

EFTERLADENSKABER THINGS LEFT BEHIND

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Efterladenskaber

En gang var her fuld af liv. Travle, støvede arbejdere var i gang overalt. Jernbanevogne blev rangeret rundt. Hvinende metal mod metal. Dampskyer fra lokomotivet. Overalt lå der et tykt lag af støv fra de rødbrune tørve.

Tørveproduktion var i perioden omkring 2. Verdenskrig strategisk vigtig. Cementfabrikken skulle bruge energi til sin produktion. Hitlers ubåde havde stoppet leverancerne af kul og olie over Atlanten.

Tørve var pludselig igen blevet et vigtigt råstof. Det store råstofprojekt blev igangsat, og der blev etableret fabrik, jernbane, marketenderi og overnatningsmuligheder for de arbejdere, der kom langvejsfra.

Fabriksområdet lå alleryderst i kæret. Arbejdsfolkene fra egnen blev transporteret på ladet af lastbiler. De, der boede nærmest, cyklede til arbejdet. Der har været et sandt leben på vejene og på arbejdspladsen.

Men så blev det tomt. En dag var det slut. Andre energikilder udkonkurrerede igen tørv, men efterladenskaber vidner fortsat om aktiviteterne fra dengang.

Things left behind

Once this place was full of life. Busy, dusty workers were everywhere. Goods waggons were shunted around. Squealing metal against metal. Full steam from the locomotive. Everywhere the dust laid thick from the reddish-brown peat.

in the period around World War II the peat production was strategically important. The cement factory needed energy for its production. Hitler's submarines had stopped supplies of coal and oil from across the Atlantic.

Suddenly, the peat again had become an important raw material. The large-scale peat project was launched, and a factory hall, railroad, canteen was established. Also, accommodation was established for the workers, who came from afar.

The factory area was located utmost in the meadow areas. The workers from the surrounding villages were transported by trucks on the truck body. Those, who lived closest to the working place cycled to work. There has been a real such goings-on on the roads and at the factory.

But then it went deserted. One day it was all over. Alternative energy sources outperformed the peat again, but still today things left behind continues to give evidence of the activities in a past era.

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Historical aerial photo 1964



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