

WELCOME TO BULGARIA WELCOME TO Grohotno village

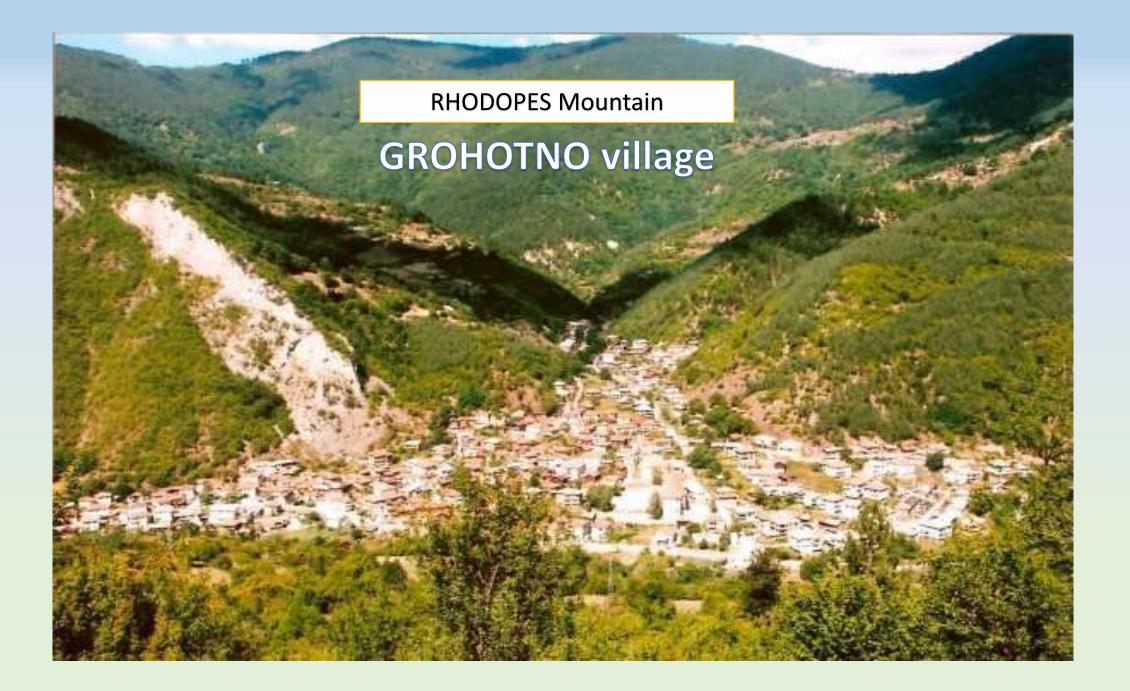


Municipality Devin region Smolyan





Knowing me, knowing you: The story of my village GROHOTNO village **Municipality Devin Region Smolyan** BULGARIA



GROHOTNO village



GROHOTNO village Rhodope mountain





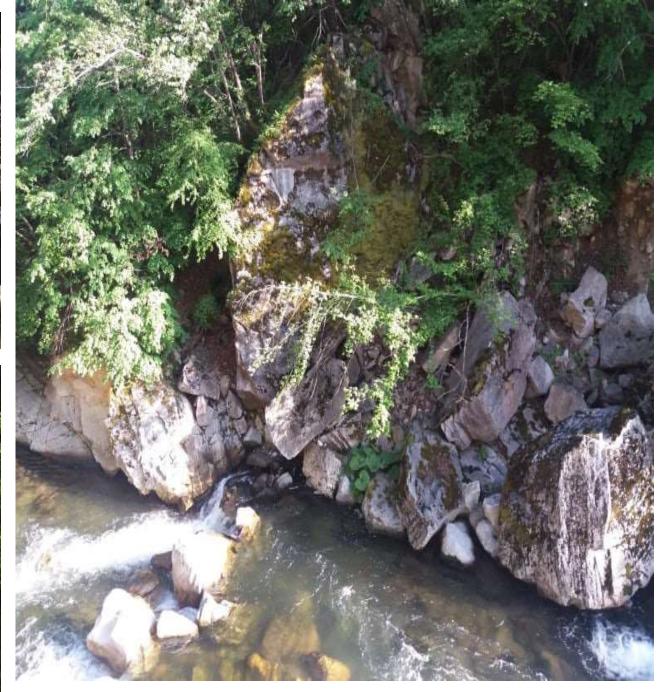
The story of my village. The name of the village

Grohotno village is located 10 km away from Devin city, which is Municipality city.

