



# Shetland South

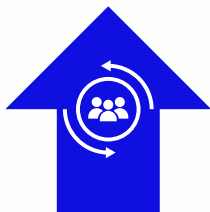


Shetland South ranges from Gulberwick to Sumburgh, and includes the UK's most remote island, Fair Isle. There are clusters of communities, from growing townships to smaller villages. There is a public transport bus route from Lerwick to Sumburgh Airport, which links into the Fair Isle ferry at Grutness. Buses also connect with other settlements, as do taxis throughout the area.

The main settlements are: Gulberwick, Quarff, Cunningsburgh, Sandwick, Levenwick, Bigton, Scousburgh, Dunrossness and Sumburgh. Shetland South has numerous archaeological, heritage and protected natural environment sites. Industries include agriculture, crofting, marine and construction. Shetland's main airport in Sumburgh provides employment opportunities, connecting Shetland with mainland UK, Kirkwall and seasonally, Norway. The airport supports the operation of Oil and Gas Industries flights, lifeline NHS services and HM Coastguard.

There is a junior high school in Sandwick, and primary schools in Cunningsburgh, Dunrossness and Fair Isle. There is a Health Centre in Levenwick and a swimming pool in Sandwick. Community facilities include shops, post offices, café restaurants, social clubs, youth and community centres, Churches, visitor centres and artist studios. There are many community events, including the Cunningsburgh Show, Shetland's largest agricultural show.

2% increase in population over 10 years, the Shetland population overall has declined by 1%

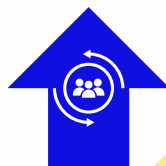


4,494 people live in Shetland South, 20% of Shetland's population



10.7% of children are living in poverty, lower than the Shetland average of 11.6%

19.6% of the population are aged 65 and over, lower than the Shetland average of 21.8% and 5.8% more than 10 years ago



The cost of living is up to 8% lower than the Shetland average and up to 33% higher than the UK average



9 Sites of Special Scientific Interest

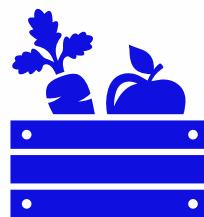


19.6% of the population are under 16 years old, higher than the Shetland average of 17.9% and 2.9% less than a decade ago



6 sites considered the best for Wildlife in Europe (international designations)

30% of the population report growing and eating their own produce, the Shetland average is 30%



10 Local Nature Conservation Sites



5.9% of the population claim out of work benefits, the Shetland average is 8.8%



The school roll is 401



95.5% of 16-19 year olds are in education, training or employment, the Shetland average is 97.4%

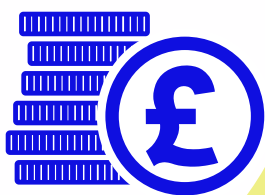
60% of the population report being physically active on 5+ days per week, the Shetland average is 58%

Median income is 23.4% higher than the Shetland average and 27.7% more than the Scottish average



19% of the population report feeling lonely, the Shetland average is 17%

20.8% of the population report drinking alcohol at a harmful or hazardous level; the Shetland average is 17.7%



The average house price is £205,400, the Shetland average is £178,000



Locality Profiles are intended to be useful for both communities and partners to provide detailed information at a local level, for purposes including service redesign, local plans and maximising opportunities to seek external funding to support community development. Profiles have been created for each of the 7 localities in Shetland. Statistics should be treated with caution due to small numbers, and figures can fluctuate significantly. A separate profile for Fair Isle is also available.

Data Sources: CACI Paycheck 2022; Highlands and Islands Enterprise - Minimum Income Standard 2016; Improvement Service 2023; National Records Scotland (NRS) Population estimates 2021; NHS Shetland Population Health Survey 2021; Scottish Government: House Prices - Residential Properties Sales and Price 2022; Shetland Islands Council Local Development Plan 2014 Appendix III Environmental Baseline; Shetland Islands Council 2023; Skills Development Scotland, Annual Participation Measure 2023. Definitions, full details and links can be found on the Shetland Partnership website.