



**TIMETABLES**

[Loganair - interisland timetable 27 Oct 2024 - 16 Feb 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 30 Sep 2024 to 3 May 2025](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 5 Jan 2025 to 8 Mar 2025](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2023-2027](#)

**SORRY FOR LATE PUBLICATION**

Apologies for the late appearance of the December edition of the Limpet but the editor's internet link failed thanks to the storm on Saturday.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Watchnight service at 11:30pm in the kirk	Tue 24 Dec
Short, informal service in the kirk	Wed 25 Dec
Hogmanay dance	Tue 31 Dec
Ferry refit timetable starts	Sun 5 Jan
Waste collection now on Thursday instead of Tuesday	Thu 9 Jan
Mobile library van visit	Mon 13 Jan
OIC special collection	Week commencing Mon 10 Feb

**SDT OFFICE & RECYCLING CENTRE**

The Stronsay Development Trust office will be closed from December 23rd, opening again on January 6th. The recycling centre is closed from December 24th, opening again on January 6th - cardboard can still be dropped off.

Next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Fri 31 Jan 2025**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

**OPENING/CLOSING DATES FOR  
CHRISTMAS AND HOGMANAY**

	<b>Surgery</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Olivebank</b>	<b>Ebenezer &amp; Post Office</b>	<b>Fishmart cafe</b>
<b>Sun 22 Dec</b>	<b>Closed</b>	14:00-23:00	<b>Closed</b>	10:00-13:00	10:30-14:30
<b>Mon 23 Dec</b>	Open	17:30-23:00	09:00-17:00	07:30-19:30	11:00-14:30
<b>Tue 24 Dec</b>	Open	14:00-22:00	09:00-17:00	07:30-19:30	11:00-14:30
<b>Wed 25 Dec</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	12:00-14:00	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Thu 26 Dec</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	12:00-14:00	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Fri 27 Dec</b>	Open	<b>Closed</b>	10:00-13:00	07:30-19:30	12:00-14:30
<b>Sat 28 Dec</b>	<b>Closed</b>	13:00-22:00	09:00-17:00	07:30-19:30	09:00-14:00
<b>Sun 29 Dec</b>	<b>Closed</b>	18:00-23:00	<b>Closed</b>	10:00-13:00	10:30-14:30
<b>Mon 30 Dec</b>	Open	17:30-23:00	09:00-17:00	07:30-19:30	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tue 31 Dec</b>	Open	12:30-18:30	09:00-17:00	07:30-19:30	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wed 1 Jan</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	12:00-14:00	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Thu 2 Jan</b>	<b>Closed</b>	18:30-23:00	<b>Closed</b>	07:30-19:30	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Fri 3 Jan</b>	Open	17:30-00:30	<b>Closed</b>	07:30-19:30	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sat 4 Jan</b>	<b>Closed</b>	17:30-00:30	09:00-17:00	07:30-19:30	<b>Closed</b>

**FISH MART CAFÉ SHUTS MON 30 DEC TO SAT 1 FEB**

**NO FERRY WED/THU 25/26 DEC AND WED/THU 1/2 JAN**

**REFIT TIMETABLE STARTS SUN 5 JAN**

**OIC WASTE COLLECTION - REVISED DATES**

Waste collection over the Xmas/Hogmanay period will be on Friday 27 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025 instead of Tuesday 24 & Tuesday 31 December.

Thereafter collection will be made on Thursday instead of Tuesday, commencing on Thursday 9 January 2025.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Limpet's editor sends Christmas greetings and wishes a Happy & Peaceful New Year to all who read the Limpet or subscribe to the Limpet's email list.

—  
David and Ruth wish you our best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

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Flora and Butch, wish all their neighbours and friends in Stronsay. A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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Christmas greetings and best wishes for a Peaceful & Happy New Year to everyone from Bruce Fletcher. Instead of sending cards this year I am making a donation to the Salvation Army.

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Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Paul Williams and family.

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The staff and Board of the Stronsay Development Trust would like to extend their warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

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Happy Christmas to all from Jim, Vicki and the boys.

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Simone and David would like to wish all our friends near and far a good festive season and a happy new year.

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Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles would like to thank all customers for your support this year and to wish you all the best for 2025.

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John Pentonjones would love to wish everyone on Stronsay a fantastic Christmas and a fantastic New Year from me and Christa at Waterhall.

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Stronsay Community Association would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us in 2024; through hiring the hall or coming along to events! This really helps a lot and makes a huge difference in such a small community, thank you for supporting your local community hall.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



We are always looking to improve and appreciate any feedback where possible or any suggestions for what you would like to see in the hall in the future:



Find us on Facebook: [Stronsay Community Association](#)



Housebay Hydraulics would like to say thank you to all of our customers and wish you all a

**Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**




Thank you for supporting local and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!




*Stronsay Community Association presents:*

# HOGMANAY DANCE



**BAR OPEN**




**LIVE MUSIC**

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER • 9PM • COMMUNITY HALL

Free entry

Everyone welcome!



10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1...

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## ORKNEY FERRIES—REFIT TIMETABLE, MV NORDIC SEA



An additional week-day passenger service will operate between Sanday, Stronsay, Eday and Kirkwall during the annual winter refit timetable. The MV Nordic Sea will provide the additional foot passenger capacity from Monday 6 January 2025 until Friday 7 March 2025, subject to weather conditions. Additional sailings will operate from Mondays through to Fridays. The MV Nordic Sea, which can carry up to 47 passengers, fills a gap during periods of refit and adds capacity for services under increased demand during the summer months. As the relief boat, the Nordic Sea may be required to cover any breakdowns within the fleet. Service provision will therefore be subject to availability.

For further timetable information please visit [www.orkneyferries.co.uk](http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk)





# DECEMBER 24

## Message from the Chair...

Well it's been a very eventful year at Stronsay Development Trust. It's certainly had its ups and downs but as the end of the year rapidly approaches I feel confident that the Trust has now transformed into a more dynamic business and is ready for more challenges and achievements in the year ahead.

Early in the year Shani joined as our new wellbeing coordinator and I'm sure you'll all agree she is doing a great job with lots of things happening, then we had Louise and Naomi join the team of directors in spring, they have brought their individual skills and have done an enormous amount of work since joining. Then recently Vicki has taken on the CDO role and she has brought her very diligent accounting skills aboard. We've also got a new Recycling Officer, Laura, who's settling in well. With the help of Naomi's council contacts we've also secured funding for 2 admin assistant posts creating work for young people.

