

Shetland in Statistics



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Housing

NUMBER UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1975

Local Authority and being built for Local Authority:

Lerwick	52
Haroldswick	15
Baltasound	19
Uyeasound	14
Cullivoe	10
Fetlar	15
Brae	108
Mossbank	51
Voe	18
Walls	5
Bixter	8
Skeld	8
Weisdale	20
Hamnavoe	1
Cunningsburgh	18
Total	362

Scottish Special Housing Association:

Lerwick	36
Hamnavoe	4
Total	40

Civil Aviation Authority:

Virkie	8
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Police Authority:

Lerwick	4
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Private Housing: 154

Total Housing under construction **568**

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

Lerwick	190
Landward area	390
Total	580 (1974: 620)

NUMBER COMPLETED 1975

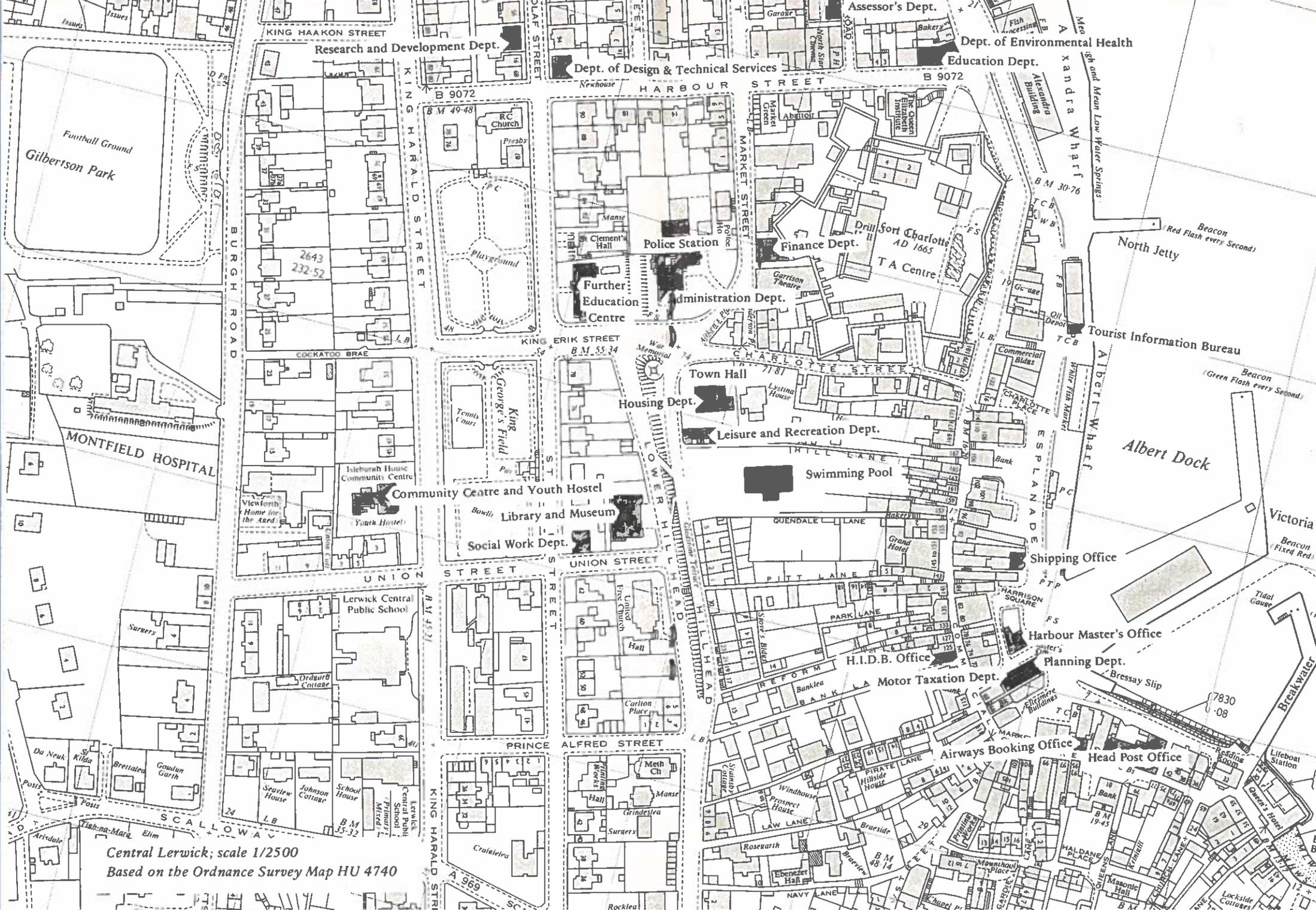
Local Authority	194
Private	71
Scottish Special Housing Association	16
Scottish Airports Housing Association	15
Total	286

