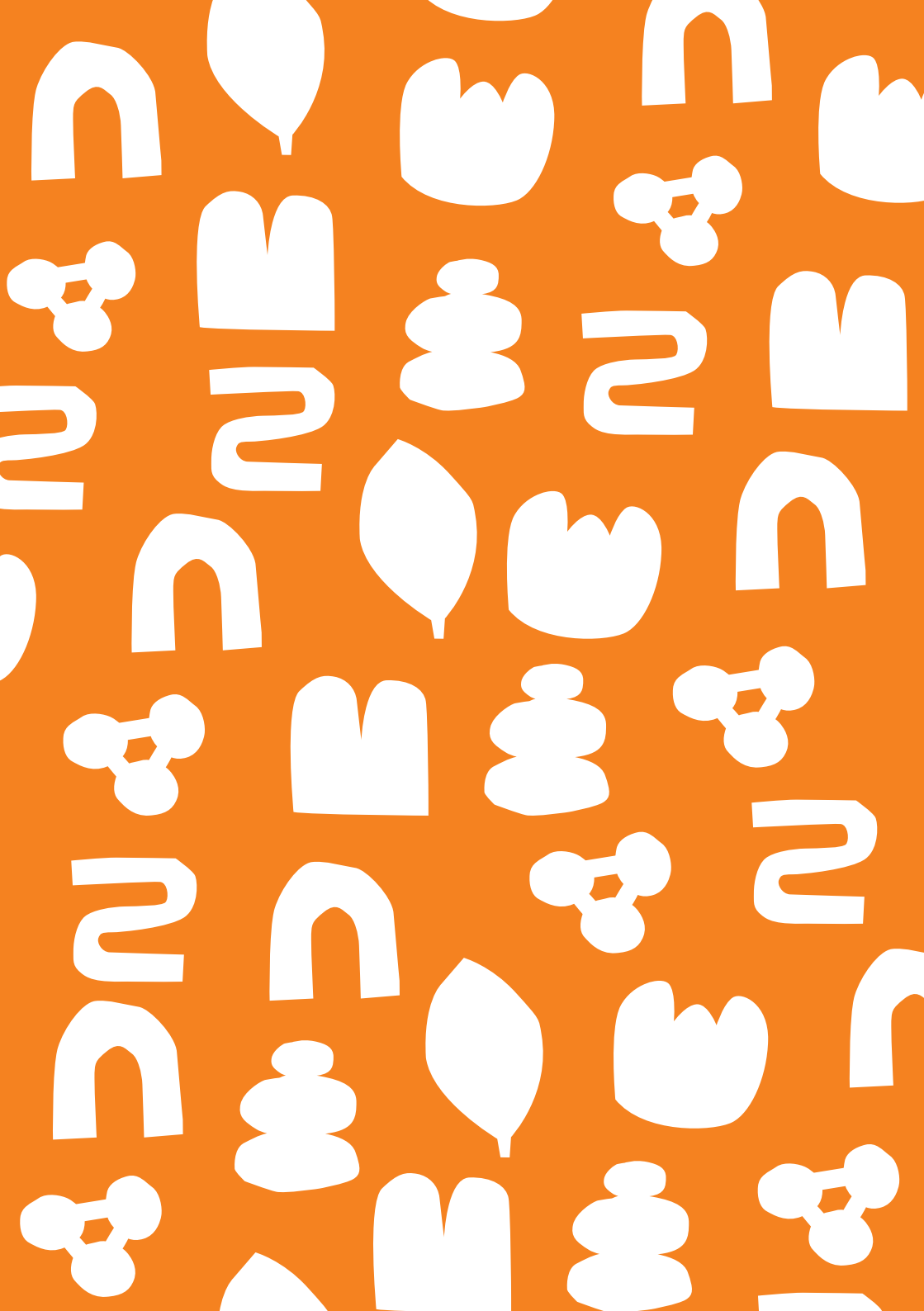
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Your flower from  
the Common Garden









# Relationships and caring

Well-being is a shared responsibility, not just the responsibility of the individual.

In Vorby, we believe that well-being is not the sole responsibility of the individual but is a shared responsibility, we all share. Our core principles guide our approach to well-being, care, and relationships and underscore our commitment to act when we see signs of dissatisfaction.

Relationship skills are essential to ensuring that all children and young people have positive and healthy relationships with others. Ultimately, this makes them feel safe and elevates their well-being.

We've moved away from a narrow focus on learning, testing, and grades and instead emphasize the broader goal of promoting well-being and caring.

Building strong relationship skills is crucial for children's personal and social development.

