

Stensjö village is the Swedish picturesque come to life.

The traditional red wooden houses and barns are surrounded by gently lowering fields. Cows and sheep graze and the unpaved roads lead down towards the clear blue lake.

This, the image of rural Sweden from before the industrial revolution, was also the location for the filming of famous children's author Astrid Lindgren's books.



The customer: the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities

The unique historical environment of Stensjö village is preserved by the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities; the village is now open for visitors as a heritage site.

The project: toilets for tourists



With many visitors from Sweden and abroad, Stensjö village needs adequate provision of public toilets.

Traditionally, of course, this came in the form of an old-fashioned latrine, but this is no longer acceptable to visitors or staff. A new, more hygienic solution that suited the heritage environment was required.

The old latrine was housed in this building, which can still be visited (though not used) in the heritage village.

Danfo: total toilet solutions

The customer contacted Danfo in February 2009, requesting a proposal for a new public toilet for the heritage village. Danfo was chosen because they can provide a finished, turn-key solution, including help with designing the installation.

The partnership: design consultation

The most important aspect of the project was to design a building to fit into the heritage environment.

Danfo's construction department worked in close co-operation with the customer to develop a building that kept a number of features from the old latrine house - please notice, for instance, the windows above each entrance door and the high, slanted roof.

The toilet was installed on site in April 2009.

