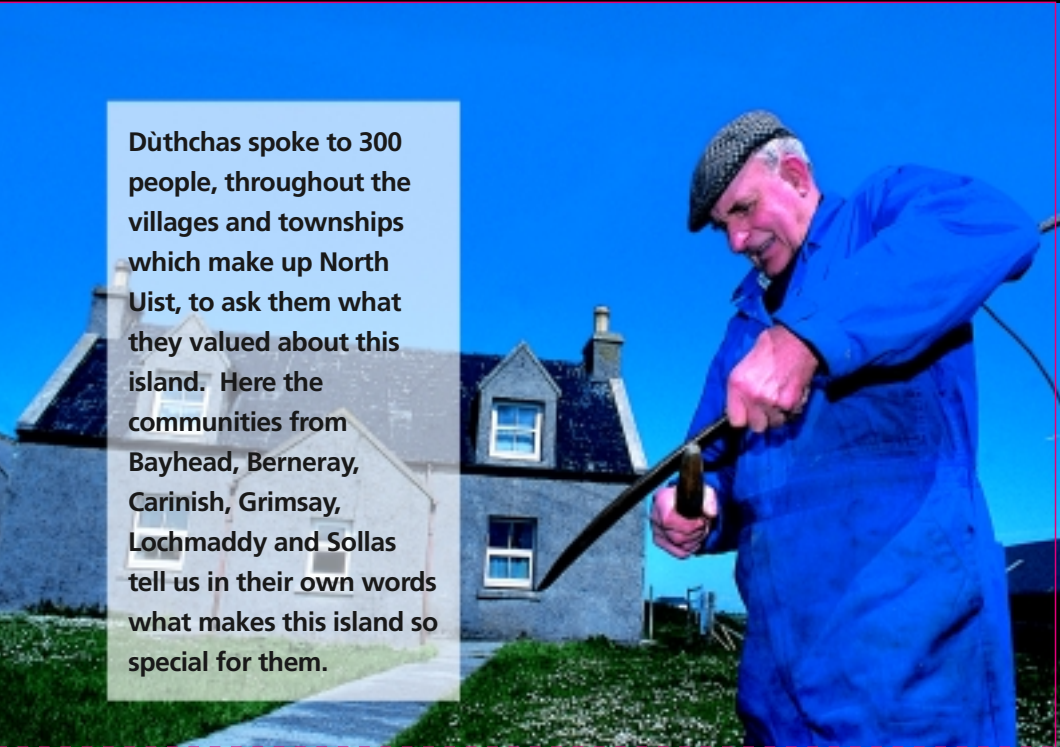




Uibhist mu Thuath

Tha Uibhist mu Thuath cho luachmhor sealladh 'S nach urrainn dhomh luaidh san uair le m' theangaidh, Na suidhe sa chuan 's mu chuairt dhi bearraidhean Stuagh a' carachd 's a' cròiceadh. Tha machraichean fhèin fo dhèis 's fo thoradh, A' cumail na sprèidh gun èis bhith orra; Tha raontaichean rèidh 's gach ceum fo onair 'S gach geug air monadh a mòintich.

Bardachd le Domhnall Ruadh Chorùna a Uibhist a Tuath © Comann Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath



Dùthchas spoke to 300 people, throughout the villages and townships which make up North Uist, to ask them what they valued about this island. Here the communities from Bayhead, Berneray, Carinish, Grimsay, Lochmaddy and Sollas tell us in their own words what makes this island so special for them.

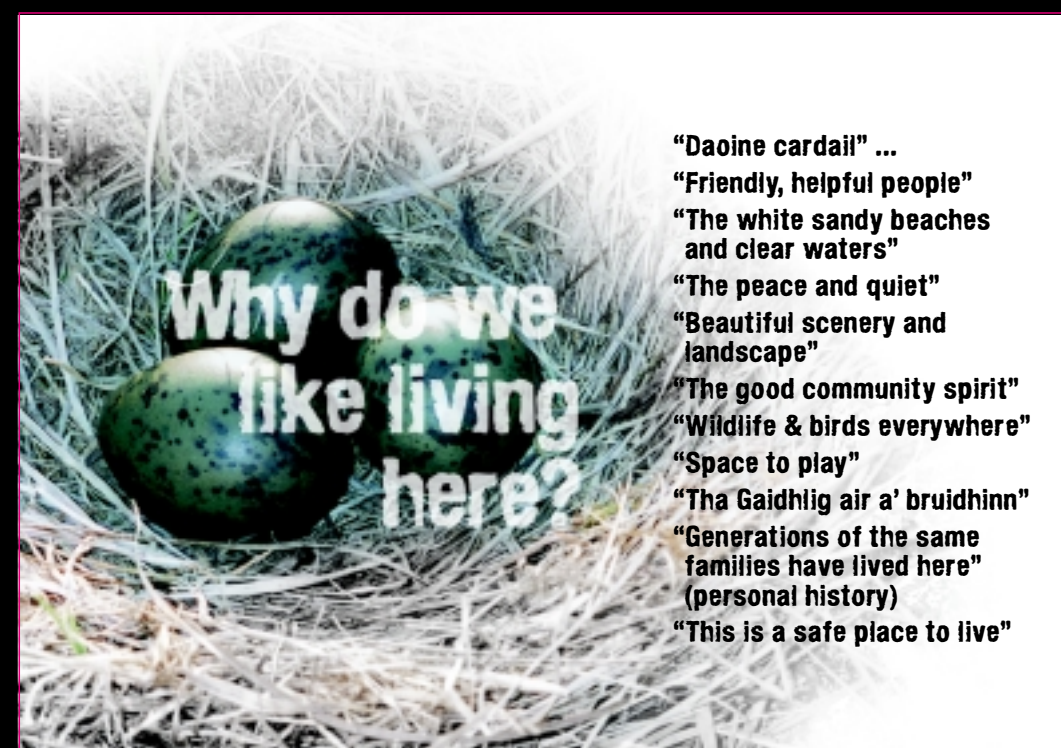
“Wide open space”
“Wide open spaces as far as the eye can see ... at night it seems as if you can see every star in the galaxy.”
“It is better to stay here than any other corner in the world. The crofters are more kindly to help each other than in any other corner.”
“I can live by myself and not worry that anyone will bother me.”
“The crofters are more kindly to help each other than in any other corner.”