In Vorby, we welcome many different kinds of communities. We value physical presents but recognize that technology expands opportunities to participate in other communities beyond physical boundaries. At the same time, we experience more tranquility and immersion, which the digital universe supports. Fundamental to our way of life is having more time for our relationships and experiencing less time pressure, acceleration, and stress.



# The will of nature

All life has a place, a purpose, and therefore a responsibility to ensure our well-being and contribute to maintaining balance.

In Vorby, it's not just about nature surviving - it's about thriving.

Nature has evolved from being a function automatically subordinate to man and culture to have its own free will and value. Man no longer has primacy and should not cultivate nature or subject it to human will. This means that nature, animals, and humans are

equal. Humans are perceived as part of a natural ecosystem that must adapt to survive as a species. All life has a place, a purpose, and thus a responsibility to ensure our well-being and maintain balance. Well-being is intertwined, and we are all interdependent.





# The open family

The family can be more than a closed unit bound solely by biological ties and ideas of duality.

Being a family today is much more flexible, adaptable, and collective. Tasks and duties associated with family life can now be shared with others in the community: Our 'we' has expanded.

We are all connected. We can all be something to each other. This means we can use our lived experiences for each other and no longer rely solely on paid work. Instead, we can draw from the richness of lived experiences, such as the joy of birth, the strength of resistance, the pain of parting, or grief, and make you a resource that others can bring into play. Whether it's an aunt, uncle, friend, neighbor, or even someone we meet at the bank, we can

choose our own family. They are a precious resource with whom you can exchange experiences.

In practice, we have become much more trusting and fallible.

We are no longer just one entity connected to another entity (one-to-one). Today we are united in many more ways (many to many), which allows us to work and live differently.

We encounter communities in multigenerational homes and communal kitchens, and today's family is a living testimony that accompanies us in different stages of life.



# Education throughout life

School and education have opened up, and we participate in various learning communities. Our learning takes place in a wide range of locations beyond the confines of the traditional classroom.

A significant part of teaching occurs outside the school, primarily through concrete projects and hands-on community engagement. Free time and leisure are crucial parts of the learning experience.

The education system has moved away from a one-size-fits-all model that gave equal education access but required everyone to follow the same pace and path. Instead, we encounter a more flexible educational model focusing on individual learning paths. It's no longer linear, and students can study at their own pace, take breaks or intensify their studies. Dropping out is no longer an option, as taking a winding path is accepted and encouraged. There is more room for reflection and less pressure to rush the process.

Our education system is designed to help students develop their skills rather than reach a predetermined goal. It's the process and experience of learning that holds the actual value. Most importantly, we all practice and become capable of asking new questions and applying what we learn.

Flexibility and expanding what's considered normal creates opportunities for us to thrive in diverse learning communities. The goal is not for everyone to finish at the same time, but for everyone to have access to education and equal opportunities. This promotes better well-being for us all.



# Community and democracy

Together, we create a democracy and a community where everyone's resources come into play.

The focus is no longer on growth and profit but on cultivating a sustainable and meaningful democracy. While there may be different resource streams, the central goal is to promote community well-being by reducing inequalities. Basic needs such as shelter, food, and social communities are guaranteed rights for all. Each individual contributes what they can and takes what they need, working to their strengths and abilities. There is a fundamental trust that everyone has the potential to make a meaningful contribution.

As a result, there is more room for mutual and constructive dialog than divisive debate. Power structures have shifted in favor of younger generations and marginalized communities, giving them a greater voice and influence in shaping our democracy.

The sharp distinction between normalcy and deviance has dissolved, and our concept of normalcy has expanded. Instead, our society and community are based on flexibility.



# A different kind of work

Our work life is organized around the natural cycles of life.

Society is structured around life cycles. Instead of a linear progression where everyone has to give more and more until their energy runs out, society is organized so that you can go up or down and take many different life paths.

If you need a job and help to find your way, the system will help you. However, the system has moved away from fixing a perceived problem and treating symptoms but instead creates the right conditions for people to find their way. Each individual can determine their path

to a new job. This creates motivation and greater job satisfaction, and we can always rely on mutual trust, guidance, and advice from various professionals.

In the new employment system, you don't have to know what you want to do, from day one or think abstractly about your career. Instead, the system helps you gain concrete experience. There's plenty of room to experiment, make mistakes, and try things out in different contexts.



# Prevention and treatment

The emphasis in society is on creating structures that promote well-being rather than treating distress.

This means focusing economic resources on preventive measures, ensuring well-being, fostering strong communities, and reducing inequality rather than providing symptomatic treatments.