Education

School Rolls as at January 1976:

	<i>Secondary</i>	<i>Primary</i>
Anderson High School (comprehensive)	770	—
Baltasound Junior High	58	100
Mid Yell Junior High	58	76
Brae Junior High	68	68
Symbister House Junior High	54	149
Aith Junior High	65	63
Scalloway Junior High	129	136
Sandwick Junior High	87	81
Haroldswick Primary	—	33
Uyeasound Primary	—	27
Cullivoe Primary	—	23
Burravoe Primary	—	31
Fetlar Primary	—	6
North Roe Primary	—	16
Ollaberry Primary	—	12
Urafirth Primary	—	29
Olnafirth Primary	—	30
Lunnasting Primary	—	22
South Nesting Primary	—	14
Skerries Primary	6	12
Sandness Primary	—	7
Foula Primary	—	4
Happyhansel Primary	—	40
Gruting Primary	—	11
Skeld Primary	—	26
Whiteness Primary	—	56
Hamnavoe Primary	—	65
Gott Primary	—	43
Cunningsburgh Primary	—	74
Dunrossness Primary	—	152
Fair Isle Primary	—	9
Quarff Primary	—	19
Bressay Primary	—	38
Lerwick Primary	—	790

Compared with the 1974 figures there has been an increase of 5.0% in Secondary and 4.9% in Primary pupils.



Research and Development Dept.

Dept. of Design & Technical Services

Dept. of Environmental Health

Education Dept.

Gilbertson Park
Football Ground

Police Station

Finance Dept.

Further Education Centre

Administration Dept.

Town Hall

Housing Dept.

Leisure and Recreation Dept.

Swimming Pool

Community Centre and Youth Hostel

Library and Museum

Social Work Dept.

Shipping Office

Harbour Master's Office

Planning Dept.

H.I.D.B. Office

Motor Taxation Dept.

Airways Booking Office

Head Post Office

Central Lerwick; scale 1/2500
Based on the Ordnance Survey Map HU 4740

Shellfish monthly landings (cwts.), 1975:

	<i>Lobsters</i>	<i>Crabs</i>	<i>Escallops</i>	<i>Queens</i>	<i>Winkles</i>	<i>Total value (£)</i>
Jan	10	2	105	116	—	4,404
Feb	19	35	459	378	—	14,122
Mar	39	134	489	91	—	16,221
Apr	24	99	352	46	—	11,478
May	39	219	305	48	—	13,106
Jun	32	236	196	84	75	8,984
Jul	37	225	191	86	47	9,927
Aug	25	275	132	110	48	7,200
Sep	34	218	162	879	—	14,877
Oct	34	759	10	1008	—	16,303
Nov	65	2055	5	628	—	29,694
Dec	98	1017	38	38	—	28,031
	<u>456</u>	<u>5274</u>	<u>2444</u>	<u>3512</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>174,617</u>
1974	627	6175	2666	2759	—	202,192

Oil

SULLOM VOE

Under the general direction of the Sullom Voe Association Limited, in which the Shetland Islands Council has a 50% interest, a very large terminal is being constructed at Sullom Voe for the treatment and storage of crude oil and associated gas from the large offshore oilfields in the East Shetland Basin.

