



Fair Isle



Fair Isle is the most geographically remote inhabited island in the UK. The isle is owned by the National Trust for Scotland, situated 24 miles south of mainland Shetland. It is part of the Dunrossness Community Council area. Globally recognised for its dramatic landscape, traditional crafts and bio-diversity, Fair Isle Demonstration and Research Marine Protected Area has been in place since 2016.

The community has 49 permanent residents as well as some seasonal workers. Historically, agriculture was the main livelihood. 4G connectivity now supports a diverse range of employment. Service roles are undertaken by residents such as firefighting, and maintaining the energy supply, in addition to numerous committee positions.

Fair Isle has a primary school with Early Learning and Childcare, NHS surgery, harbour, airstrip, shop, post office, community hall and a museum. The island is served by both ferry and inter-island air transport links. Fair Isle generates its own off grid electricity through wind and solar.



There are 49 full time residents, 5 less than in 2020.



28.9% of the population are aged over 65, 0.2% less than in 2020.



Median Income is higher than the Shetland average, however some households have a much lower income.

There are less than 5 temporary residents in Fair Isle.



There are around 50 jobs in Fair Isle, mostly part-time, some only a few hours a month. Service roles are the majority, with others self employed in tourism or craft related roles. A small number work remotely. Permanent residents often fulfil a number of roles, in a combination of employment, self-employment, crofting and voluntary roles.



There are 8 children in Fair Isle, ranging from infant to secondary school age.



There are 29% fewer people living in Fair Isle since the high point in 2001. Whereas the Shetland population grew by 30% from 2001 to 2021.



There are at least 8 voluntary organisations, with 40+ volunteer roles. This is mostly providing services and community representation in the Isle.

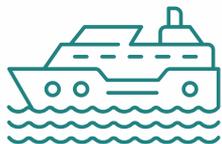


Islands Survey Data: results from all islands



68%

Percentage of respondents satisfied with public transport provision, 13% more than in 2020.



74%

Percentage of respondents who rated their community as a 'Very Good' or 'Fairly Good' place to live, 17% more than in 2020.

Percentage of respondents satisfied with education provision, 11% less than in 2020.

16%



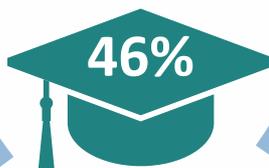
Percentage of respondents with access to super-fast broadband (300MBps+), 14% more than in 2020.

29%



Percentage of respondents who said public services listened well to their community, 1% more than in 2020.

46%



57%

Percentage of respondents satisfied with healthcare provision, 17% more than in 2020.



57%



Percentage of respondents felt optimistic about the future of their community, 6% more than in 2020.

78%



Percentage of respondents expressed a sense of belonging to their community, 10% more than in 2020.

72%



Percentage of respondents with access to 4G coverage, the same as in 2020.