The hotel has been leased to Duncan and Lizzie, Duncan being a chef had to hit the ground running as it were, moving from the other end of the country and coming up with a Xmas menu for our enjoyment. They are doing a great job! Beachwood is also complete and is going out for rent very soon.

It's looking great inside, Castlehill construction has done a very good job.

An open day is planned before renting out.

The turbine is making good profits again after a 3 year period of nothing because of Grid Curtailment. All in all I feel the Trust is in much better place now to meet the needs of Stronsay.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

*Ian*

## Christmas Close

The office will be closed from 21st of December until the 6th January.

The last day for the Recycling Centre to purchase logs and drop off cardboard to Laura will be 23rd December, and the Centre will reopen on 6th January.

## Board Meetings

The SDT Board meets on the first Monday of each month. Our most recent approved minutes for our meeting on 11th November 2024 are available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2ntnzk3n>

(And our Dec meeting minutes will be up soon following our meeting on 6th January)

## Contacts

**The SDT Volunteer Board are:** Ian Stevenson (Chair), Kevin Kent (Vice Chair), Mike Holland, Elsie Dennison, James Seaton, Louise McQuaid & Naomi Bremner



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[Facebook.com/StronsayDevelopmentTrust](https://www.facebook.com/StronsayDevelopmentTrust)

**Stronsay Development Trust**





## Stronsay Place Plan

Back in December, we kicked off our Place Plan with a cozy event at the Stronsay Hotel, complete with cake, coffee, and lots of great conversations! The community were invited to come together to share ideas on what they'd love to see for the future of the island.

We gathered lots of fantastic feedback on everything from big dreams to small details.

A meeting with the Development Trust, Community Council, and Community Association helped us set the stage for moving forward with a plan that truly reflects everyone's ideas.

We're excited for what's to come and can't wait to keep the conversation going!

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and gave their feedback.

In January we will be launching a survey, and organising further events and opportunities for the community to inform an emerging Place Plan for Stronsay.

## Recycling

Exciting news – our Cytech training is all wrapped up! This internationally recognised accreditation for bicycle technicians means Laura is ready to tackle bike repairs with even more expertise.

We've also been busy getting ready for the holiday season – lots of cardboard logs have been created to help warm the toes through Christmas and New Year. Our cardboard bins are now empty and ready to take all your festive cardboard! So, after unwrapping those presents, pop by and drop off your cardboard.

Thanks for being awesome and helping us make a greener, cleaner community!

The recycling centre will be open for log collection on Monday the 23rd December until 1pm, and will open again on the 6th January 2025!

## Wellbeing

It's been another busy month for the Project Groups.

🔧 The MEN'S SHED are now starting work on their new shed space so will be asking for donations of all sorts in the New Year 🎁

🍷 The COMPANIONS have been meeting weekly with Shirley enjoying refreshments and games with new members joining 🎲

🎮 STAY n PLAY had their Christmas party last week, thank you to all involved. Look out for new dates for 2025 🌲

If you would like to try any of our fantastic IWP groups, have any questions about our Ready Meals, Prescription Collection or any other wellbeing matters please call or message for details.

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## Togetherness

### 🎉 Exciting Events with The Togetherness Project! Togetherness Starts Here, Join the Fun—All Events Are FREE!

We're thrilled to announce that in the new year the Togetherness Project is bringing people together through exciting events and activities—all completely free to attend! Shani and Steph are excited to announce that thanks to full funding from CLLD Fund, we're able to offer something for everyone.

In collaboration with Wellbeing, The Togetherness Project is all about creating meaningful connections in our community. Our mission is simple: bring people together, get conversations flowing, and share joyful moments with neighbors, friends, and new faces.

To make it even better, every event is fully funded—completely free for you to enjoy! And yes, delicious food will be provided at each event to keep the good vibes (and full plates!) going.

More information will be out in the new year. However here's a idea of what will be coming up:

🎲 Games: Break the ice over board games and team challenges that spark laughter and friendly competition.

🍷 Gatherings: Relax and bond with snacks, and conversations.

🎨 Crafts: Let your creativity shine and make something meaningful to take home—or gift to a friend!

We believe the best memories start with good food, fun activities, and people coming together. These events are for everyone—come as you are, and leave with new connections.

If you have any ideas of what events you would like to see, please contact [stephanie@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:stephanie@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com). We can't wait to see you there! 🍷

**Stronsay Development Trust**

# STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

## REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2024

The following has been received from the Corporate Director, Strategic, Performance and Business Solutions and if anyone has any comment or issue regarding the polling districts and polling places, please forward these to [electionoffice@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:electionoffice@orkney.gov.uk) by 5pm on Monday 16 December 2024.

In accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended, Orkney Islands Council is undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places within the Orkney Islands Area of the Orkney and Shetland Parliamentary Constituency.

In order to assist us with the review I would like to take this opportunity to invite any comments from yourself with regards to the current arrangements in place for Polling Stations. I enclose herewith the [list of current Polling Stations which was used at the UK parliamentary election earlier this year along with the comments for any proposed changes, a map of where the polling stations are situated and a questionnaire, all for your information](#). I have also attached a link [here](#) for you to complete the questionnaire online if you prefer.

In respect of Kirkwall East and Kirkwall West the proposal is to change the polling station to the Pickaquoy Centre. In addition, although the North and South ferry-linked isles are predominantly postal voting, for those who wish to vote in person, e.g. electors residing in Hoy & Walls, Flotta and North Isles, it is proposed that the polling station is also the Pickaquoy Centre. Previously, the St Magnus Centre has been used however parking is limited at this venue, and space within the venue for the 7 polling stations has led to a crowded venue, particularly at busy times. In recent elections, the Pickaquoy Centre has been used on a temporary basis and provided a more spacious environment with ample parking. We would welcome views on the suitability of this venue.

























I would also welcome any comments with regard to accessibility, ease of use etc.

Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

Sent for and on behalf of  
Karen Greaves, Corporate Director, SPBS

CMC  
16 Nov. 2024



-  The Pickaquoy Centre
-  Kirkwall East
-  Polygon 12
-  Hoy and Flotta
-  Kirkwall West
-  North Isles
-  St Andrews Community Centre
-  St Andrews and Deerness
-  Holm Community Centre
-  Holm
-  Hope Primary School
-  Orphir
-  Orphir Church
-  Birsay
-  Firth Community Centre
-  Firth and Stenness
-  Warehouse Buildings
-  Evie and Rendall
-  Harray Community Centre
-  Harray and Sandwick
-  Stromness and Graemsay
-  Birsay Community Hall
-  Rendall Community Centre
-  South Ronaldsay and Burray



## AL RICHARDS 1935-2024

Folk will remember Al Richards, husband of Margareth, one of the island's community nurses nearly 20 years ago. Margareth has informed The Limpet that Al passed away at the age of 89 on 24 Oct 2024 after a stay in the Balfour with sepsis and pneumonia.



