

UNST'S LONG HISTORY.

Those who really want to go back in time should start with Unst's peculiar **geology**. A look at Professor Flinn's map can give an idea of the Island's complex beginnings. The whole process is explained in picture form on a video which is easily accessed. Many samples are there for folk to handle. Some of Unst's rock has been mined over the years.

Ancient Unst

So far no Mesolithic remains have been found on Unst but of **NEOLITHIC REMAINS** there are many. If you are walking on Unst you can scarcely miss ancient ruins.

The age and purpose of Shetland's standing stones is still being debated.

Were they grave stones or boundary markers, or direction finders, or even for marking time.



A **NEOLITHIC / BRONZE AGE** panel gives brief information on various accessible sites to look out for on your travels. Sheets with grid references for these sites and several others are available -free. If you have time to spare there is much more information readily available in the **STUDY / READING CORNER**.

An **IRON AGE / PICTISH ERA** panel covers the era from about 700B.C.-700A,D. so that includes the **BROCHS**. There were at least 11 Brochs in Unst. One of the most recent excavations in Unst was the **IRON AGE** site at **SANDWICK**. The sea had already gone with a large proportion of the structure but what was left was rich in artifacts. Some 2300 finds included a **RARE PICTISH SKELETON** from a slightly higher level.



GUARD, SCAPE and **ADOPT- AMONUMENT** were all involved, and the three remaining **CELLS** were rebuilt.

The **VIKING / NORSE AGE** panel shows the results of the exciting **VIKING UNST PROJECT**. Excavations at **BELMONT, UNDERHOULL** and **HAMER** carried out by the Universities of **DENMARK** and **BRADFORD** will greatly increase our knowledge of our Scandinavian heritage and assist in the plans for the building of a **NORSE LONGHOUSE** near the impressive **SKIBLADNER**.



A warm welcome awaits you at Unst Heritage Centre. A **RANGE OF QUALITY SOUVENIRS** is **AVAILABLE**.

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We hope you **ENJOY YOUR VISIT**.