

# **Living in Nordenskov , Denmark.**

## **Can you find Nordenskov?**

**Fact:** Yes! – both at night and day! The 314 m tall Varde-tv antenna is placed (despite the name) by Nordenskov, 15 km east of Varde. You can see the distance circle under “Nordenskov as the center” on [www.nordenskov.dk](http://www.nordenskov.dk). Today Nordenskov is a part of the municipality of Varde in region Syd-Danmark.

## **How about living in an area without the risk of floods?**

**Fact:** Nordenskov is placed 38 m above sea level and the lowest point in the area (the Holme stream) is 16 m above sea level.

## **How about living in a peaceful area?**

**Fact:** There are – as far as we know – no imminent terrorism threats, and so far we haven't experienced street fights.

## **How about living in an area, that is uncluttered?**

**Fact:** Nordenskov and the surrounding area (called the Øse parish) have a total of 1431 inhabitants (2014) – 654 of which live in the city of Nordenskov. The Øse parish forms a community, where most people know each other.

## **How about living in an area with linguistic diversity?**

**Fact:** Most of us have Danish as our mother tongue – and most people understand both English and German. The following native languages are represented in our community: English, German, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Latvian, Ukrainian, Swahili – and Jutlandic

## **How about living in a city, with an excellent primary school?**

**Fact:** The school in Nordenskov (Nordenskov skole) is well functioning – and has received several accolades. In 2008 it was appointed as the school of the month – cf the ministry of educations website. A few years ago it was given the awards as the best social enterprise in the Varde municipality. The school curriculum "from reading foal to reading horse" with a focus on early intervention, is recognized beyond the school's boundaries. - Read more on [www.nordenskovskole.dk](http://www.nordenskovskole.dk).

The school teaches students until 6th year at school. From the 7th grade they attend the school in Næsbjerg - 7 km from Nordenskov. The students are transported by bus.

At the new campus in Varde, the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the college and the business college have been placed together. There are also colleges in Grindsted and Esbjerg. The profession schools are found in Esbjerg.

## **How about a real boarding school?**

**Fact:** Just outside of Nordenskov, you'll find Øse boarding school, a reputable boarding school which has drama, music, art and movies, animation and IT as the main subjects. But you can expect a potential waiting list at enrollment.

## **How about a good daycare and preschool, with a short or even not existent waiting time?**

**Fact:** There are local daycare possibilities for the youngest children, in the city. The preschool are relatively new. It lies next to the school and they work closely together on many areas. To see more, go to [www.varde kommune.dk](http://www.varde kommune.dk).

## **How about living in an area with a good housing stock?**

**Fact:** Many of us have in recent years renovated and updated our houses, yet we believe the prices are very generous. We believe that there has to be a place in the budget for Christmas gifts – or 2 cars, if that is what is needed.

There are the possibilities of rental and cooperative housing.

Nordenskov also has an allotment garden association located within the city limits.

## **What about workplaces – in walking-, biking- or driving distances?**

**Fact:** Other than the public workplaces, such as teaching, childcare and sick- and elderly care, there is possible employment in the many small- and medium sized firms in Nordenskov and the surrounding area – where the primary industries represented, are within commercial trading, service, different crafts and agriculture. In Øse there is a newly started goat cheese dairy.

The Danske Andelskassers Banks business unit is head-quartered in Nordenskov.

The bigger workplaces can primarily be found in Varde (15 km), Grindsted (24 km), Esbjerg (30 km) and Billund (35 km).

That is to say, that within 15-30 minutes of driving – and without queuing – you can get ready in the way to work and equivalently have time to relax on the way home.

Of course there are also public transportation possibilities.

## **Are there any bicycle paths?**

**Fact:** Currently there is an approximately 1 km long path to the west, which leads to the Øse boarding school, but there are many less trafficked roads, which are used as bicycle trails. An example is the possibility of going on small roads to Næsbjerg (7 km), from which there is a bicycle path to Varde. It is possible to reach Tambours garden on a 5 km trip, which is a nice recreational area near the Karlsgårde Lake.