Looking for a project to work on over the Christmas period?  
Get a head start on our upcoming art competition!

**Theme: Our Changing Environment**

Express your creativity and share your perspective on how the world is transforming around us.

**Guidelines:**

**Size;** All artwork should be displayed on A4 sized paper or smaller

**Medium;** Any medium can be used - paint, drawing, photography, wool, clay, recycled materials or mixed media.  
**Original work;** all submissions must be your own original creation. The physical piece must be available for viewing or display if required.

Artwork will be judged on Stronsay at the end of January, with prizes to be won, before being displayed in an exhibition at the Kirkwall Library featuring artwork from across the isles.


This competition is part of a larger  
**Isles Climate Action Plan Network art contest**

Stay Tuned - more details, including how to submit your work, will be announced in January. In the meantime, let your imagination run wild and start creating!

## ORKNEY FERRIES - KIRKWALL OFFICE OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS/HOGMANAY

Monday 23rd December	0700 – 1700
Tuesday 24th December	0700 - 1700
Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December	<b>Closed</b>
Friday 27th December	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Saturday 28th December	0900 – 1200 / 1300 - 1500
Sunday 29th December	0900 – 1200 / 1300 - 1500
Monday 30th December	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Tuesday 31st December	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd January	<b>Closed</b>
Friday 3rd January	0900 – 1300 / 1400 – 1700
Saturday 4th January	0700 – 1200 / 1300 - 1500
Sunday 5th January	0900 – 1500





*Do Not Suffer in Silence this  
Christmas Period*

**Samaritans 116 123**

**Age UK - 0800 678 1602**

**Alcoholics Anonymous - 0800 917 7650**

**Cruse Bereavement Care - 0808 808 1677**

**Men's Adviceline - 0808 801 0327**

**Narcotics Anonymous - 0300 999 1212**

**National Debt Helpline - 0808 808 4000**

**NHS 111**

**Relate Relationship Support - 0300 003 0396**

**Shelter - 0808 800 4444**

**Shout (confidential text service) 85258**

**Women's Adviceline - 0808 200 0247**

**Emergency Services / Police 999 / 112**



## Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*Championing the communities of the North Isles, both the ferry-only-linked and the air-linked.*

There has been a lot going on at Orkney Islands Council in the run-up to Christmas. Since my last [Letter](#), I have attended members' briefings with the OIC Chief Executive, a budget-setting consolidation seminar, a seminar on the Orkney World Heritage Gateway and Islands Growth Deal, a seminar about strategic offshore energy development, two all-day meetings of the Policy & Resources Committee, refresher training for the Monitoring & Audit Committee, a General Meeting, and a Special General Meeting (on our Strategic Offshore Energy Development Strategy). In addition to these "real" meetings, I've had "virtual" meetings of the UHI Foundation, the Orkney Housing Market Partnership, and the Dounreay Stakeholder Group. I've also chaired the Orkney end of a "blended" meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

Our big task early in the new year will be to set the Council's budget for 2025/26. This becomes an ever more onerous task as finances tighten. Provided their budget proposals are approved, there is some good news from the Scottish Government, with extra funding for our ferries and free travel on those ferries (the Isles' buses) for the under-22s in the offing. However, OIC will still need to balance its own budget by a combination of increasing income and making cuts. To help inform our decisions, the public is invited to complete the "Our Budget Challenge" survey (deadline 12<sup>th</sup> January), a link to which can be found at the top of the Council website or directly at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AA8ROT/>. Just like the many ward constituents who have contacted me, I recognise the shortcomings and biases of this survey. Sanday Community Council made some cogent comments about it in their letter to *The Orcadian* (19<sup>th</sup> December, page 32). There are several proposals in the survey that would chip away yet further at the sustainability of our island communities were they to be adopted: charging for pupils to stay at the Papdale Halls to attend extra-curricular activities; charging for Hall placing requests; charging for our rubbish bags; removal of home-based registrars. So I urge North Isles residents of all ages to make their views known by completing the survey and making copious use of the comments boxes. I need the evidence of public opinion to champion our communities and defend their services.

Incidentally, I find the recently in-vogue term "ferry-linked isles" a misleading one, as it does not distinguish between the "ferry-only-linked isles" and the "air-linked isles" whose respective challenges differ. So, like the term "internal ferries" (which separates our ferries and their funding from the overall Scottish ferry network), I would like to discourage the use of this term.

Over the years, since the early 1990s when I lived in Aberdeen, Robbie Shepherd occasionally indulged my requests to play Harry Gordon's "Inversnecky" songs on his Sunday lunchtime "Reel Blend" programme on BBC Radio Scotland. And on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019, when my "Musical Milestones" were broadcast on BBC Radio Orkney, one of the twelve tracks played was Harry Gordon singing "The Bells of Inversnecky". Where is Inversnecky? I hear you ask. When I posed this question to an esteemed professor of the UHI's Institute for Northern Studies, the response was "Inverness". However, I remained firmly of the school that "Inversnecky" is a coastal village near Aberdeen—nothing at all to do with Inverness. So it was reassuring recently to come across the following confirmation in the book "The Granite City" by Robert Smith: "When people asked where it was, Buff Hardie and his colleagues [*Scotland the What?*] reeled off a list of North-East villages—Maud, Methlick, Udny, Rhynie, Foggie and so on—and then said it wasn't any of them. But, they added, it *could* be one of them."

I wish all readers of my Letter, from Seal Skerry to Inversnecky, a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson  
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Letter from School Place is also  
available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)

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**Records of a Bygone Age**  
**Flag fences, ditches and dry-stone dykes**  
**Part 5**

Last month's article ended by highlighting the need for regular maintenance of both dykes and flag fences to keep them in good condition. When labour was plentiful, the maintenance of these would have been carried out during the winter months or slack periods during the summer, amounting to little more than replacing a few ragstones or straightening a flag or two. As time passed, guard wires, originally barbed wire but now more commonly electric fencing, was strung along the tops of the dykes to stop the cattle, ever increasing in number and size, from scratching themselves on the 'rag stones' (coping stones) of the dykes. This regular maintenance was essential as, if these stones were dislodged, then more of the dyke quickly followed and soon the animals would have a gap in the dyke where they could cross from one field to another, with this breach in the boundary steadily getting larger as stock moved unhindered between fields. As farms got larger and the workforce smaller, it became increasingly difficult to find time for this maintenance and there are a number of dykes in Stronsay where large sections have been flattened over the years by stock movement. Sadly it would now be a major task to attempt to rebuild them.