As a result, far fewer specialized professionals such as psychologists, therapists, psychiatrists, and social workers spend all their time assessing, documenting, diagnos-

ing, and treating mental distress than in the past. Everyone is responsible for ensuring everyone's needs are met and that everyone is doing well in the community. The focus is on creating supportive environments where daily life happens on the ground. Preventive work has been collectively recognized and systematized.



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**A part of our  
community**







### **Hjortsholm Algegård**

The internationally known restaurant is worth a visit - not only for its acclaimed cuisine but also for the innovative seafood and agriculture runned from the farm.



### **The Symposium Park**

Throughout the year, The Symposium Park hosts exciting events. Even if there is nothing on the program, the picturesque park with its beautiful pavilions is always worth a visit.



### **The night forest**

Take a hike through the ancient beech forest. It's a unique way to connect with nature, sharpen your senses and find new inspiration.



### **Our house**

Visit the new community center, where old vacant buildings have become open, lively places. Exciting events and social gatherings take place here, and citizens can connect and share ideas.



### **PIER2**

Down by the harbor, in a disused factory building, you'll find the MOLE2 experimental facility. Here, you can build anything from airships to your very own mushroom farm.



### **The generation houses**

Here everyday life, practical work, worries, and joys are shared with others. Gunnar, the oldest resident of the house, takes all the children to kindergarten, and if you get sick, the neighbors bring you food.



# Vorby Library and Dream laboratory

The library in Vorby has been experimenting with the library's role in the city. It has evolved from a book rental place, which was evaluated based on the number of books they rented out to today, where it is a dream laboratory for social communities and activities.

The library is hosting a multitude of activities that stimulate imagination through everything from books to virtual universes.





# The learning community 'Sunhill'

All around town you can find different learning communities that create spaces for both personal and academic development for children and young people. Even Though Sunhill is actually placed in the old school building, it looks completely different today. Most of the education is facilitated all around town. Children and young people carry out projects close to the reality of Vorby with a focus on the learning process. They acquire knowledge through collaborations with businesses, nursing homes or nature that they can actively use and the rest of Vorby can benefit from.







# The whispering marsh

Over the past years, the whispering marsh has gone from being tormented and lifeless to the most flourishing ecosystem. Thanks to a number of ambitious local initiatives the area is now home to a wide range of animal- and plant species – here among some very rare flowers.

If you are feeling courageous you can join one of the monthly night walks. Here you will experience both local storytellers' dreadful horror stories and the nature guides' exciting facts about the nightly active creatures of the marsh.







# Species forum

The Species forum invites you to experience non-human perspectives on life through a bodily experience. With help from the newest technology you can get a beautiful, sensory and thought provoking experience of how other species experience life in the city.

The Species forum is not only suited for the sensory experience itself. Political decisions are often tried out in the Species forum before they are implemented in real life. This way technology helps show how decisions can have non-human consequences.





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### **POST – Normspa**

Are your norms in need of an update, try POST's in-depth 'norm cleanse'.

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### **SAGAX Mental Fitness**

The community driven initiative SAGAX describe themselves as a mental fitness center that helps you stay sharp.

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### **The Housing Agency**

If you are looking for a place to live, the Housing Agency can help you get on the right track. We offer help for urgent housing needs and thorough guidance, if you are on the outlook for a new place to live.

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### **OMAR Refuge**

OMAR Refuge is a beautifully floating refuge on the outskirts of the Whispering Marsh. If you need an escape, as an individual or as a group, to work on a project, OMAR offers outstanding settings for deep focus.

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### **Food Stand 37**

Even though the tiny stand does not look like much it is one of the city's most influential places to eat. Taste one of the season's dishes or grab a recipe and the necessary commodities to bring home.

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### **Circle Reuse Garage**

Circle has several locations spread across town. The small garages are the perfect places to start if you are in need of a thing or two.

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### **Villa Hekla**

Everyday, a new story is told in Villa Hekla. If you have a storyteller hidden inside you, you can participate in one of the writing-workshops for free.

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### **The Sun Square**

The Sun Square is an architectural gem, where both humans, animals and plants can beautifully bathe and recharge in the sun rays.

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**Inspiration Boat**

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**The Networking club**

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**Vorby Civic Hall**

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**Education Town**

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**The Social Barracks**

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**Play Street**

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**The Peace of Mind**

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**The food stock market  
Bernstorffs street**

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**The Water Temple**

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**The Collectively  
Living Spaces**

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**The House of  
Human Knowledge**

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**The Restorage**

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**The Care Bank**









