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the booth, shetland

Make art in Scalloway, the ancient capital of Shetland where The Booth is located, overlooking the East Voe water. Built in 2001 by the Scalloway Waterfront Trust, this combined studio and living space exists on the site of the oldest building in town. The property is jointly managed by Wasps and Shetland Arts.



The Shetland Islands are the most northerly part of the UK, located one hundred and fifty miles north of the Scottish mainland. The islands have a complex ancient history, with close links to Scandinavia and a unique cultural tradition of music and craft making.

Scalloway is a picturesque village home to around a thousand people. The Booth is situated along the pier, where there are often fishing boats and vessels stationed.

rents and bookings

Bookings are accepted for either two week-long or month-long predetermined slots. The prices given below are inclusive of admin/cleaning fees. We require a £150 refundable deposit with your booking that'll be given back once your stay is complete.

Bookings can be made for 1st-14th or 15th-30th/31st if you'd like to stay for a fortnight, or for 1st-30th/31st of the month if you'd like to stay for the month. The cost for a month's stay is £1,110 and the cost for a fortnight is £700.



the studio

The building consists of a combined 'clean' working area and living space which is located on the upper level and a stone-walled basement for more 'dirty' work.

The living accommodation has a fully fitted kitchen, washing machine/tumble dryer and a bathroom with a fully accessible shower. There is a bed space located above the kitchen/bathroom. The sofa also opens up into a double bed. Towels and bedlinen are provided. In January 2023, recent refurbishments carried out included the wooden floors being sanded and varnished, and new lighting and furniture installed.

location

The Booth can be reached by a twelve-hour boat journey from Aberdeen to Lerwick before travelling the six miles to Scalloway. Ferries from Scandinavia and flights from Norway are also available. Flights from other Scottish airports have routes to Sumburgh (twenty-five miles away from Scalloway) and to Lerwick (six miles from Scalloway). The Booth itself is easily located on the waterfront of Scalloway Harbour in the town.

accessibility

The Booth is not fully accessible and if you're looking to apply and have questions/concerns, please communicate your access requirements to Wasps so we can try to accommodate. There are stone steps with a handrail that lead up to the building. The living space is down a set of stairs from the studio space.

apply to book

To book, visit The Booth's webpage on the Wasps website for the application form (waspsstudios.org.uk/space/the-booth) or you can send:

- A statement about your practice
- Six to eight images of recent artwork
- An up-to-date CV
- A statement of intent

This should be sent to lettings@waspsstudios.org.uk, who will provide you with a response as soon as possible.