*A neglected dry-stone dyke, where a few ragstones rubbed off by cattle and not replaced soon grew until the dyke is now little other than a heap of stones.*

Not all is due to degeneration or neglect though, as nature can also play its part. There is a stretch of about 150 metres along the foreshore below Midgarth where the sea washed the dyke away, some of it a long time ago and the last stretch in the 1980s. This last stretch of about 50 metres was all rebuilt one summer, with the work being completed in July and the sea reclaiming it in a November storm. It hasn't been rebuilt!

There are other sections below Whitehall, Odiness and Hescombe where heavy seas and high tides have destroyed some of the dykes and no doubt more will succumb to the sea as time goes on.

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*Part of the dyke below Midgarth which was destroyed by heavy seas only a few months after having been rebuilt.*



*The dejected owner surveying the damage where part of the dyke below Hescombe was washed into the field by heavy seas during a south-easterly gale.*

Yet one more reason for a dyke's destruction came from a more unusual source, as recounted by my wife's grandfather, the late James Chalmers of the Old Schoolhouse. He was a member of the Orkney Royal Garrison Artillery in the First World War and his unit was stationed for a time at a camp near the point of Linksness on Stronsay's north-western coast. This was where the telegraph cable from Stronsay headed over to Sanday and onward to Shetland and was a vital link in communication between the islands and also between these islands and mainland Scotland. The unit's task was to protect the small telegraph building and the undersea cable in the event of an invasion. Stretching right across the promontory at this point was a substantial drystone wall, the march dyke marking the boundary between the farms of Linksness and the Ness. The artillery unit's commanding officer decided that, in the event of an invasion, this dyke could be used as suitable cover for a German assault force to creep up on them, so decided the dyke had to go.

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The unit set to with heavy hearts to demolish the dyke and, in just a few days, it was flattened to the ground. This wall was never rebuilt, much to James' regret as he so much hated seeing such a good solid dyke destroyed. He then finished his story with a twinkle in his eye and the comment that 'It must have been fairly effective all the same, as Stronsay was never invaded!'



*More than a hundred years after its hasty demolition all that remains of the march dyke between Linksness and the Ness is a rough mound with a few of the larger stones still jutting up through the grass.*

Dykes utilising 'cungles' (large round sea-worn beach stones) are less common but there are still some great examples to be seen around Stronsay. This must have been a much more challenging raw material than the stones and flagstones previously mentioned and the most visible of these is the dyke at the Osen, where it encloses the garden and the field to the sea side of the farm. There is a similar section of dyke along the foreshore to the west of the Bu and it is testimony to the skill of the builders of both dykes that they are still standing and in very good condition today.

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*A small part of the cungle dyke at the Osen*



*A well-built cungle dyke on the foreshore at the back of the Bu*

Much older example of dykes - possibly some of the oldest on Stronsay - can also be seen in Rothiesholm, out along the shore at Scaval and, less visibly, at Straenie Water.

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*The remains of the sheep pens and enclosures at Scaval*

Much of the Rothiesholm peninsula consisted of heather and peat which, in addition to providing fuel for the crofters' fires, was common land used for grazing sheep. This area of hill ground was described in the Old Statistical Account of 1795 as being 'a sheep walk of great extent' and, with the narrow strips of land at Scaval and Straenie Water providing good natural funnels for gathering the sheep, it is highly likely that those stone built enclosures would have been in existence then. Although now slowly collapsing and becoming overgrown, much of the layout of the pens and enclosures at Scaval can still be identified but the passage of time and the effects of the sea has made that at Straenie Water less obvious.

The final part will be in next month's Limpet.  
Ian Cooper  
December 2024



## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

As from 7 October 2024, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council: -

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The role of a Community Councillor is to ensure that they work for the best interests of the whole community and remain representative of, and accountable to, the represented community.

If you have a community related issue that you wish to bring to the attention of the Community Council, please contact any of the above members, or the Clerk, tel: 616446 email: [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

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7 October 2024

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# Transportation Service Statistics



## Bus Passenger Carryings

During 2023/24, 134,667 passenger carryings were recorded on subsidised\* public bus services. Passenger carryings peaked this summer in July 2024, with 18,133 passenger carryings recorded for the month on subsidised public bus services, up 13% from the previous year.

(\*Subsidised public bus services exclude the commercial X1 service which operates between St Margaret's Hope, Kirkwall and Stromness).

## Passenger Fare Income

Sustainable and Green Transport Fund - £179,315 bus passenger fare revenue from subsidised services helped to match fund projects such as evening bus services and community transport across Orkney.



## Replacement bus shelter displays replaced/funded

21 bus shelter displays and 13 flag pole displays were replaced during 2024.



## Ferry Passenger and Vehicle Carryings

During 2023/24, 336,909 passenger carryings were recorded across ferry services operated by Orkney Ferries Ltd, 75,866 vehicles and 30,122 commercial vehicles.

% increase from 2022/23



Passenger: 4.98%  
Vehicle: 3.44%  
Commercial: 8.21%



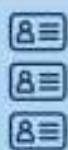
## Air Passenger Carryings

During 2023/24, 21,995 passenger carryings were recorded across inter-island air services operated by Loganair Ltd on behalf of Orkney Islands Council, which was an increase of 8% from the previous year.

2023/24

Airfield landings - 3,822

Ambulance and Coastguard landings - 66



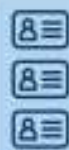
**National Entitlement Cards (NEC) issued across Orkney**  
Age 60+: 6,702  
Disabled: 888  
Under 22s: 3,394

**NEC Digital Ferry Vouchers:**  
7,959



**Orkney Ferries Concessionary Cards issued to isles residents**

Disabled or age 66+: 855



## Summer and winter timetable guides printed

13,000 summer bus guides • 2,000 summer inter-island air guides • 6,000 winter bus guides



## Scottish Government grant awards 2023/24

£50,000 towards sustainable travel initiatives from Smarter Choices, Smarter Places, contributing towards evening bus services and bus infrastructure.

