

**Överklintens Kvarn –
A good example of village sustainable community development.**

A hostel and fishing center in Överklinten, a village within the Robertsfors municipality and part of the Sustainable Robertsfors project.

Överklinten is a small, traditional village in the municipality of Robertsfors, approximately 30 kilometers inland from the northeastern coast of Sweden. The beautiful and fish-filled Ricklean River runs through the village, and in the 1800s several mills were built along the river for various purposes, including saw mills and mills to support the iron-working industry dominant in this region during the 1900s. The village includes about 120 households and nearly 300 residents. A mill right in the center of the village, which had been used most recently as a flour mill until the early 1980s, had been abandoned for several years when in 1999 the citizens of the village agreed to take on a community project to restore the mill.



The Överklintens Kvarnförening (Overklinten's Mill Association) was created in 1999, to restore this mill

and to enhance the economic and cultural significance of the community within the region. Prior to the mill and the new business that now occupies the space, there was no place for tourists to stay or eat in Överklinten. Renovations to the mill were completed over five years, with most of the work done voluntarily by community residents. The renovations were complete in

early 2005, in time for a grand opening of the hotel and fishing center in the summer of 2005.



Now the mill is a beautiful restored building of traditional red with white trim, as are all the other buildings in the village, with a sauna on the first floor looking out over the turbines, a restaurant on the second floor, rooms for 18 guests on the third floor (complete with high-speed internet access, and a library that can also serve as a conference room in the attic.

Conference room and library in attic.



Andreas Dehlvín is the business owner who moved from southern Sweden to manage the new business that runs the hostel, has a restaurant (open from 11am – 6pm) and serves as a fishing center for people visiting the local rivers and lakes. Andreas has a background in fishing and entomology, and thus serves not only as hotel and restaurant manager but fishing guide as well. This is a well-known area that attracts outdoor enthusiasts from around Europe for bass and other fishing activities. Ice fishing is popular

during the winter months on nearby lakes and fly-fishing is common on rivers in the summer.



Andreas Dehlvín (left), business owner and manager, with Torbjörn Lahti, project leader for Sustainable Robertsfors, in the attic library.

With high-speed cable access in most of the rooms and a library and conference room upstairs, the hostel is set up to attract



business travelers who are interested in fishing and traveling but need access to their business while doing so.



For more information, in Swedish: www.klinten.nu/kvarnhotell.html