



# Skerries

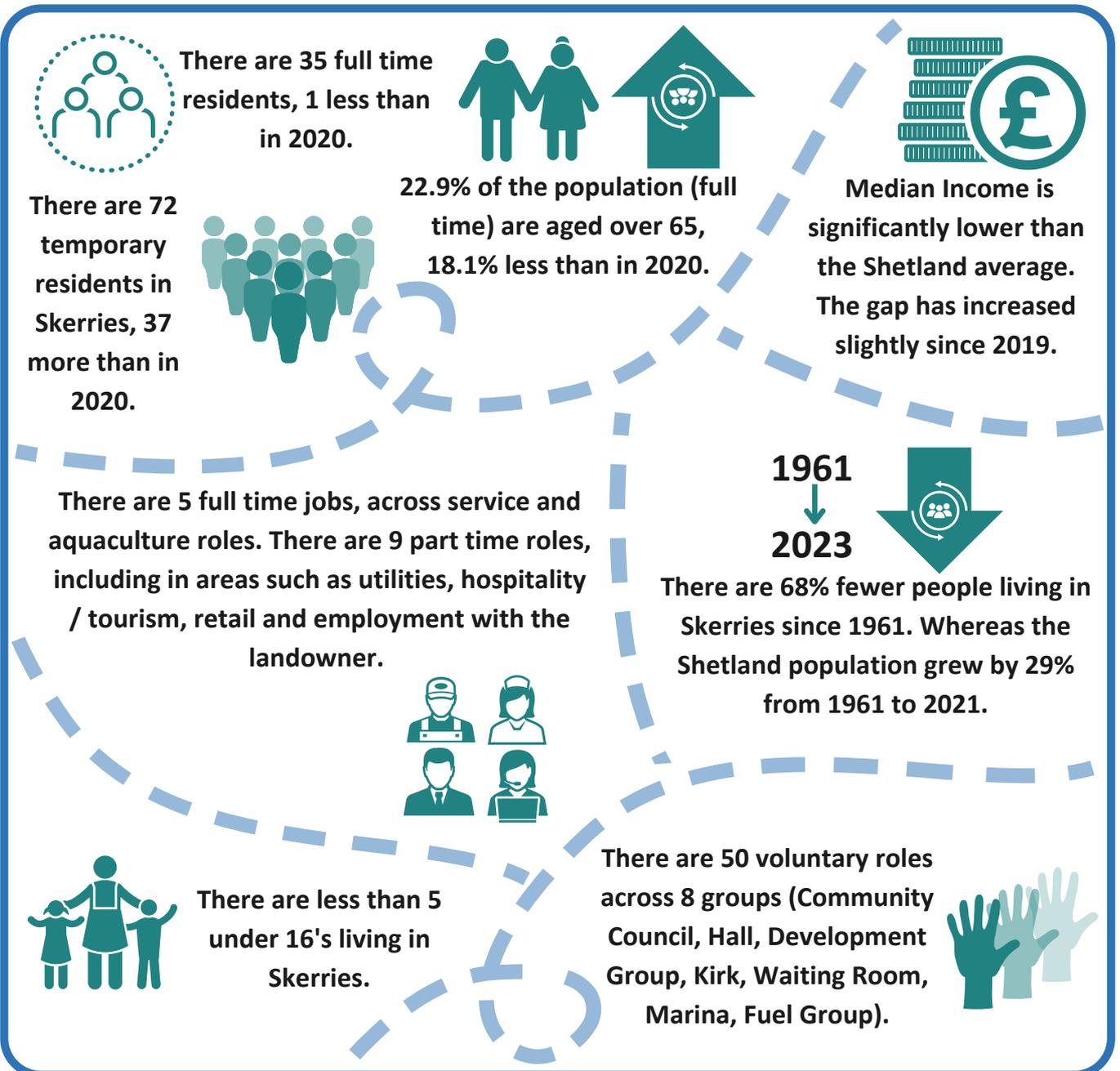


Skerries lies 24 miles northeast of Lerwick, with some of the most beautiful natural harbours in Shetland. A haven of peace and tranquillity, the island is popular with birdwatchers and visiting yachts. There are three main islands, with the populated West Isle and East Isle connected by a bridge. The third isle, Grunay, can only be reached by boat and was bombed in World War II, leading to its evacuation.

There are 35 permanent residents, who continue to offer the warm welcome and generous hospitality that Skerries is renowned for to visitors. During the School holidays the population swells as families with connections to Skerries come to enjoy all that the islands have to offer.

A Health Care Support Worker is resident in the isles, dealing with most health issues. Skerries has a Community Hall that is used for events, a Kirk and a new waiting room at the pier (built by the Skerries Development Group in partnership with Shetland Islands Council).

Skerries comes under the North Isles Council Ward and has its own Community Council. There are two shops (the Bruray Shop and Wester Shop), as well as a post office (in the Wester Shop). The isles are served by a ferry service six days a week, taking 28 passengers and 9 cars.

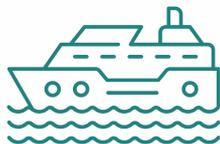


# Islands Survey Data: results from all islands



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.