£35,000 from Community Transport Capital Fund to help purchase a wheelchair accessible EV Minibus.

£216,307 funding from Islands Programme Fund to help replace airfield terminal buildings in Papa Westray and Stronsay.



## Community transport grants issued

8 x Council grants issued to islec-based community transport projects during 2023/24 and in 2024/25, helping to connect communities in addition to continued funding to support Dial-a-Bus.

## Ongoing Scottish Government Projects 2024/25



£3,000,000 additional funding to progress with the Ferry Replacement Programme Business Case and support the electric ferries trial.

£346,000 received during 2024/25 for replacement airfield terminal buildings in Eday and Westray (Islands Programme Fund).

£64,000 towards sustainable travel, provided to help purchase a second wheelchair accessible EV Minibus for Community Transport and support existing established projects.

# STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman    Vice Chair: Damian Stout

## OUTER NORTH ISLES TIMETABLE – SUMMER 2025

The Orkney Islands Council Service Manager – Transportation, has advised that unfortunately, the amendments proposed to the Outer North Isles timetable cannot be accommodated by Orkney Ferries Ltd at this time due to the implications this would have to the maintenance/training schedule, crewing hours and hours of work regulations. The Transportation Service and Orkney Ferries Ltd are currently looking at alternative ways to serve the Outer North Isles during Summer 2025, including the possibility of a passenger vessel, in preparation of the future trials by electric passenger vessel later in 2025. This proposal will be subject to crewing availability and budget. Further consultation with the relevant transport representatives and stakeholders will be undertaken prior to timetable setting for any proposed passenger service.

### Background

The draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during summer 2025 was presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 20 August 2024 following a period of consultation with communities.

The draft timetables and feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum was presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 5 September 2024.

The report and draft timetables will be considered by the Development and Infrastructure Committee on 12 November 2024.

### Outer North Isles Timetable

For operational reasons, the Monday and Wednesday sailings to Westray have been amended to revert to 1035 from 1200. The later sailing was trialled during summer 2024 however the timetable change did not provide sufficient turnaround time for crew to carry out essential maintenance checks.

A request was made from the Westray Transport Representative to amend the sailings to 1300 as it was more suitable for the community. Following consideration by Orkney Ferries it was noted that this request could not be accommodated as it would have an impact to the timetable and crewing hours.

An amendment to the timetable was made on Friday mornings to give a more realistic arrival time to Kirkwall, noting that the arrival times are often delayed. This affected the Sunday arrival into Kirkwall due to delays on the loading of the Papa Westray vessel and only one linkspan.

It was noted by all North Isles Transport Representatives that the Friday timetable pushed the vessels to arrive later at Kirkwall which was not a preferred option. For example, the Stronsay/Eday vessel would arrive at 1120 instead of 1100.

*(continued on next page)*



It was noted that the loss of overnighting in the isles has meant the loss of early morning sailings on a Wednesday and Friday morning and due to crewing hours, it is not feasible to start the operating day earlier without pulling back the timetable elsewhere.

To address the comments received from members of the community about delays to Kirkwall and conflicts with appointment times, the summer 2024 timetable now better reflects the arrival times into Kirkwall, noting that earlier times cannot be achieved due to crewing hours.

A passenger service covering the Outer North Isles will be explored further with the view to implement during summer 2025 ahead of the ZEVI trial period. This service could potentially provide early morning connectivity which was lost following the loss of overnighting the vessels in the isles. This will be explored further by Orkney Ferries and will be subject to budget availability.

The Outer North Isles Sunday Excursion timetable will be finalised once all key dates are received back from communities.

Accompanying the above update is a DRAFT of the Summer 2025 Outer North Isles ferry timetable (*see next page*).

If you have any comment to make on the information provided, please contact Shane Hourston, Stronsay Community Council's Transport Representative, tel: 07593965600 or email [s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk)

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08 Oct. 2024

*(SEE DRAFT TIMETABLE ON NEXT PAGE)*



**Outer North Isles Ro-Ro Service  
Effective from 04 May - 28 September 2025 Inclusive**

Port	Sunday***		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	0840	0920	0700	0740	0720	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0720	0700	0740
Kirkwall dep														
Eday arr	0955					0855								
Eday dep	1005					0905								
Stronsay arr	1040		0840		0855		0840		0840		0900		0840	
Stronsay dep	1050		0855		0910		0855		0855		0915		0850	
Sanday arr		1025		0905				0905					0925	
Sanday dep		1035		0915				0915					0935	
Eday arr			0930				0930		0930				0955	
Eday dep			0945				0945		0945				1005	
Westray arr		1045		0845				0845					0845	
Westray dep		1055		0900				0900					0900	
Kirkwall arr	1230	1220	1100	1025	1050	1005	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025	1040	1120	1025
Kirkwall dep			1115	1035	1300	1030	1115	1035	1055	1115	1035	1055		
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Westray arr													1745	
Westray dep													1755	
Kirkwall arr	1940	1925	1905	1920	1945	1715**	1955	1920	1800	1955	1920	1940	1955	1920
Kirkwall dep														

Vehicle bookings must be made one hour before the departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours.

\* This sailing is not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall. \*\* These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

RO-RO TIMETABLE 4 MAY - 28 SEPT 2025 INCLUSIVE, excluding the following dates for special excursions, posters are on display advertising local events: 14 & 15 June 26 & 27 July, 02 August, 09 & 10 August and 16, 17 & 18 August 2024.

\*\*\* On the following SUNDAYS there will be special excursions (North Ronaldsay: 09 June, 14 July, 04 August, 08 September, Papa Westray: 30 June, 25 August). These excursions will not affect all Sunday sailings - please see excursion timetable.

1. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure, passengers 10 minutes before departure.

2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.

3. No Show Charges - All cancellations must be made at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

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### **SCRAP CAR SCHEME**

Stronsay Community Council is pleased to announce the reopening of the Scrap Car Scheme for a further five vehicles.

The scheme will be administered by the Community Council and will remain open until five vehicles have been registered for removal. The vehicle owner will be responsible for arranging for the vehicle's disposal.

The haulage cost from Stronsay to Kirkwall will be met by Stronsay Community Council.