The Dùthchas Project is promoting sustainability in remote rural areas. If you would like to hear more about Dùthchas or have ideas for the future wellbeing of North Uist, please contact us:

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Why do we
like living
here?

"Daoine cardail" ...
"Friendly, helpful people"
"The white sandy beaches
and clear waters"
"The peace and quiet"
"Beautiful scenery and
landscape"
"The good community spirit"
"Wildlife & birds everywhere"
"Space to play"
"Tha Gaidhlig air a' bruidhinn"
"Generations of the same
families have lived here"
(personal history)
"This is a safe place to live"



ideas
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future

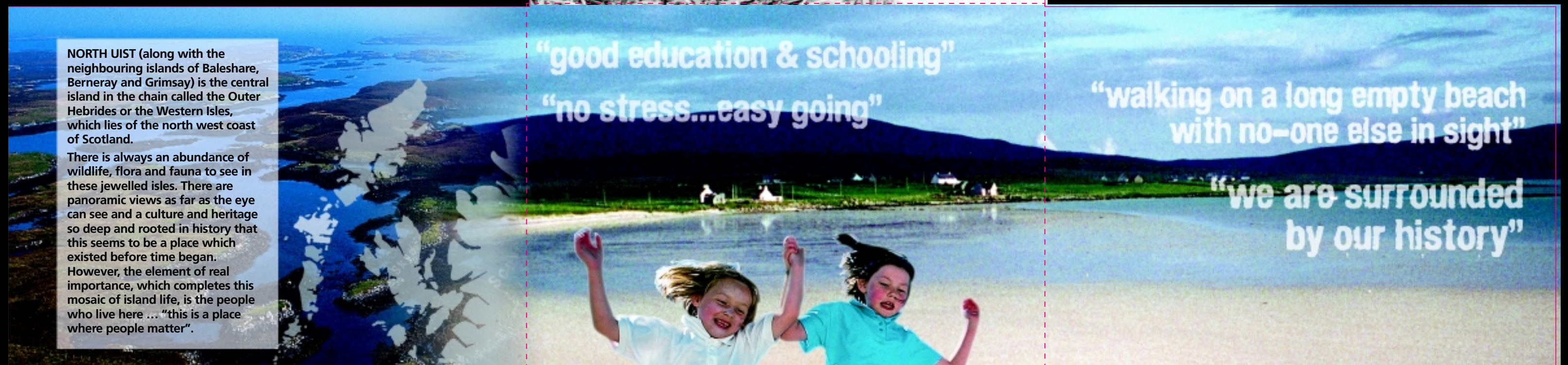
"Market local natural
resources and
produce"

"Tourism based on
unique features
of North Uist"

"Community facilities"

"More environmentally
friendly practices on
machair and beaches"

"Interpretation of
historic sites"



NORTH UIST (along with the
neighbouring islands of Baleshare,
Berneray and Grimsay) is the central
island in the chain called the Outer
Hebrides or the Western Isles,
which lies of the north west coast
of Scotland.

There is always an abundance of
wildlife, flora and fauna to see in
these jewelled isles. There are
panoramic views as far as the eye
can see and a culture and heritage
so deep and rooted in history that
this seems to be a place which
existed before time began.
However, the element of real
importance, which completes this
mosaic of island life, is the people
who live here ... "this is a place
where people matter".

"good education & schooling"
"no stress...easy going"

"walking on a long empty beach
with no-one else in sight"

"we are surrounded
by our history"



"I can go out for the day without
my mum worrying about me"

"I can go out for the day
without my mum
worrying about me"

"People are nice to me"

"You can go sailing and
swimming in the lochs"

"There is lots of space
to play"

"The view from my
window"

what do our
children like?