

TOPIC 4: Dwelling Culture

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MURGLE HOUSING ESTATE – QUALITY OF LIVING AND MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Why I have chosen this topic?



What is it that impacted me for life? Life and love towards nature, which I inherited from my parents, grandparents. My father was a forest keeper and a hunter and his life, as a professional and an amateur, had always been strongly connected with nature and life in it. I found all this in Murgle, where I have been living since 1985. The quality of living in this part of our city has fulfilled my expectations and has made it up the beauties of the town where I had spent my childhood.



Murgle is a housing estate of small atrium family houses, only about 2 km away from the city centre. All institutions and attractions in the city centre are within a walking distance, you can also ride a bike, go there by car or bus. This gives a feeling of safety and increases the quality of living. Houses in this estate are similar in design, but they differ in the size of the floor plan. They were built after a Scandinavian model, brought to us from Sweden by two Slovene architects. Narrow walkways between the houses, which prevent access to the entrance by car, are a specific trait of this part of the city. Additional character of Murgle are also names of the streets, names of trees that in fact grow there, such as Pod bresti (Under the elm trees), Pod bukvami (Under the beech trees), Pod hrasti (Under the oak trees) or Pod jelšami (Under the alder trees). In addition to green trees and various shrubs, offering home and shelter to numerous birds, peace and quiet is a great advantage for the inhabitants of Murgle. The houses have an open space, connected with nature and at the same time they are a haven, which enables us to enjoy life and feel safe at the same time. A small vegetable patch gives us tomatoes and fresh parsley for daily use. There is a small titmouse hatchery made



of pine bark on the tree in our atrium. Many birds hatched here and flew happily into the world, if only did not become victims of the neighbour's kitten. I witnessed this once after the May holidays. Blackbirds often nest on the yew tree, and their young are threatened by magpies with colourful feathers.

Living here has given me everything I needed for my family when I finished my studies and found a job. Even today, when in my third age, Murgle still offers me everything I need.