

Threatened with extinction?

The Durmersheimer "Red List" - What should not be forgotten?

Animals and plants threatened with extinction are listed on a so-called "Red List". If there were a "Durmertsheimer Rote Liste" (Red List of Durmersheim), one would have to record in it the peculiarities of our place threatened by oblivion, which have shaped Durmersheim's identity over generations.

In addition to customs and traditions, old songs and rhymes, buildings and half-timbered houses, this also includes local cultural assets such as our Durmers dialect, the garb names of our fields and meadows that are customary in our district or the names of various corners and corners in the village, which usually tell their own story.

New times bring new developments and displace old and apparently no longer needed or useful things.

But it is precisely these historically grown structures that make up the typical uniqueness of a place. They are worth it to be remembered in some way, to be saved from oblivion.

Especially the local dialect, "auser Durmerscher Schbrôôch", is increasingly pushed out of daily use. Whether in school, training, at work or even in private life: dialect is often perceived as disturbing, inappropriate or "out".

Modern communication devices function insufficiently or not at all with dialect. In addition, new citizens from all directions bring with them new linguistic influences.

Anyone who nowadays appears to us as a dialect freak and cultivates his dialect as a lifestyle is almost exotic, not to say an eccentric. One then notices that we do not live in Bavaria or East Friesland, where the dialect still has a completely different social significance.

Admittedly, the Durmerscher dialect is certainly not always easy for outsiders to understand or even speak. Nevertheless, it is a folk culture that has grown over generations and that you don't have to hide.

Also the old Durmersheimer Gewannnamen are historically developed designations for individual areas of our district. Due to the diminished importance of agriculture in daily life, the knowledge of the location names of the fields and meadows is also lost. They provide interesting insights into the daily life of our old front.

The fact that there are supposed to be mountains in Durmersheim seems at first glance to be a joke. Because everyone knows that our village is located in the Rhine plain and surrounded by a flat landscape.

And yet: Durmersheim has at least 24 "mountains" to show for itself - the partly steep transition points from the Tiefgestade to the Hochgestade are meant.

Most of these places have names that derive from the location or from people living here.

Who will remember the "Davidsberg" or the "Lochberg" in 25 years? These are just two of the 24 "mountains" in Durmersheim, which invite you on a short trip around the town with interesting insights and views.