



Robert Jamieson, from Cullivoe, Yell in Shetland applied to the Commission to create a new croft. The new croft was to be made up of 2 non-croft subjects both of which hold grazing rights in the North Yell common grazing. Robert wanted to create a new croft to enable his son, Lee Jamieson, to become a crofter.

Both units have only been partially used over the years and needed some attention. Lee intends to renovate the old buildings on the land so they can be used as lambing sheds, repair the fences and clean out the drains. He is also going to breed sheep, introduce cattle and grow his own fruit and vegetables.

Creation of the new croft has allowed Lee to obtain a croft in his own right and secure his future on the island, contributing to both the local economy and population retention in a remote part of Shetland.

“ I am delighted to eventually become tenant of this new croft. I am currently in the process of applying for grants to fence in some of the ground and roof the old out houses. ”

Lee Jamieson:

Can I appeal the Commission’s decision?

The Commission’s decision or determination of an application can be appealed to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days from the date of public notification. For more information visit www.scottish-land-court.org.uk.

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Why do I have to make an application to the Crofting Commission?

The Crofting Commission is working to secure the future of crofting by creating and promoting a well regulated crofting system that positively contributes to the sustainability of rural communities in Scotland.

Crofts and common grazings are a valuable resource that should be available both now and in the future, for existing crofters and new entrants to crofting, to use productively.

The Crofting Commission has regulatory duties and powers to work with crofters and crofting communities to:

- Ensure crofts are occupied by a tenant or owner-occupier crofter
- Prevent misuse and neglect of the land
- Ensure the crofts are cultivated or put to other purposeful uses.

What activity do I have to submit an application for?

Crofters are required to submit regulatory applications to the Crofting Commission to make changes to their croft including:

- Apportionment of common grazings land
- Assignment – transfer of a croft tenancy
- Decrofting – to remove land from crofting tenure e.g. for a house site
- Division of a croft
- Enlargement of a croft
- Exchange of croft land
- Letting – the landlord lets a croft or part of a croft
- Subletting – A tenant crofter sublets the croft, or part of a croft
- Short-term lets – An owner occupier crofter lets the croft, or part of a croft, on a short term lease
- Creating new crofts

The Crofting Commission's decisions on applications are based on legislation, policy and information obtained in the application process. In taking its decision the Commission will have regard to the best interests for the croft, the local crofting community and the crofting system.

The Commission's Policy Plan, applications and guidance notes are available on our website

www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk



Do I need to register my croft with the Crofting Register?

The Crofting Register provides a clear record of the 750,000 hectares of land within crofting tenure in Scotland. The Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 requires crofts and common grazings to be registered on the Crofting Register held by the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland (RoS).

Registration on the Crofting Register is compulsory on the occurrence of certain events. These mainly relate to actions to change some aspect of the croft land, such as assigning or division of a croft, that require a regulatory application to be submitted to the Crofting Commission for approval.

The Crofting Register is also open for voluntary registrations for either individual or community applications.

All applications for the registration of a croft, either voluntary or compulsory, should be submitted to the Crofting Commission.

For more information visit www.ros.gov.uk

