



The old Haroldswick School, in use for 117 years, now serves the community as our HERITAGE CENTRE - a fitting conversion.



We have tried to tell the story of Unst, unique features such as the fine lace knitting and most northerly lighthouse forming displays as well as extra research material and booklets available to the visitor.



The CROFT HOUSE is from about the 1930's but this varied greatly according to personal circumstances.



Unst Heritage Centre

Some years ago a forgotten cache of fine old Unst lace knitting came to light in the Uyeasound shop. It had lain hidden for about 100 years. Naturally much of it was so fragile that it could not be put on show. But, thanks to some additional funding, a few expert knitters have made fine replicas which we are now proud to exhibit.



Shetland PONIES have been used in Unst for at least 4000 years and are held in high esteem. With the advent of tractors and other mechanical aids for agricultural chores and peat 'flitting' their numbers declined but the ponies that are left are outstanding. Our harsh climate and selective breeding have seen to that. A panel display tells the Shelties story.

On Friday afternoons there is an opportunity for folk to come along and try their hand at spinning or knitting 'Shetland style' with ladies who are experienced in their field and willing to discuss any aspect of the subject.



In the collection there are also many rare fine lace articles. There is an exceptional Fair Isle jumper, knitted with fine yarn in the 1930's which should have a designer label on it.



For further information about Unst's spinning and knitting heritage may we suggest the booklet 'A STITCH IN TIME' a very good buy at £6.00