



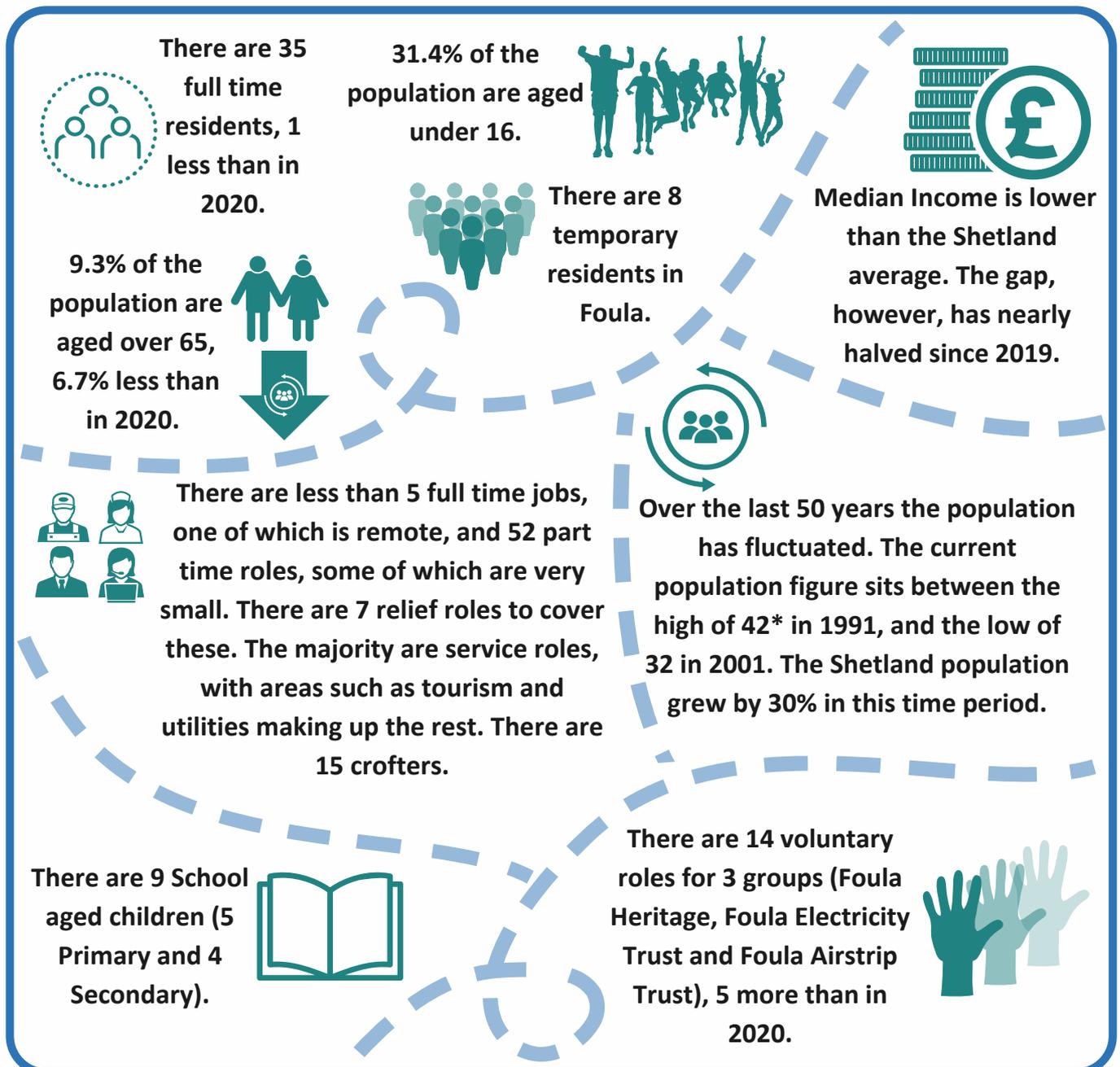
Foula



Foula, one of Britain's most remote inhabited islands, lies 20 miles to the West of the Shetland Mainland. Covering five square miles, with five distinctive peaks, it has one of the highest sheer sea cliffs in Britain – Da Kame (1,233ft). Foula is said to be 'on the edge of the world', with the main townships in the narrow eastern coastal strip.

There are thousands of birds, hundreds of hardy and colourful Foula sheep, Shetland ponies and Foula has its own sub-species of field mouse. It is an island rich with folklore and history and has a strong musical tradition. Foula is in the Sandness and Wall Community Council area, with a Primary School, Community Owned Kirk, Airstrip and Harbour. Transport links are by ferry and air, which also bring in essential supplies (as there are no shops on Foula). Flights from Tingwall Airport take approximately 15 minutes, and the ferry from Walls Pier takes roughly 3 hours.

Crofting and fishing are important ways of life for residents, complemented by business development such as textiles and tourism. There are a number of public sector paid roles. Levels of volunteering are high. Foula is an off grid island, generating its own energy through renewables run by a voluntary trust. Foula is working toward becoming Net Zero.



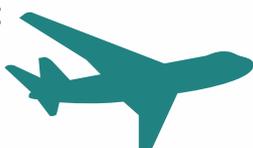
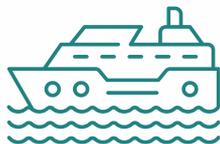
Data Sources: Community data is provided to the Council by each community in response to engagement with them, 2023; Median Income, CACI 2019-2022; Shetland in Statistics (Census data). *data from 1981 not included as it was marked as an estimate. Caution should be taken when interpreting these figures due to the small numbers involved.

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%

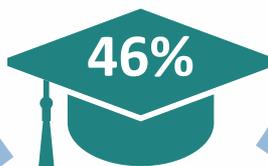


Percentage of respondents with access to super-fast broadband (300MBps+), 14% more than in 2020.

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.