



Water – Our Most Valuable Resource

The community of Heiden in the canton of Appenzell is a popular resort for people seeking relaxation. Reason enough for tourism director, Jürg Kugler, to make sure that the water in the beautiful fountains all around town was drinkable. To make this a reality, PE pipes and ELGEF Plus sockets by Georg Fischer were put to good use.



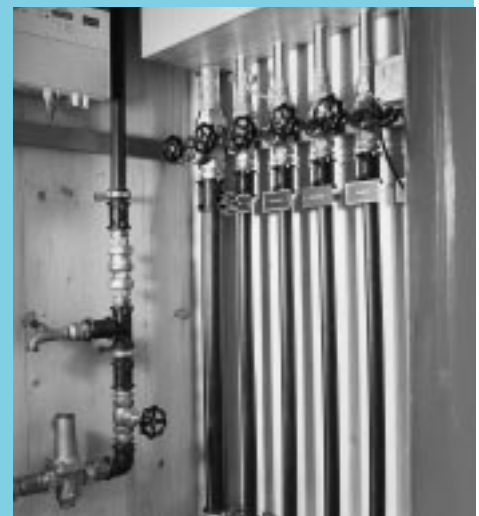
Local people and guests can now take a sip of fresh water at the village fountain.



Jürg Kugler, the tourism director for Heiden, thought it was not befitting for a renowned resort to have to place «Warning: do not drink» signs on all their charming village fountains. At his suggestion, it was decided to take action and alter this rather unfortunate situation.

Water treatment with PE pipes and ELGEF Plus

Paul Niederer, responsible for water maintenance, was commissioned with the task of planning a new water purification system. The job includes collecting the water at one central point, pumping it through a filter, and finally distributing the clean,



The potable water is distributed from the central treatment unit to the five village fountains. In the photo on the right, the ELGEF Plus sockets, which are used to connect the pipes and valves, are pictured.

potable water to all five fountains throughout the town. Paul Niederer was able to accomplish this task with the help of Georg Fischer PE pipes and ELGEF Plus sockets.

The fountains in Heiden were provided with potable water right on time for the Biedermeier festival, which is held every year at the beginning of September. A pioneer achievement, which did not cost much, but made a great impression on all the guests and townspeople.