

Shetland has come out very well in another of the quality of life surveys that appear from time to time. The most recent assessment, by the Bank of Scotland, puts Shetland at number one in Scotland, overtaking last year's winner, Aberdeenshire. According to the Bank:

*'Residents of the Shetland Islands tend to have higher than average earnings in Scotland as well as a high employment rate; they also have good health, the best education results and suffer low burglary rates. The Shetland Islands also offer the best value for money property due to a combination of the best quality of life and relatively low property prices; house prices trade at a discount to the Scottish average of £39,290 (24%).'*