The Swedish Transport Administration will be carrying out safety and capacity enhancing measures on the Fryksdal railway line, starting in 2018. The plan is to replace the entire track during 2022-2024. The result will be that the journey to Karlstad will take 30 minutes.

Some happy occasions and an inviting house got them to settle down in Sunne.

“We love the house and the environment. This is what we wanted when we moved from Stockholm. We are very happy here,” said Sara and Pär Ekengren, who moved to Sunne in August last year with their children Ester, 4, and Heidi, 2.

Sara, 38, and Pär, 41, had fully intended to move to Hälsingland – Pär is from Hudiksvall – and they had been looking at a house there for two years. They wanted to live in the countryside, although not too far from town and school.

“So we had a look at this house, ‘on the Rock’, in By, on Hemnet. When I was a child I was often in Sunne with my aunt, and I always liked the place. So if we were going to Värmland it was to Sunne that I could think of moving,” said Sara, who had grown up in Karlstad, 65 kilometres to the south.

Sara and Pär decided to go and look at the house and they read up on Sunne.

“We found the newsletter, ‘Curious about Sunne’ on the Municipality’s website. In it, we read about Pontus and Charlotta who had moved from Gothenburg to Sunne. When we were going to go to look at the house ‘on the Rock’ we booked somewhere to stay via Airbnb – with Charlotta’s mother it turned out! We recognized Pontus and Charlotta from the newsletter when they visited her mother, so we started talking.”

They met again at Sunne Municipality’s moving in-after work at Selma spa in September!

“Nowadays we see one another regularly, which is very nice as they have small children as well.”

Pär has worked in the care sector for many years. But with the move to Sunne that changed.

“I am attending a course in graphic design and technology at Brobygrafiska. It’s an area I have been interested in at hobby level and I am very glad to have been able to start studying. The school maintains a high level of teaching, and the fact that the application deadline was two days after we bought the house was another coincidence why Sunne felt completely right,” said Pär.

Sara has found a job as preschool teacher with Sunne Municipality. The newly-built Torvnäs preschool which will open soon will be her next workplace.

“Here, Sunne is making a big investment. It’s fun to be able to work in a newly-built preschool where the staff were present during the building process and were able to influence a lot of it,” said Sara.

After about 15 years in Stockholm, the move to a smaller place has been an adjustment.

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result shows that basic digital proficiency can be achieved with Telia, has been a success. At the same time, the project manager from the civil servants’ authority, through education and workshops. Dialogue politician Kerstin Johannesen, in a “pilot scheme” that is testing a new citizen dialogue handbook – here in one of a number of interviews with pupils from upper secondary school and school senior level in Sunne. The interviews were preceded with questionnaires.

Pupils at senior school level teach older people to become more digital. Training of 300 people, which was arranged by Sunne Municipality in cooperation with Telia, has been a success. At the same time, the University of Skövde contributed with research. The result shows that basic digital proficiency can be achieved with a short training period. The personal assistance was important – being able to sit down with someone who knows more and try things out.

Sunne is developing citizen dialogue

Sunne Municipality wants to be the municipality that listens best through dialogue, and strengthens democracy. Dialogue with citizens is a way of getting better basics prior to various decisions – as part of administration in the Municipality.

For two years, politicians from the political parties that are represented in the Municipal Council have attended a preparatory course arranged by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions. In the masterclass, which is what this type of course is called, a handbook has been prepared together with the Municipal Council and the Municipality’s managers, through education and workshops.

During the spring, the project will test the citizen dialogue handbook to see if it works in practical use. A pilot dialogue with young people in school class 9 and class 1 of upper secondary school has just finished. The pupils first were given a questionnaire about what they want to realise and having an exceptional drive for it,” said Kristina Lundberg, Business Developer in Sunne Municipality.

Sunne is fastest growing

Sunne has the highest ratio of company activity and has grown fastest of all the county’s municipalities. This is shown in a new report from the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, “Enterprise 2018”. Sunne also has the county’s highest ratio of enterprise women and the highest survival rate of newly-started companies after five years.

“The survival rate in particular is extremely important. Enterprise shall be run by someone having an idea that they want to realise and having an exceptional drive for it,” said Kristina Lundberg, Business Developer in Sunne Municipality.

Sunne is the top municipality in the county and is also above the average for Sweden as a whole.

“We generally say that there is an entrepreneur at every kitchen table. The threshold for becoming an entrepreneur is lower for those who have entrepreneurship in the family, so the basic conditions are good. Also, we have a tradition of working with Junior Achievement. People who have run a Junior Achievement company have a greater propensity to start a company in the future.”