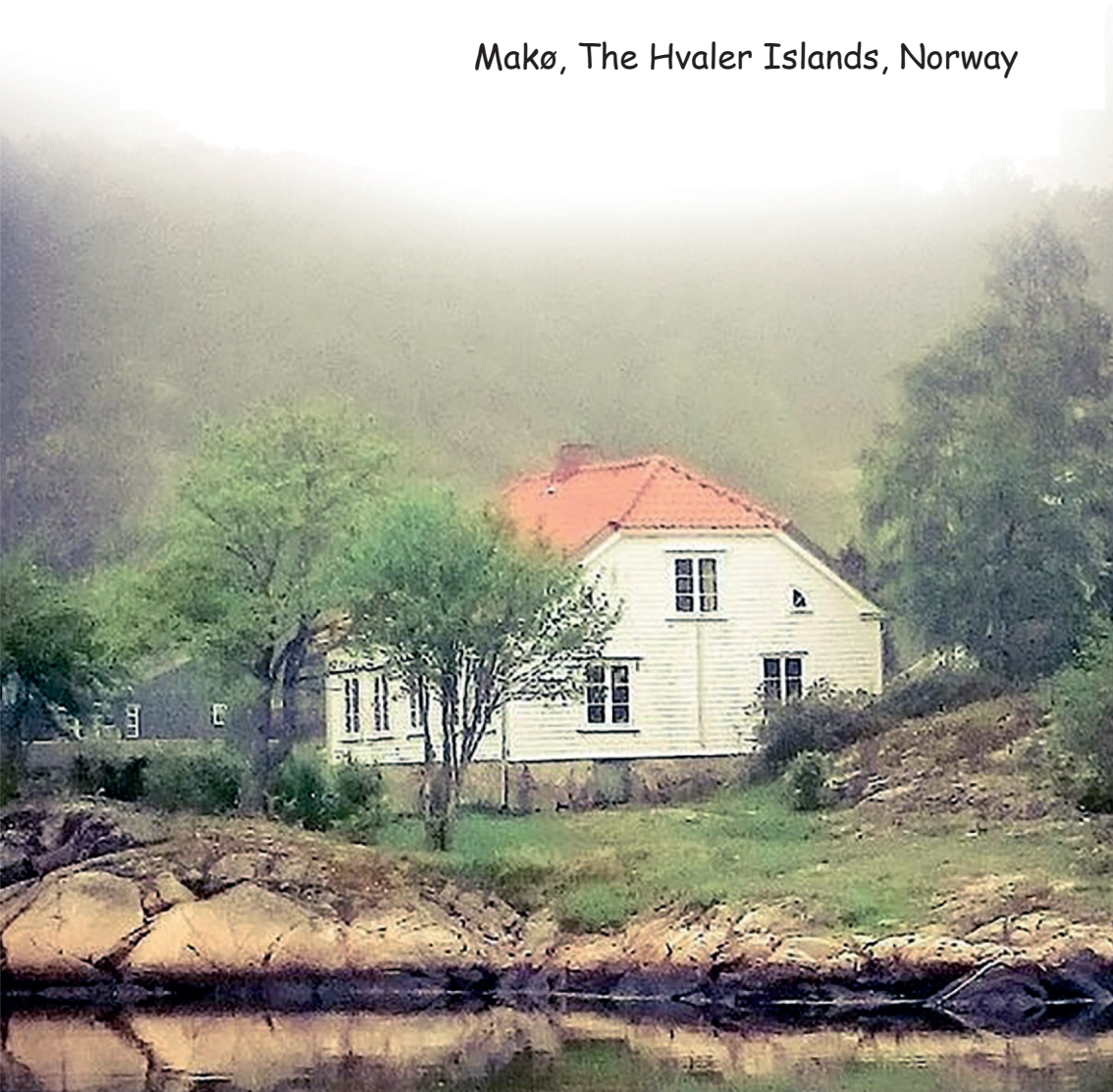




HALDEN SOROPTIMISTKLUBB

# SKIPPERSTUA

Makø, The Hvaler Islands, Norway





**Halden Soroptimist Club** is part of a worldwide volunteer organisation, Soroptimist International, with more than 70 000 women representing different occupations.

SI Halden is the largest club in Norway and has 51 enlisted members.

We are a global voice for women!

**Soroptimist International** works to improve the lives of women and girls locally, nationally and internationally. Soroptimists do this through awareness-raising, communication and grassroots projects. We regularly participate in hearings on women-related issues, and the organisation has advisory status in the UN.

Soroptimist International was established in 1921 and is present in 121 countries.

The organisation is politically and religiously neutral.



## The background for the Skipperstua project

In 2016, Halden Soroptimist Club decided to focus on a project in their home town.

Discussions led to Skipperstua at Makø becoming the club's main project. Skipperstua (the Shipman's House) is an old "gem" that Halden Child Welfare Service has at its disposal. During a year, many children and their families get the opportunity to spend a few days in the archipelago idyll.

For many years, however, Skipperstua had lacked maintenance and was in dire need of renovation. Refurbishment and care had been carried out voluntarily by "enthusiasts", mainly employees of the Child Welfare Service and their spouses (Friends of Skipperstua). Involved partners, including Soroptimist members, made a project plan for improvements desirable to carry out over the next two years. The goal was to achieve acceptable standards and still preserve Skipperstua's charm as the unpretentious Shipman's House in the Hvaler archipelago.

The club met enormous goodwill from Halden Municipality, local firms and individuals who desired to contribute, resulting in more funding and possibilities to expand the project. In autumn 2020, we considered the house completed. However, due to the Corona pandemic, the project handover ceremony had to wait until summer 2021. We can affirm that we have succeeded in our goals, and today, Skipperstua appears as the gem of which we could only dream!





Access to public water and sewer



## The voluntary work



### THE NORWEGIAN SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

Let us show sincerity in friendship, striving to promote peace and understanding.

Let us be willing to help and to serve.

Let us always set high goals for ourselves, and let us display dignity and commitment in our daily work.



All members of the club and many family members have contributed to the voluntary work

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**The new bathroom!**







Welcome to Skipperstua





## Dining and sitting areas at Skipperstua







A selection of  
Skipperstua's  
bedrooms and  
alcoves as they  
appear after the  
refurbishment



## The history of Makø and Skipperstua

Skipperstua was bought and given to the orphanages in Halden as a holiday resort. Later, the orphanages were transferred to the county authorities. Skipperstua, however, remained in the municipality's possession. Several generations of children have experienced good summer memories at Skipperstua. Today, the Child Welfare Service in Halden disposes the building and uses it as a resort for children and young people.



**HALDEN  
KOMMUNE**  
Child Welfare Service

# SKIPPERSTUA at Makø



Thank you for the assignment and your trust. We wish the club members the best of luck with the important work carried out in the Halden Soroptimist Club.

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