It is situated along the river Vacha, 800 m. altitude. The name of Grohotno occurred in the past when the Vacha River struck the rocks, and a rumble was heard. That's why the old people called this beautiful area "Rumbling sound "but today there is not rumble, but built nice tunnel.







Today in this place there is built a nice tunnel



The village is characterized by the fact that strong traditions are preserved there. There have been dozens of myths and legends in the memory of the ancient times that have passed through the generations. Ancient customs are preserved, which provoke the curiosity of both locals and tourists. As in many other Rhodope settlements, the custom of older people burning hay or straw in front of their houses for the expulsion of the snakes and, in general, of the evil of the homes is preserved here.

This custom called is performed on March 14th each year

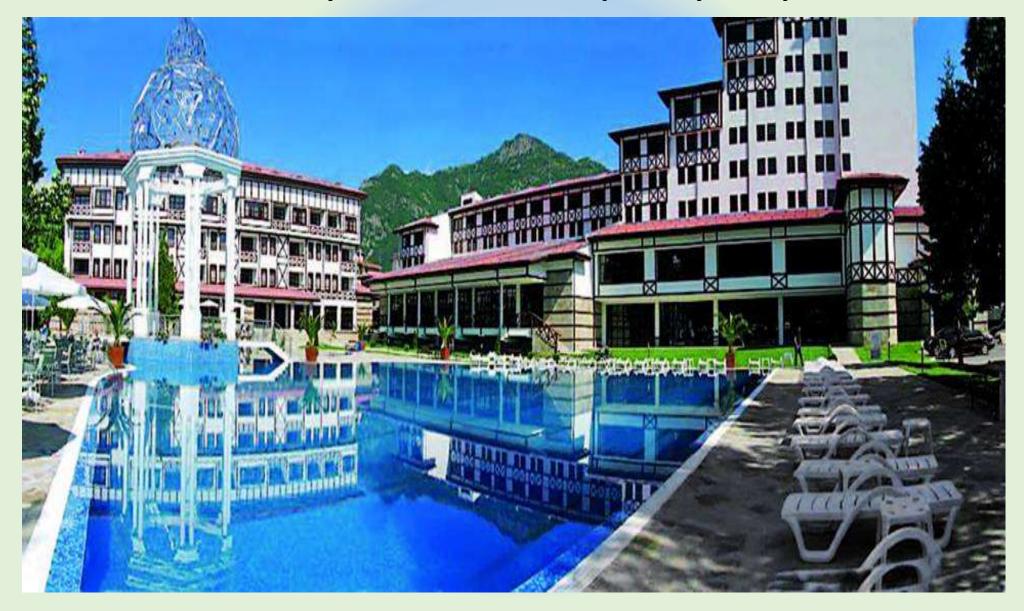


The population is made up almost entirely of the Turkish (Yurush) ethnic origin (as it is said) community and a small fraction of the Pomaks claiming Islam. There is a small amount of mixed marriages between Turks and Christians and single marriages between Turks and Pomaks, as well as many recent marriages with weddings or beings from foreign countries and continents.

