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HINTERLAND Vitality Check

Examples from typology: *Kruopiai – Type Nr. 9*



KRUOPIAI

Inhabitants: 1182

Municipality: Akmenė District

County: Šiauliai

Vorderland distance: 20 km



A voice from Kruopiai:

„We want to improve the life quality of the residents of our township.”

Head of Township Vanda Karevienė



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We are type Nr. 9! What does it mean for our village and what do we have to do?

Strengthen the strengths!

Demography

- *The situation of the sub-district is rather stabile*
- *Natural change of population is inconsiderable*
- *It is required to support families with children*

Economy

- *Number of farms – 287. Coffee-houses – 2. Shops – 3.*
- *Low employment of residents increases social problems*

Social life

- *To intensify the activeness of Kruopiai community.*
- *Attracting more young people.*
- *To encourage the activities of artistic collectives. Currently, 8 collectives perform their activities.*

Reduce the risks!

- *Allowances spoil people attitudes, they want to live from allowances.*
- *The locality is not favourable to farm.*
- *New constructions are at standstill.*
- *There are big social problems in the sub-district.*



One of the most beautiful rural homesteads



The name