



# Heather!

in Shetland = 'ling'



Heather is all over Shetland hills. In the summer it is a greeny-brown colour. In the autumn it is lovely and purple!

Crofters used to make rope from heather.

Making rope from heather would be sore on your hands because it is so rough, but the rope would last a long time!

Crofter's wives also used heather to dye their wool a yellowy colour.

Sometimes you might see sheep on a hill eating heather - they graze on it!