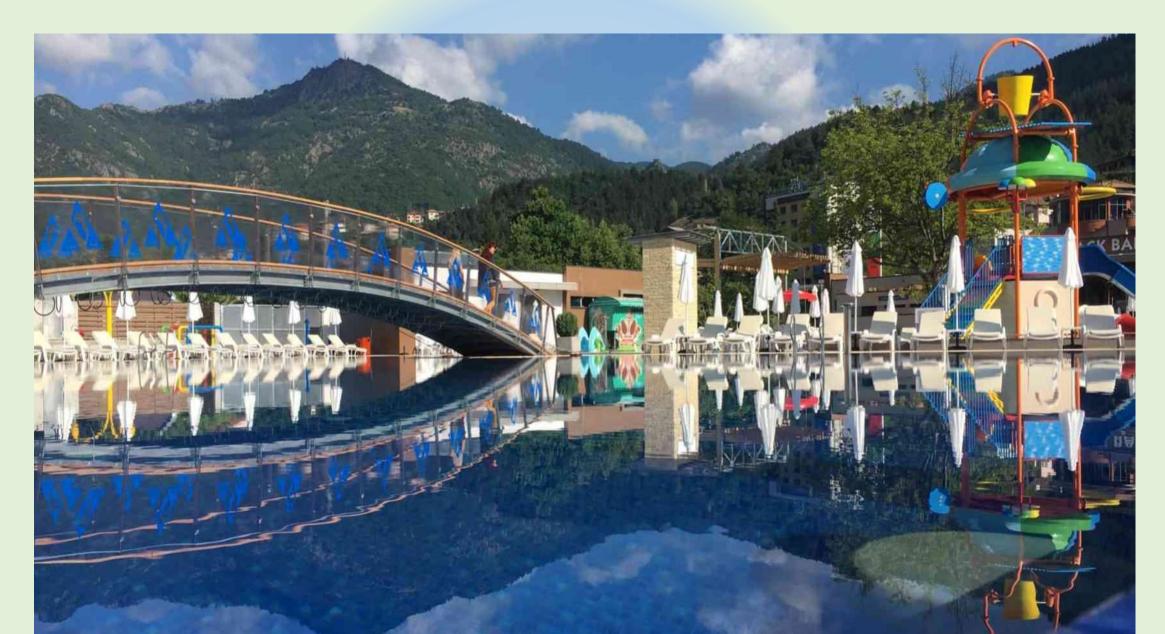




Devin city- the Municipality city



Devin city – Aqua Park



A poem for Grohotno v., written by Mrs F.Vassileva



GENO TPONOTHO

Там иличьде нейде, На мпето страхотно, Намира се китото Село Грохоти о

> Читалище учистице Джамия и котели Едно място за което, Всички са полудели.

Възторжена Родопа, В пазните си скрила, Сезо,тъй страхотно, Наречено – Грохотно!

Хей, хора, Вий се спрете. Вода от извора паднете! Диха на Родопа усетете. И нач на – посетете! Ноторня — словыя, за нас- веч безерганна! достойни за награда За голяма извенида.

> Грохотно е – страхотно!!!! Мното за гостукано! Попаднене ли ведноже Ис мислине за отикане.

България – не зисай, че ти си селски рай. Странниците зназит-За него веч мечталит?

В музея са събрани Дух.традиция, обичан Живелт през вековете На дедите пи гласовете:

В засмяното утро, засмяно лице Почалыя се соряез от местноото учаснице?

А там, по-насоре, безброй гласове????? Да – децата са те, а не бесове.

Тането ние о логдо Трожетно Дори ст чустденарате, труки тъб ступкотов Махита такоя като Бариоудски триксскире Привласка таковинство На всеки колтонстворован.



PUBLIC and other institutions in the village

In the Grohotno village there are:

- Primary School , Geo Milev"
- Kindergarten " Katya Vancheva"
- Community Center " Nazam Hikmet"
- Village town hall
- **Asphalt base**
- Pellet workshop

Primary School " Geo Milev" in the village



24 May-Celebrating the Slovanic alphabet and Culture













The Kindergarten – "Katya Vancheva"











Village Festival Celebration





GROHOTNO village





WINTER in the village





The village MOSQUE



Around the river



Every year there is a village Festival. People from village living and working in different European countries as Germany,Scotland,England, Greece, Spain come in the village to see their families and relatives and enjoy village Festival.





