

Fetlar2013

Fetlar Interpretive Centre

The community of Fetlar is justifiably proud of its dynamic community-run heritage and craft centre. Located at Houbie, the centre is ideally placed on the island and can provide visitors with a comprehensive range of maps, brochures, and other information. The Interpretive Centre is also a Promote Shetland iPoint, and can provide additional support and information for visitors to Fetlar.

The centre contains exhibitions covering archaeology, folklore, wildlife, and the social history of the island, and hosts an extensive archive of photographs dating from the 1860s. Additionally, there is a range of films dating from the 1930s onwards and a collection of recordings detailing island folklore and music that visitors may access.

Fetlar Interpretive Centre also offers the opportunity for those with Fetlar ancestors to access information that can be used while undertaking research.



Above:
Hnefatafl in play outside the Fetlar Interpretive Centre.

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Recent Projects

In 2012, a craft shop promoting crafts sold under the label 'Handmade in Fetlar' was opened. The shop provides an area for residents to sell and promote their handmade goods – which are often made using locally sourced materials.

In early 2012, volunteers combined their efforts to repaint and bring a fresh look to the centre. In addition, new labels and information were produced for the exhibits, which were also rearranged.

Starting in 2011, the centre undertook the task of transferring aural and visual recordings on tape to digital formats, starting with recordings of Jeemsie Laurenson's storytelling. The project is still ongoing, and most recently a new TV has been installed in the centre in connection with the project.

Awards

In 2000, Fetlar Interpretive Centre was awarded the Scottish Museum of the Year Award in the Educational Initiative category for its exhibition, Sir William Watson Cheyne and antiseptic surgery.

In 2002, the centre was a runner-up at the Scottish Thistle Awards, which recognises achievement in tourism development.

Fetlar Museum Trust

Fetlar Interpretive Centre is run by Fetlar Museum Trust, a group of people on Fetlar who work to preserve, record, interpret and display the social and natural heritage of the island for the benefit of the future.

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