## **Is it possible to get to Nordenskov by air travel?**

**Fact:** Yes – by glider. The western Jutland glider club is located at Bolhede airfield – 5 km east of Nordenskov.

## **Has Nordenskov ever received help from Red Cross?**

**Fact:** Yes – one of the town biggest shops is a Red Cross second hand shop – a beautiful and inviting store, where we shop a lot and inexpensively. Dagli' Brugsen ("the daily supermarket") has different great discounts every day, which has made it very popular even for people who live far away. There is a OK fuel station at the supermarket.

## **And for those who love (or fear) general meetings?**

**Fact:** There are so many different associations in town that no one knows the exact number - so the possibility of being elected to a post is pretty high.

For those who really want to make a contribution - but are afraid of being elected - it is possible to enroll in a "database" where one can offer ones expertise and individually determines how much and for how long one wants to participate.

## **How about living in a city, which has a volleyball team in the second highest division?**

**Fact:** In addition to volleyball, which is the town's athletic pride, the sports club NUIF offers many different activities, to all age groups. There is a tradition in town that almost every person is participating in some kind of activity – for more see [www.nuif.dk](http://www.nuif.dk).

The activities primarily take place locally, but also at "Helle Hallerne", 5 km from Nordenskov.

Through the sports cooperation at Helle Hallerne, there is an athletic cooperation with the other cities of the former municipality of Helle.

## **What is NØWS?**

**Fact:** Every household receives a magazine four times a year, which provides information about the town's shops, the athletic activities and the general development in the city. NØWS means NEWS.

## **What is OWEN LUFT KÅNSERT?**

**Fact:** Every year in June, a one day music festival, is held in Nordenskov - usually including big names on the roster. The festivals reputation has spread throughout the southern part of Denmark, which has made it a very popular festival. For one day, the whole city is marked by music, party and cosmopolitan atmosphere, when 5000 people come to the city. And we who live in the city can use our legs as our primary form of transportation.

## **What about the music and culture in general?**

**Fact:** We have the Øse Choir (a four part mixed choir) and a Pink Floyd tribute band and many other musicians who turn up, when a "Culture in the city" arrangement is planned - which also includes culinary culture, the region's artists and the church.

Both the inn and village hall has regular events with music, lectures and the like. 3-4 times a year, a public dining arrangement is held at the inn, where the different streets' inhabitants in turn prepare the food. - The street celebrations are also kept up to date.

## **How about the church?**

**Fact:** The local church lies in Øse, a small community about 3 km west of Nordenskov. In 2014 a new rectory was inaugurated. Our priest is talented at integrating the church in the community and actively arranges various events for the elderly and the young - including baby hymns.

## **How about living in an area, where you "safely" can become ill?**

**Fact:** Most people use the health center in Agerbæk (11 km), but there are also medical centers in

Ansager (9 km), Tistrup (10 km) and Varde (15 km).

There are hospitals in Esbjerg and Grindsted.

### **- or if you get older and weaker?**

**Fact:** In Nordenskov there is a lot of elderly-friendly housing, but not actual nursing homes. Nearest assisted living facilities with permanent staff around the clock, is found in Tofterup (10 km).

### **What is the area otherwise known for?**

**Fact:** Every year Christmas decorations are made on all the town's mailboxes.

It should also be mentioned that the city has created an "umbrella organization" – The Nordenskov Joint Operation - a kind of government with Prime Minister, Interior Minister, Foreign Minister, etc. - with the main focus of promoting the city's development.

The Joint Operation is in dialogue with the Varde municipality for an alternative drainage system where the rainwater in the streets will be guided to different flower beds. - The purpose of this is simultaneously, that the suburban streets become friendlier for children to play on.

The city is enrolled in a development program, called "Flourishing Village".

### **How is another way to get to know the area?**

**Fact:** Visit the webpage [www.nordenskov.dk](http://www.nordenskov.dk) and the links on that page – or take a trip to visit us.