If you wish to dispose of a scrap car please:-

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – tel: 616446 email: [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com) or by writing to the address below;
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with the haulier for the vehicle's delivery to Kirkwall;
3. The completed Verification Form must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

A Verification Form will be required for each separate delivery of a car to the scrap yard.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer,  
Tel: 616446  
Email: [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

20 August 2024



# The Digital Phone Switchover



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## What you need to know

### What is the digital phone switchover?

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and January 2027 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones, telecare and health devices will need to be compatible.



### How will it affect me/what do I need to do?

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers and businesses, this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider (for example, Vodafone or BT) **should contact you before the switchover** to check in and discuss what you need to do to make sure any reliant services you may have aren't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect.

The change may be as simple as plugging your phone into a broadband router rather than the phone socket on the wall, or you may be given a new router to do this.

Please note that your provider will move you to a digital service before January 2027. If you care for a vulnerable person, please keep an eye out for correspondence notifying of a switch over date.

**If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your telecoms provider directly.**



**Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and/or use a telecare device connected to a phone line?**

**If yes, then please contact the Telecare Team at Orkney Islands Council.**

**Tel: 01856 873 535. Extension 2635**



# The Digital Phone Switchover



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## What you need to know

### Other Devices

If you have other devices connected to your phone line that you may have purchased, such as alarm systems, you might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible.

If you are unsure about how a device in your home or business might be affected, it is recommended you contact the equipment supplier or device manufacturer to find out whether it will remain functional on a digital phone line.

**People who use health monitoring or telecare devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work.**

### Key Points To Remember

If you have any queries or have no means of making emergency calls **you need to contact your communications provider.**

If you have a telecare alarm please contact the telecare team at Orkney Islands Council: 01856 873 535 Extension: 2635

Check with the appropriate equipment manufacturers if you have any other devices supported by your existing telephone line (such as intruder alarms) to check it will work digitally.

Most telecare alarm providers will have upgrade plans, if your phone line has or is due to be upgraded by your communication provider let them know.

### In a Power Outage

Digital landlines cannot carry an electrical power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. If you have a mobile phone this can still be used, but if you've no other means of calling the emergency services your telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

**You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls.**

### Scams

There have been incidents reported of scammers contacting vulnerable users in relation to digital migration. Communication providers or telecare services will never call you to ask for money.

Contact is usually by letter and charges are only applied to normal invoices. If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a caller, just hang up and call your communications or telecare provider to report the incident, using a trusted phone number, such as the one on the bill.



## Quit Your Way Orkney Stop Smoking Service



Quit Your Way Orkney is your free, friendly, local NHS stop smoking service.

### Support from Quit Your Way Orkney includes:

- Help to develop a personal 12-week quit plan
- Support to develop plans to change your habits and control cravings
- Regular contact with a specialist stop smoking advisor
- Encouragement and advice on maintaining your quit
- Advice on correctly using stop smoking medications
- Free access to a range of stop smoking medication
- Telephone or video call appointments (using NHS Near Me)

### Get started today

**Phone:** 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone number)  
**Email:** [ork.quityourway@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.quityourway@nhs.scot)  
**Online:** scan the QR code below



You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

### Have you been supported by Quit Your Way Orkney before?

If you have used our service before and returned to smoking we will support you again, without judgement, to quit your way.



## Let's talk about smoking Stopping smoking saves money



\*The savings below are based on a 20 a day smoker quitting in 2023\*



Get support to quit and save from Quit Your Way Orkney:

**Email:** [ork.quityourway@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.quityourway@nhs.scot)  
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**Online:** scan the QR code using your phone camera



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### LOGANAIR – INTER ISLAND BOARDING CARDS

Please be advised that following a recent HIAL Security Audit it has become necessary to issue boarding cards, as a way to cross reference to who is on the manifest.

A printer is being installed and once working Loganair will be issuing boarding cards at KOI only.

Stronsay Island Link Officer  
12 June 2024



DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

# ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2025 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

## **Eday**

Week Commencing: 30th September 2024, 9 December 2024 and 24 February 2025

## **Graemsay**

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025

## **Hoy and Flotta**

Week Commencing: 21 October 2024 and 27 January 2025

## **North Ronaldsay**

Week Commencing: 7 October 2024, 6 January 2025 and 17 March 2025

## **Papa Westray**

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, and 13 January 2025 and 24 March 2025

## **Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre**

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024, 13 January 2025 and 10 March 2025

## **Sanday**

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 9 December 2024 and 17 February 2025

## **Shapinsay**

Week Commencing: 14 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 27 January 2025

## **Stronsay**

Week Commencing: 28 October 2024, 2 December 2024 and 10 February 2025

## **Westray**

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024 and 3 February 2025

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

## **SAVE OUR SCREEN MACHINE!**

Without urgent investment, the Screen Machine mobile cinema service will end.

Please donate to our fundraising campaign to secure its future at:

[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-our-screen-machine](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-our-screen-machine)

YouTube video <https://youtu.be/fpUuDlnHS-o>

[Frequently asked questions](#)

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## **SCAA - SCOTTISH CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE**



Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance responds, on average, to two time-critical emergency call outs every single day. We are a national charity and receive no statutory gov-

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## **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2025**

13 January, 10 March, 12 May, 30 June, 25 August, 20 October, 15 December

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,  
send an email to [library@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:library@orkney.gov.uk) or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30



## **DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES**

Donna Blyth BA Hons, MEd, PGCE, SQH, CPT3A, CELTA

Email: donnablyth@outlook.com

Tel: 01857 616242 / 07852 805780

Tuition in English Language, English Literature, EAL and Literacy for learners of all abilities from age 5 - adult

£25.00 per hour for 1:1 tuition

£45.00 per hour for groups of 2 or more depending on requirements (max 4)

Tuition in clarinet performance and music theory up to grade 5

£15 per 30min lesson for 1:1 tuition

Assessment for Applications for Examination Access Arrangements

Assessments and reports for EHCP and Coordinated Support Plan applications

I am GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

I have valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification

References available if required

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to KCSIE legislation 2023

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## **STRONSAY MEN'S SHED**

The Stronsay Men's Shed have their own Facebook page up and running now, if you would like to contact them direct please do pm them.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558772842680>

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## **STRONSAY CHESS CLUB**



Meets from 12 to 2pm every Friday in the Fishmart Café  
Chess sets provided

# FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc



## Stronsay at War

The Stronsay Heritage Society is planning to create a display and accompanying booklet for the Stronsay Heritage Centre to document *life in Stronsay* during the First and Second World Wars.