Two 36 inch diameter submarine pipelines are being laid, by BP and Shell respectively, one connecting the terminal to the Ninian Field and the other to the Brent, Cormorant and Dunlin Fields. It is estimated that by 1982 these two pipelines will be bringing 60 million tons of oil per annum to Shetland.

Shetland Islands Council, as the Harbour Authority for Sullom Voe, are providing the oil loading jetties to accommodate tankers of up to 300,000 tons deadweight capacity which will carry the oil from the Sullom Voe terminal to refineries in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. First shipments of oil from the terminal are scheduled towards the end of 1977.

OIL SERVICE BASES IN SHETLAND

Lerwick:

	<i>berths planned</i>	<i>operational</i>
Norscot (Fred Olsen)	9	9
Harbour Trust (Shell and BP)	4	4
Ocean Inchcape	3	—

Sandwick:

Hudsons	10	3
Scalloway:	3	1
Baltasound:	3	—

OIL SERVICE VESSELS VISITING SHETLAND

	1973	1974	1975
Lerwick	328	838	1581
Sandwick	34	110	202
Scalloway	1	5	—

NUMBER OF SHETLANDERS DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY OIL SERVICING COMPANIES

	1973	1974	1975
Lerwick	23	50	98
Sandwick	8	13	11
Scalloway	—	—	—

Knitwear

Because of the nature of the Shetland Knitwear industry it is virtually impossible to collect relevant statistics. Its range varies from a few 'large' businesses to numerous small operators, whose numbers vary according to the economic climate. Turnover is probably in excess of £1m, but there are no reasonable estimates of employment, largely because of the difficulty of quantifying the large number of workers, particularly women, who operate from their homes.

In general, the industry probably fared as well in 1975 as in the previous year, with the level of demand being roughly the same. There was, however, strong evidence of a large upswing in demand for plain garments towards the end of the year. In fact there are indications of a return to the boom conditions of a few years ago. Most firms have full order books until later this year and there is evidence of frustrated demand.

The brake on the possible 'boom' is likely to be shortage of labour. The advent of large construction works in Shetland coinciding with a downturn in the knitwear trade has considerably reduced the number of active knitters. It is debatable whether these knitters, especially male ones, will be available if there is a 'boom'.

There is a continuing heavy demand for Fair Isle garments, one which cannot be fulfilled. Most firms practise rationing. During 1975 there was considerable progress among one or two firms operating on a craft basis.

Tourism

April to September 1975

Type of Accommodation	Visitors	Bed nights	Occupancy levels
Lerwick hotels	7,411	25,412	84.6%
Country hotels	3,473	22,918	64.2%
Lerwick bed and breakfast	1,581	8,683	41.0%
Country bed and breakfast	805	6,477	24.0%
Self Catering	953	11,853	n/a
Hostels	<u>1,791</u>	<u>10,607</u>	n/a
	16,014	85,950	

Overseas visitors (included in total) 1,089 (6.8%)

Seasonal characteristics based on Occupancy Levels (%)

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Hotels	44	74	83	90	77	48
B&B	15	18	54	61	51	36
Self Catering		not available				
Hostels		not available				

No. of postal enquiries received 1 March, 1975—29 Feb., 1976: 5373.

No. of visitors to Information Centre — 7640 (14% increase on last year).

Transport

VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

The total numbers of vehicles registered through S.I.C. in 1974 and 1975 are given below:

	1974	1975
Cars	4514	4259
Motor Cycles	384	325
Agricultural tractors	645	523
Hackney vehicles	148	130
General haulage	14	11
Goods vehicles	609	540
Others	130	101
	<u>6444</u>	<u>5889</u>

These figures do not include vehicles registered directly through the D.o.E. (Swansea). The D.o.E. are unable to supply any information regarding these vehicles and therefore a total figure for vehicle ownership in Shetland is unobtainable. An estimate would be approx. 6660 vehicles.

