



Frankie's Butcher shop – was situated next to what is still the Raba Indian restaurant and now houses World Tastes. One now has to shop elsewhere for their sassermaet, but who knows what gastronomic exoticisms can be found at World Tastes? A timber building has sprung up in the last few years in the centre of the picture, obscuring the North Ness yard from view. Also Star Rent-a-Car and the Raba have undergone face-lifts with more attractive signs.





Many other businesses have come and gone from the North Ness over the years and whilst some have moved out altogether, others have expanded, or indeed diversified. Familiar to many people particularly those of a crofting background was North Eastern Farmers (pictured left). Their premises occupied the site where Nordhus now stands. Of course in accordance with current trends they have relocated, renamed and are to be found out of town, halfway up the Old North

Photograph, courtesy of Mr Caleb Marwick.

Road. At certain periods, parts of the North Ness would resemble a dumping ground for old cars as various individuals and firms would either leave them lying around to use for spares or simply abandon them until such time as they'd decided how best to dispose of them. White-collar jobs now predominate in this part of the North Ness with smart new offices and proper car parking being the order of the day. The picture below shows Nordhus in a very complimentary light occupying its commanding position at the northern extremity of the North Ness.



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Besides the North Ness Business Park and New Shetland Museum and Archives at Hay's Dock, also proposed is Shetland's new Cinema and Music Venue to be located nearby on the old Herring Board site (plans of which can now be seen at the Shetland Library). Indeed the North Ness and surrounding area are swiftly undergoing a Risorgimento, shortly to become one of the most vibrant and interesting areas of Lerwick.