We are hoping that folks both in and outwith Stronsay will send us copies/scans/photographs of the following types of items:

- Written memories or diaries (of life in Stronsay or from Stronsay folk experiencing life elsewhere because of the war)
- Photos (of Stronsay or of Stronsay folk)
- Letters
- Postcards
- Memorabilia or Souvenirs
- Ration Cards
- Recipes or household hints
- Fashion
- Products/Labels/Advertisements from local businesses
- Invoices/Receipts
- Certificates or Awards
- Programmes of Events, Fundraisers or Appeals
- Newspaper clippings about Stronsay



We can also borrow your originals and scan them ourselves if that's easier for you.

Naturally, if you'd like to donate any wartime-related artefacts or original photos to the Heritage Centre, we'd be very glad to receive them.

Please contact Jennifer Graham (07973 716278)  
or Ian Cooper (616 322)  
or via email: [heritagesocietystronsay@gmail.com](mailto:heritagesocietystronsay@gmail.com)



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## **FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to Olivebank & Ebenezer Stores for delivering my grocery orders to my door and thanks to the SDT for the recent "Ready Meal" system. Last but not least, thanks to everyone at Geramount for all the medical assistance over the last 12 months.

Bruce Fletcher

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### **VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK**

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Mick for all taxi work and Sinclair Haulage for freight!

Also, if anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacted. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

This charity service will be hopefully available until there are enough defib machines in position with the people trained to cover us all 24/7. Availability is limited to Saturdays.

Any questions and to book give me a call.

Nicandro J. Porcelli, Ellerslie. Telephone or text to - 07732 276046

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If you see something in the *Limpet* that is inaccurate or no longer valid please drop a line to "*The Editor, Claremont KW17 2AR*" or email [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk)

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### **RECYCLING GUIDE FOR OUTER ISLES**

Orkney Islands Council has published a "Household refuse and recycling welcome pack" which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bjcbacm>.

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## **SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES**

Charges - Adults £3, Children £1.50, Private Hires £15.

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

<b>Monday</b>	Adult lane 6:30-7:10:00	Public session 7:10– 7:50
<b>Thursday</b>	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
<b>Saturday</b>	Private hire 2:00-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

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## **OVERSEERS WANTED !**

Always looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool, please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331. We politely request that parents/guardians whose children use the pool regularly take a turn at overseeing, in particular.

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Why not hire the Stronsay Community hall? We have a kitchen and fully licensed bar, with two large halls and a small meeting room; perfect for weddings, parties, games, meetings and much more!

- Disco equipment
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Air hockey
- Pool Table



For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter  
email

[annemaree.carter@btinternet.com](mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com)

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.  
**Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.**

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## **A NOTE FROM THE LIMPET'S EDITOR**

Please let me know if anything in the Limpet requires updating or deleting. To contact the Limpet send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) or write to "Claremont, KW17 2AR".



## **STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE**

- [Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 \(poor audio quality\)](#)
- [59° North](#)
- [Links House, Stronsay: Finding the Mesolithic in Orkney](#)
- [Stronsay, Orkney](#)
- [The mystery of the Stronsay Monster](#)
- [Orkney—living and working](#)
- [1930's stone crushing machine in action on Stronsay](#)
- [Stronsay harbour \(taken from inside the harbour\)](#)
- [Five reasons to visit Stronsay](#)

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### **HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

Ebenezer Stores [stronsaystores@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaystores@gmail.com)

Olivebank [m.williamson1@btconnect.com](mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com)

Fishmart café [fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com](mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com)

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

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### **OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD**

#### **OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES**

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

Sunday & holidays: 11am. Tuesday: 8.00am. All other days: 11.20am

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### **GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY**

#### **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.

<http://www.youtube.com/c/TransalpineRedemptorists>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 5:30pm. Hours shown are approximate.

4pm - 4:30pm

Short talk by one of the priests.

4:30pm - 5pm

Recitation of the Rosary.

5pm - 5:15pm

Saint Patrick's Breastplate & prayer to Saint Michael.

5:15pm - 5:30pm

Devotions & prayers of the day led by one of the brothers.

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### **STRONSAY KIRK**

Weekly service at 11am.

Contact Kirk Secretary [elsie.dennison@live.co.uk](mailto:elsie.dennison@live.co.uk)

Stronsay kirk's website:

<http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk>

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**



**Tel: 01857 616 469    Mob: 07741 778 750**

**We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.**

**We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.**

**Reasonable prices.**

**Contact Craig or Christine for more information.**

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES



Happy  
Feet  
Foot & Ear  
Care 

happyfeetorkney@outlook.com

I am a fully qualified Foot Health Practitioner and a certified ear care provider, offering expert services with the convenience of home visits at competitive rates. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Shirley for a foot or ear care appointment via email or at 07767714634 to have the best foot and ear care.

Happy Feet Foot and Ear Care

07767714634

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# Airy Fairy

- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
- ★ Handmade especially for you ★
- ★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★
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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN**



Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding, perennial and vegetable plants.

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

### **The Old Manse Bed and Breakfast**

**Logie Easter, Kildary**

**IV18 0NZ**



The Old Manse is a listed building dating back to the 1780s set in a large woodland garden just off the A9 and commanding far reaching views of the surrounding countryside.

We are ideally located for those travelling to and from Orkney. The ferry terminals of Gills Bay (Pentland Ferries) and Scrabster (North Link Ferries) are no more than 2.5 hours drive with John O'Groats just 2 hours away.

Ensuite Double and twin rooms

Tel 01862 842357 Email [oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com](mailto:oldmanse.kildary@btinternet.com)

Web [www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk](http://www.oldmansebandbkildary.co.uk)

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### *Holmsgarth Crafts*



*Seasonal Gifts,  
Memory bears,  
Stronsay book bags, and much more  
Many items can be personalised  
Made To Order*



Contact Margaret McAnally - [Holmsgarth Crafts | Facebook](#)  
07432614089



Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Orkney Star Island Soap, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG.

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: [info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk)

Web: <http://www.orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap>

## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



**Community Bus**  
Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00  
Ferry and plane drop off/collection  
subject to availability

Book before 7pm the day before  
travel

07508884024  
01857 616 376

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com  
www.bayviewtransport.com

£2.50 return journey. Maximum 8  
passengers.

**Taxi**  
Community bus  
Island tours  
Mobile mechanic

Contact Mick

07508884024  
01857 616 376

www.bayviewtransport.com

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

## **COMMUNITY BUS**



We have now extended the days and service of the bus.  
You can now book the bus between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday-Friday and we can arrange to drop/collect at the plane or ferry on request.

