

News Letter Oct 2021 Haapsalu, Estonia

Dear Friends and Supporters,







The SB Foundation supports, since a couple of years, the Food Bank in Haapsalu County, Estonia. During the past two years the food challenged population has been especially hard-hit by the Corona pandemic. The Food bank, Toinu Pank in Estonia, arranges for grocery stores to give food-items with a short shelf life to the Food Bank. It is also possible for the public in Estonia to contribute, e.g. there are several grocery stores that have special automats where the food can be handed in – preferably those with a long shelf life and in the manufacturer's original packaging, not requiring storage at a specific temperature. The automats are emptied on a regular basis and are distributed by the Food Bank. The SB Foundation contributes to the fuel costs, so that the food deliveries can be made to the people in need. The Foundation has decided, this year, to raise the annual contribution to it. If you want your gift to go to this purpose, write Haapsalu or Estonia on the payment.

The distance to Stockholm is a bit more than 500 km. Here are some more facts about Haapsalu in our neighbouring country Estonia:

- Haapsalu is the oldest health resort in Estonia, well-known for its healthy sea clay.
- All Russian tsars in the 19th century visited Haapsalu.
- For 300 years (1279-1559) the Catholic bishop had his throne in Haapsalu and the city was in close contact with Rome during that period.
- The 216 m long platform at Haapsalu's historic railway station has a roof of equal length.
- The hand knitted Haapsalua scarf is so thin that it can be threaded through a lady's ring.
- There is an Ilon Wikland museum in Haapsalu. The castle drawn by Ilon in Astrid Lindgren's book Ronja the Robber's Daughter looks like the bishop's castle in Haapsalu.
- Every spring and autumn millions of arctic seabirds migrate to the Haapsalu coastline.











