

SHETLAND WOOL WEEK ONLINE 2020 QUIZ ANSWERS

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TO YOU



1. Shetland Sheep come in how many recognised whole colours?

There are 11 main whole colours in Shetland sheep, with many shades and variants in between.

2. In lieu of a tape measure, which of these would knitters of old commonly use to get an approximate measurement?

Knuckle - roughly 4 inches. That's the measurement from fingertip to knuckle.

3. What is the name of the charity that teaches knitting in Shetland schools?

[Shetland Peerie Makkers](#) – Many of our SWW tutors volunteer for them.

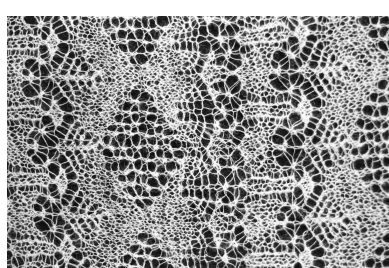


4. Where in Shetland might you see a Shetland Grice?

In the [Shetland Museum](#) – a Grice is an extinct pig that was indigenous to Shetland.

5. What is the population of Shetland?

Approx. 23,000



6. Which island in Shetland is renowned for its fine lace?

Unst, the most northerly island in Shetland has a tradition for fine lace knitting. The intricate openwork stitches invented by the islanders were given names such as 'fern' and 'horseshoe'. The Heritage Centre in Unst has an excellent collection of local garments.



7. What was the company T.M. Adie and Sons of Voe best known for?

Producing cloth for tweed. They also are well known for knitwear. Andy Ross writes about Shetland Tweed in the [SWW Annual 2020](#).



8. Which building was once home to Arthur Anderson?

The [Shetland Textile Museum](#) at the Bòd of Gremista, in Lerwick.

9. How many miles of coastline are there in Shetland?

1700 miles, Shetland's 'jigsaw' shape makes the coastline amazingly long

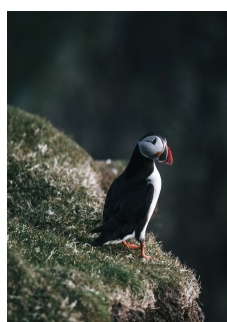
10. In this year's SWW Annual there is a pattern called Bosie Gloves by Alyssa Malcolmson. What does 'bosie' mean in Shetland dialect?

A Hug



11. At what time of year do the puffins leave Shetland?

Mid August – [Sumburgh Head](#) is a fantastic place to see them.



12. There are over 100 islands in Shetland. How many are inhabited?

15 Islands are inhabited.



13. What was the name of the Shetland ponies who launched our first SWW Fair Isle Friday?

Fivla and Vitamin from [Thordale Stud](#)

14. Which island in Shetland offered a SWW tour for the first time during last year's SWW?

Foula – remote and breathtaking island, with a population of around 30. [Foula Wool](#) offered a day trip tour to meet crofters and see native sheep in the rugged environment.

15. Which previous Shetland Wool Week patron is renowned for their love of vintage Fair Isle?

[Ella Gordon](#)

16. Who has the title of fastest knitter in the world?

[Hazel Tindall](#)



17. In this year's SWW Annual there is a pattern called 'Mirknen Dags and Legwarmers'. What does the Shetland word Mirknen mean?

Evening Light. The simmer dim is the night long twilight in the summer months. The design is by [Elizabeth Johnston](#).

18. How many inter-island ferries do you need to take from mainland Shetland to get to Unst?

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19. How many patterns are there in the 2020 SWW Annual?

13 patterns from 11 designers

20. Where would you find the SWW Hub?

[Shetland Museum and Archives](#) (although in the early years of SWW the Hub was located at Islesburgh).



21. Which patron designed the famous Baa-ble Hat?

Donna Smith

22. Which special guest attended the SWW opening last year by video?

HRH Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Patron of Campaign for Wool. [Here is a link to his video address.](#)



23. Which marking do these sheep have?

Yuglet – with distinctive 'panda' patches around the eyes

24. What does the word hentilagets mean in the Shetland dialect?

Wool lost from sheep on the ground – there is an interesting article on knitting words in the Shetland dialect in this year's [SWW Annual](#).

28. Jumper weight is equivalent to what thickness?

Fingering



29. What weight is an average Shetland fleece?

1–1.5kg

26. When was the first SWW?

2010 – we celebrated our 10th wool week last year



27. How many years ago were the first sheep brought to Shetland?

5000 – find out more in Carol Christiansen's podcast ['Origins of Shetland Sheep'](#)

30. In the 19th century, knitters received payment in goods rather than cash from the local merchant. What was this system called?

The Truck System – during the 19th century Shetlanders largely operated under the truck system – working for a land-lord merchant and received payment for their labours in kind rather than coin. This practice went on until the 1930s.

31. Which part of a Shetland's sheep fleece is typically used to make wool for lace?

Very fine wool from the neck.



32. What relation is Wilma Malcolmson to Terri Malcolmson?

Granny – [see them in conversation here.](#)

33. Who wrote the famous Shetland crime series?

Ann Cleeves

34. What is the name of the traditional Shetland fruit cake from Whalsay?

Huffsie – here is a recipe. [Click here for the recipe.](#)

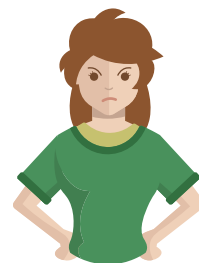


35. What is the translation for 'it's a day o' dirt'?

It's horrible weather today. We have many interesting expressions - and this is one of them – weather is spoken about a lot in Shetland

36. What is the surest way to cause offence to a Shetlander?

Refer to the Shetland Islands as 'The Shetlands'



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