Call Mick 616 376  
or  
07508 884024



# ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

## **BAYVIEW TRANSPORT LTD**

### **Winter Pupil Timetable effective from Wednesday 30th October**

#### Winter pupil transport timetable 24-25

##### North End

0828	Rose Cottage
0829	Thorfinn
0831	Council Houses
0833	Bankhouse
0836	Caravan
0841	Airport
0846	School
0850	Bayview
0855	School

##### Central/Rothiesholm

0835	Burrowgate (end of road)
0845	School
0850	Lower Leaquoy – end of road (pick up point)
0855	School

##### South End

0827	Russland
0829	Sunnyside
0830	Blinkbonny
0833	East Bank
0836	Holin
0840	School
0845	Odiness Junction
0847	Vat pull-in
0853	School

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for  
Portraits - groups and individuals  
ID photographs - printing on site  
Tuition  
Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting  
Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228  
Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

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See Stronsay Markets on YouTube [https://youtu.be/8e6sz\\_Z2eQU](https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU)

### Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables  
Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer  
Cropped same day (usually)  
Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"  
Contact me on [stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I can add you to the regular list of  
available produce

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES

**PATRICK  
McGRATH  
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
Plumber**

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
- All other types of domestic, commercial, industrial plumbing works
- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: [patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com)



## Ebenezer Oil Heating



Oil boiler servicing, repair and replacement

Oil tank inspection and installation

Why not let me check out your heating system, I can advise upgrades to make your heating more efficient & cheaper to run

10 year parts and labour guarantee on all new Grant Vortex boilers

All my work is covered by the OFTEC Competent Persons Scheme

**Why would you use anybody else?**

Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email [ebenezer@stronsay.org](mailto:ebenezer@stronsay.org)

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260



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**LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**STRONSAY HOTEL & PUB**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083375340593>



A rectangular sign with a black border containing the following text:

**Bar Opening Hours**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	6pm - 12am
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	6pm - 12am
Friday	5pm - 1am
Saturday	5pm - 1am
Sunday	6pm - 12am

Contact StronsayHotel@Gmail.com

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From Wednesday 9 October 2024

**FISHMART CAFE OPENING TIMES**



A table with a background image of a fisherman. The table lists the opening times for Fishmart Cafe from Monday to Sunday. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The days of the week are in black, and the closing times are in black. The notes for Saturday and Sunday are in pink.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am - 2pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am - 4pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am - 2pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am - 2pm</b>	<b>(Breakfast served all day)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30am - 2:30pm</b>	<b>(Breakfast served all day)</b>

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Unit 1, Woods Yard  
 Stronsay  
 KW17 2AF  
**Office: 01857 616410**

### Contact Details

Wellbeing	Shani Hall	<a href="mailto:wellbeing@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">wellbeing@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a>
Development	Vicki Holland	<a href="mailto:Development@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">Development@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a>
Recycling	Laura Carter	<a href="mailto:Eco@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">Eco@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a>
Assistant	Steph Rome	<a href="mailto:Stephanie@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">Stephanie@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a>
Assistant	Aimee Stout	<a href="mailto:Aimee@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">Aimee@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a>

### Office Hours

May be subject to change depending on online meetings and other SDT commitments,  
 please check our Facebook page for updates

	<b>Office</b>		<b>Recycling</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-15:00	Vicki/Shani Steph/Aimee	Laura	10:00-14:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	(Office closed)	(Vicki/Shani available if required)	Laura	9:00-14:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00-14:00	Vicki	Laura	9:00-14:00
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00-16:00	Steph/Aimee		
<b>Friday</b>	9:00-15:00	Aimee	Laura	9:00-14:00

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours . . . . Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day  
 Post collection times . . . . . Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday  
 Bank (RBS) . . . . . Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262  
 OIC Special collection. . . . . Week Commencing Monday 10 Feb 2025  
 Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Open on request, email [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)  
 SDT Office . . . . . Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410  
 Sunday service at the Kirk . . . Weekly service at 11am  
 Our Lady's Chapel, pier head Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am  
 Next mobile library van visit . <https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib>  
[Weekly rubbish collection](#) . . . . Thursday (from 9 Jan) bags out by **8am**.  
 Recycling skips nearly full? . . Send email to [recycling@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@orkney.gov.uk)  
 Forward scam emails to . . . . [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)  
 Stronsay's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488>

### **EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999**

Airy Fairy . . . . . 616231	Silver Darlings . . . . . 616412
Bank ( <i>Thursday only</i> ) . . 616262	Sinclair Haulage . . . . . 600404
Community council . . . . 616446	Star Island Soap . . . . . 616281
Companions Club . . . . . 616352	Stranded seals, etc . . . . 616207/206/498
Craftship Enterprise . . . . 0778 511 1126	Stronsay Band . . . . . 616345
Doctor . . . . . 616321	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . . 616407
Ebenezer Stores . . . . . 616339	Stronsay school . . . . . 616246
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207	Stronsay taxi, school . . . . 616376 <i>or</i>
<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	transport, mechanic 07508 884 024
Fish Mart . . . . . 616401	diagnostics & repairs
Golgotha monastery. . . . 616210	
<i>or</i> <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a>	Balfour hospital (24/7). . . 01856 888000
Hall bookings . . . . . 616263	Water problems (24/7) . . 0800 0778 778
<i>or</i> <a href="mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com">annemaree.carter@btinternet.com</a>	Electricity
Highland Fuels . . . . . 01856 873766	general enquiries 0800 048 3516
Island Link Officer . . . . 616475	<i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i>
Kirk secretary . . . . . 616238	problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999
Limpet editor . . . . . 616297	power cut (24/7). . . 105
Medical emergency . . . . 616321	Police (non urgent) (24/7) 101
Neil's on Wheels . . . . . 07723 304 260	Kirkwall Library . . . . . 01856 873166
Manse . . . . . 616284	Dentists:
Nurses . . . . . 616321	Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547
Olivebank . . . . . 616255	Deyanov Dental . . . 01856 877118
OIC out of hours . . . . . 01856 873535	Com Dental Service 01856 888258
Post Office . . . . . 616499	Orkney Dental . . . . 01856 872030
Red House Plants . . . . . 616377	Vets:
Registrar . . . . . 616239	Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859
Scottish Fuels . . . . . 01856 873105	Northvet . . . . . 01856 873403
SDT office . . . . . 616410	

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