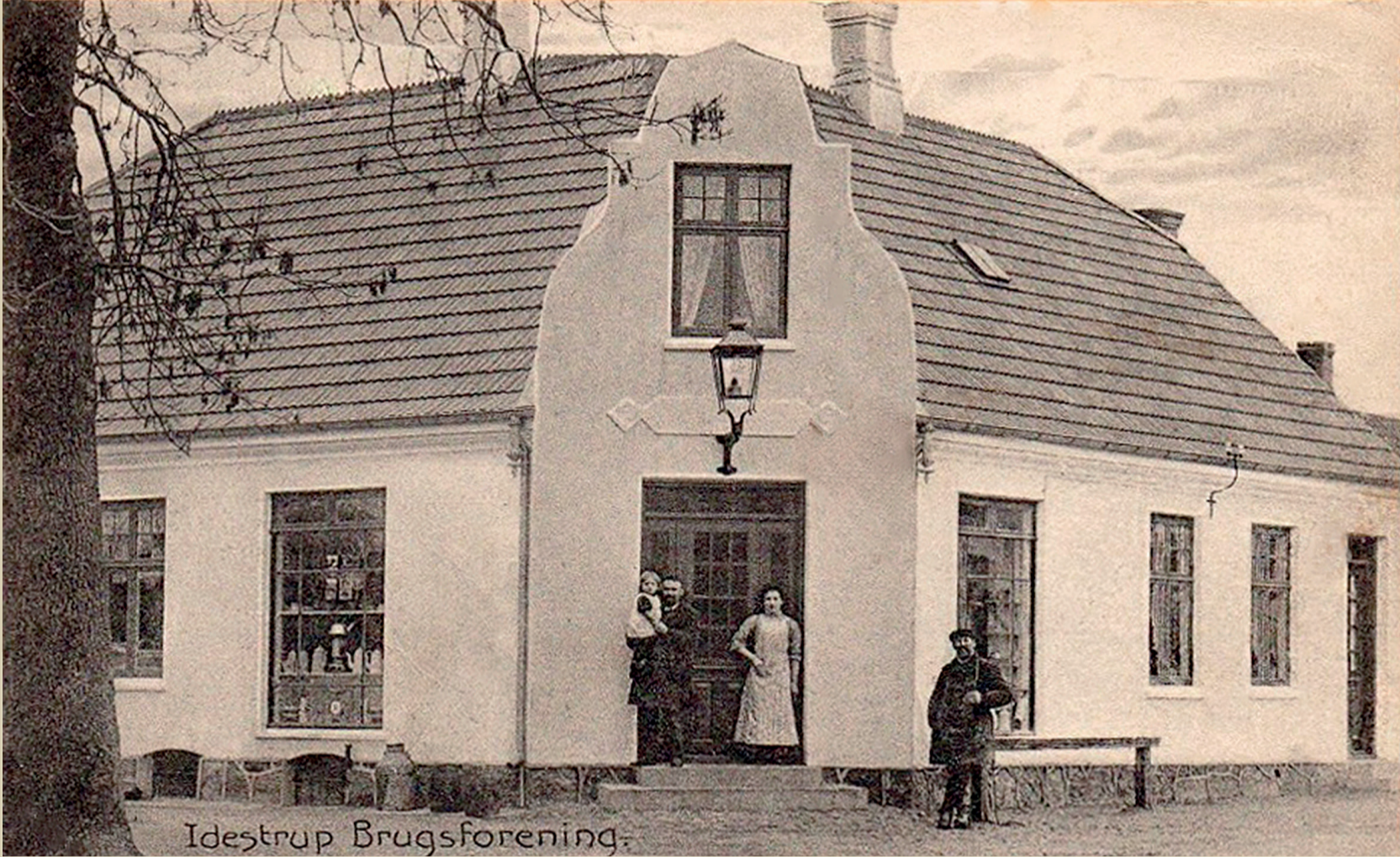


# A HOUSE COMES TO LIFE – PITSTOP IDESTRUP

FROM IDESTRUP PARISH COPERATIVE CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION, 1911,  
TO PITSTOP IDESTRUP, 2018



The logo for Pitstop Idestrup was developed by  
Christoffer Koborg and Mikkel Karlsen in 2016.



The first grocer, Carl Hansen Løj and his wife, Jensine Løj, at the door of the Idestrup Parish cooperative consumers' association in 1911. The grocery store had been established by the farmers of Idestrup and cost 8000 Danish Riksdaler to build. It functioned as a bakery until the mid-1970s, when a new one was built at Østergade 1, where Blæksprutten, the local associations' house, is located today.



Idestrup Village Local Council (IOLR) was founded in 2011 and took over the building from Guldborgsund Municipality in 2016 for 1 Danish kroner. The Village Council had collected approximately 7 million Danish Kroner in grants for a total renovation of the building, respecting its original construction and appearance. The reconstruction lasted from August 2017 to May 2018, and the new house was ready for inauguration on May 26th, 2018.



It has been central to the Village Council that the building was beautiful as well as functional. The extension, with its downward sloping roof gives the building a unique expression, just as the tiled courtyard has made it possible to incorporate the outdoor space into the use of the building. Pitstop Idestrup was awarded the Guldborgsund Municipality Architectural Prize for best conversion in 2019.



The building had many functions, including a post office, toy shop and moped workshop, until it was inaugurated as a municipal youth club, Idestrup Ungdomsklub, IUK, in 1983. The club was in function for 30 years, until the buildings condition had deteriorated and either had to be demolished or renovated completely. We chose the latter!



As part of the renovation, a new extension was designed to the original house. ETN Architects in Nykøbing designed the extension to house both a multi-purpose room and the two Pitstops, where cycling tourists and other guests can stay overnight. The renovation was carried out by Bjarne Petersen A/S and can withstand hurricanes and earthquakes – we now have a very stable building, indeed!



The finished house has become a beautiful salute to the old Idestrup Parish cooperative consumers' association with its embellished facade, which was fashionable in the early 1900s. Guldborgsund Municipality has been an indispensable partner in the process and contributed by renovating the streets and other outdoor spaces surrounding the house. It has become beautiful piece of property and is in full use, and we hope that it will stand for at least another 100 years! Idestrup Village Local Council could not have done this work without support! We say thank you to all contributors, big and small, without whom, this wonderful conversion would not have been possible!

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