In the village square



Village central garden



Community Center in village



The village FAMILIES'S TREE

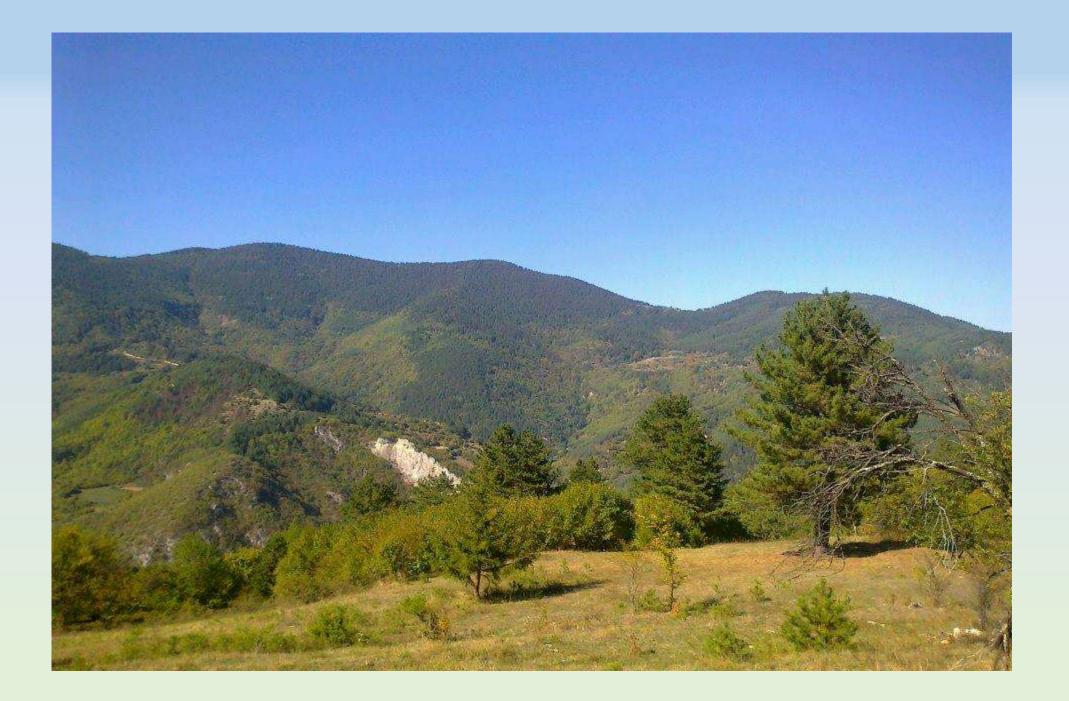
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The Mosque



The renovated mosque can be visited not only by the local population but also by tourists passing through the village. The second week of May in 2006 celebrates a traditional holiday of the village, but lately it is moving the date. The rural community has strong traditions and identity. Many myths and legends have been preserved in the people's memory, passed from generation to generation to the present day.







Ancient rituals are preserved, which are impressive and very attractive to the visitors of the village. Traditionally, every year on 14 March, the custom of "Screaming the Snake or the Winter" is performed. The population burns fireplaces of straw in front of their homes to expel snakes and evils. The village has a primary school - "Geo Milev", a kindergarten - "Katya Vancheva" and a community center "Svetlina".