SHIPPING IN LERWICK HARBOUR

	general	H.M. ships	coal	oil	oil rig tenders	other vessels
1974	439	18	9	74	838	477
1975	580	32	7	82	1581	616
	British fishing vessels		Foreign fishing vessels		total all net registered shipping tonnage	
1974	901	1275	4031	823,726		
1975	674	1237	4809	1,257,343		

These figures show an increase of 778 vessels and 433,617 net registered tons over 1974. These figures do not include the Shetland fishing fleet.

FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS

Country	1974	1975	Country	1974	1975
Denmark	314	319	Netherlands	4	12
Faroes	220	236	Norway	397	476
Finland	1	3	Poland	39	30
France	8	9	Sweden	26	26
Germany	7	3	U.S.S.R.	27	17
Iceland	232	106			

SUMBURGH AIRPORT TRAFFIC

1975	passengers	aircraft movements	freight (lbs.)	helicopter movements
Jan	14766	1489	67848	766
Feb	12596	1229	75586	542
Mar	13272	1312	93923	574
Apr	13551	1447	74988	509
May	14709	1950	82476	593
Jun	15211	2416	102935	922
Jul	18290	2775	68744	1240
Aug	17701	1992	72232	744
Sep	18638	2227	93581	1026
Oct	18635	2128	114042	996
Nov	14532	1622	128064	763
Dec	<u>14418</u>	<u>1637</u>	<u>126888</u>	<u>872</u>
Total	186319	22224	1101007	9577
1974	158253	16966	930327	7273

Major construction work undertaken at the Airport during 1975 included an enlarged terminal building and re-construction of runway 27 to full instrument flying requirements. Airport now equipped with radar, distance measuring equipment and full runway lighting for night operations.

Finance

REVENUE AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES 1975/76 for period 16 May 1975 to 31 March 1976

EXPENDITURE

	<i>Revenue £</i>	<i>Capital £</i>
Development	37,920	—
Planning	102,320	—
Highways	832,730	581,200
Lighting	21,900	—
Ferries	124,770	87,300
Piers and harbours	87,300	250,800
Ports and harbours	cr. 185,000	7,781,000
Water	68,796	652,000
Sewerage	51,660	308,000
Education	2,148,050	1,748,470
Social work	318,330	22,500
Housing	257,860	10,148,500
Leisure and recreation	117,020	48,600
Environmental health services	296,824	18,740
Miscellaneous services	281,210	168,380
Contingencies	172,000	—
	<u>4,733,690</u>	<u>21,815,490</u>

INCOME

Government general grants in aid	4,315,492
Electricity and transport contribution	27,298
Charged to rates	<u>390,900</u>
	4,733,690

Domestic Rate	78p in the £
Non-Domestic Rate	99p in the £
Domestic Water Rate	18p in the £

Capital expenses are financed initially by borrowing which is repaid over a period of years.

Sources of Information

Climate: Meteorological Office, Lerwick Observatory.

Population: 1971 census material, H.M.S.O. and figures from Shetland Health Board, Commercial Street, Lerwick.

Housing: Figures from Housing Department, S.I.C.

Education: Figures from Education Department, S.I.C.

Agriculture: Figures from Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Lerwick, and Mrs Marie Brooker, Gord, Levenwick.

Fisheries: Figures from Fisheries Office, Alexandra Wharf, Lerwick.

Oil: Figures from oil service companies.

Tourism: Figures from Tourist Information Office, Alexandra Wharf, Lerwick.

Transport: Figures from Motor Taxation Department, Lerwick; Lerwick Harbour Master, Alexandra Buildings, Lerwick; Civil Aviation Authority, Sumburgh.