

# ADELÖV MARKET STALLS

Country markets were not just a place of trading, but also a meeting place for people from different districts. Creating market places too close to towns was not, however, in the interest of the authorities, since this meant increased competition over trade and tax revenue. There were two types of markets: Markets where only traders from within the town or city were allowed to sell their goods, and markets that were open to all traders.

In January 1731, the magistrate in Gränna put together a letter to the Swedish Riksdag on behalf of the burghers, who had complained about the poor trading conditions. Only two markets, Lommaryd and Kongsbro, beyond Haurida, had privileges. From the letter it is clear that a request has been made earlier regarding privileges for a marketplace in Frinnaryd, but that this had been rejected. Adelöv was now proposed as a more suitable alternative. The parish was far away from any market town, but was still within the trading area for the town of Gränna. If Gränna could obtain market rights in Adelöv, the town could collect taxes from this market without competing with burghers from other towns. Suitable dates for the market would be 1 March and 14 September. The decision, however, dragged on.

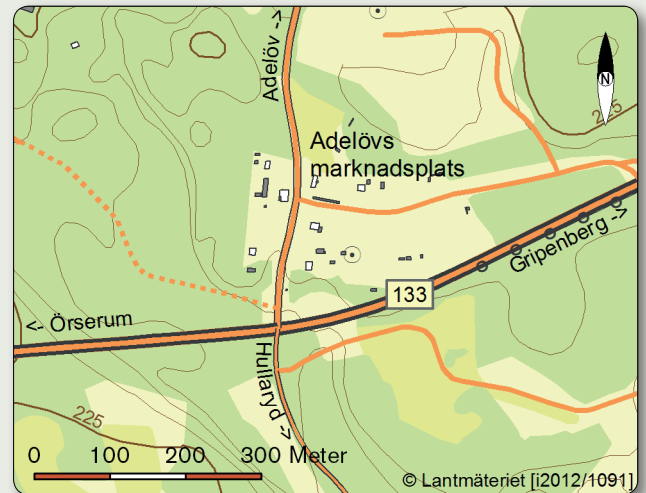
A new request was sent to the 1734 Riksdag, and this time the result was more positive. On 25 October 1734, king Fredrik I signed a resolution allowing the burghers in Gränna to hold markets in Adelöv.

Today, there is a row of twelve preserved market stalls from the 18th and 19th centuries. Previously, there were more stalls here, but one was moved in 1927 to Stierngranat's museum, around 8 kilometres north of Aneby. A timbered market inn with a fireplace was moved from here in 1930 to the Skansen outdoor museum in Stockholm.

The market stalls are still used at the popular market held every year on the first Thursday in September. On the western gable is a plaque showing that the market stalls are listed buildings.



One of the market stalls with shelving. Photo: Jönköping County Museum.



## HIDDEN GEM 34



### HOW TO GET HERE

Adelöv market is located near Road 133 between Gränna and Tranås. Turn north at the crossroads in Adelöv and continue for approx. 150 m.

Coordinates:

N 6430345 / E 480409  
(SWEREF 99 TM) // N 58°  
0' 51.31", E 14° 40' 6.32"  
(WGS84)



The market place in Adelöv, preserved from the 18th and 19th centuries, consists of a row with 12 stalls. Photo: Jönköping County Museum.

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## HIDDEN GEMS

There are so many things to discover in the countryside! Here, Jönköping County Museum presents some of the cultural environment and heritage attractions in the county.

They include well-known cultural monuments such as Habo Church and the Smålandsstenar Stone Circles, but also lesser known gems such as log-driving remains in the river Valån and Stengårdshult Church. Around the county you can find evidence of how people lived and worked in the past, everything from castles and manors to abandoned embankments and clearance cairns in forest areas.

The idea with Hidden Gems is to tempt you to make excursions in the cultural landscape – here you find our history, revealed in different ways in the physical environment. This heritage is worth experiencing and protecting. Bit by bit, we will be adding more sights under the heading Hidden Gems, both for people living in the county and visitors from further away. The more people who discover these gems, the better chance that they will be preserved for the future.

### FACTS

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In Jönköping County there are more than 4 000 registered ancient remains, 87 cultural environments of national interest, close to 130 listed buildings, around 150 churches, some 100 rural community centres with old settlements, a large number of industrial heritage sites, and two cultural reserves. There are also a large number of cultural environments with buildings worthy of conservation. More information about the sites can be found on the websites of the County Administrative Board, the municipalities and the local heritage societies.

### GOOD TO KNOW

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Access to the Hidden Gems varies. Some sites are well signposted, with easy access and proper parking facilities, etc. Others are more challenging to reach. Visitors may have to walk some distance, sometimes through scrubby forest, only to be met by a broken sign (if there ever was one) when they reach the site. All the sites, however, have an exciting and interesting history.

Please note that many of the cultural heritage buildings are privately owned and can only be viewed from the outside. Also, please respect private land. Many churches are open in the summer. During other times of the year, the churchwarden may be able to open the church for you.