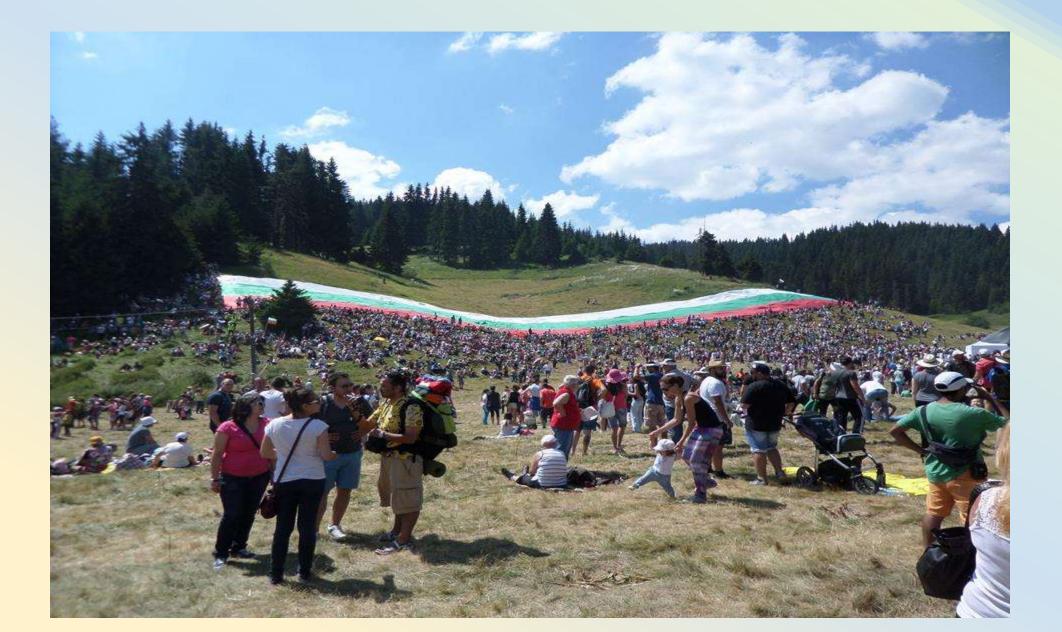
Community Center – in the winter



Folk dance women's group – Community Center



Traditional Folk Meetings around our village





An old house in Grohotno village



A barn - for storing animal feed







A hotel building in the village

A hunting company in village



WINTER in the village



People mainly plant an grow potatoes, beans, peas and vegetables- tomatoes, cucumbers, pumkins etc.



The Community Center and the Mayoralty and the School organize PUBLIC REAING BOOKS outside

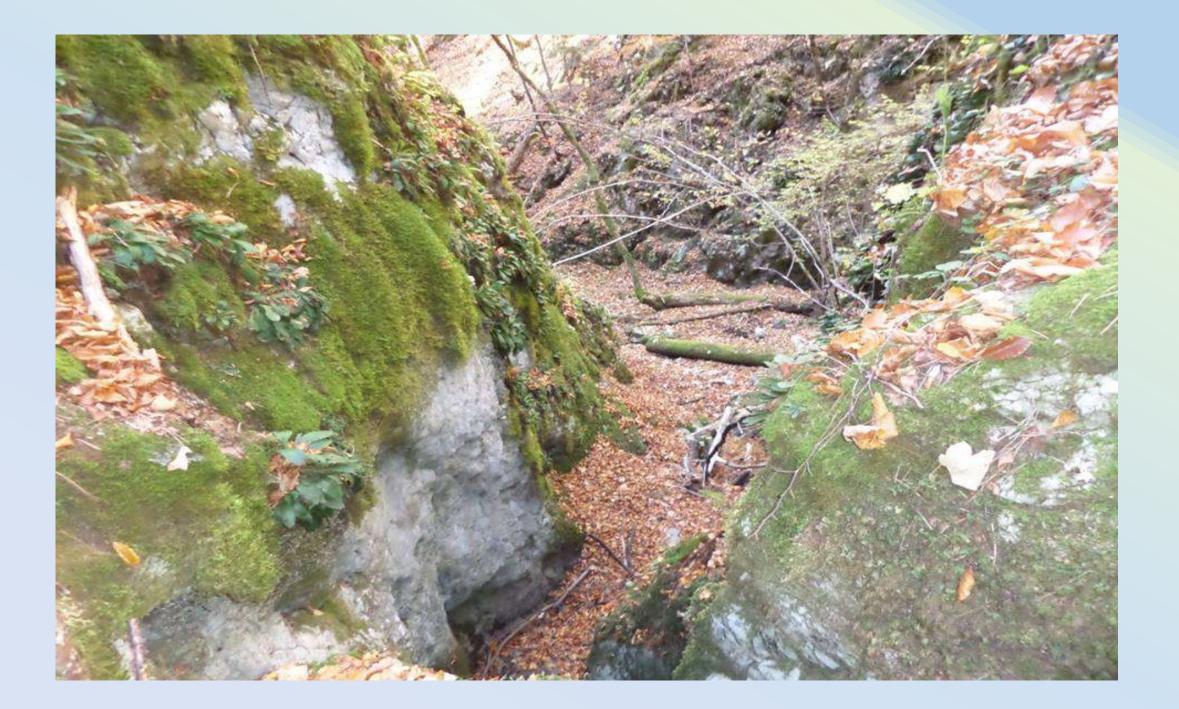


The young people often help for improvement the village surrounding and environment



Students from the school, together with the Community Center are trying to find the village cave named "Petlova Dupka, (Rooster's hole) in the summer vacation.





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Primary School "GEO MILEV" GROHOT NO village, Municipality DEVIN Region SMOLYAN

THANK YOU for watching this presentation !

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