

NEWSLETTER

The Stronsay Development Trust wishes to inform the community that Naomi Bremner has stepped down as Chair and has left the Board. Molly May Allan will be taking on the role of Chair. We appreciate her willingness to step into this important position and look forward to supporting her as she takes on the challenges ahead

☀️ Thank You! ☀️

A big **thank you** to Naomi Bremner, Carrie Stout, and Ian Stevenson for the time, commitment, and hard work you've invested in the Stronsay Development Trust during your time as trustees.

A particular and considerable thank-you goes to Naomi and Ian, whose efforts went above and beyond expectations. Their willingness to step in, take on significant responsibility, and steady the organisation during a critical period played a major part in ensuring the trust could continue operating. That contribution will not be forgotten.

We also want to acknowledge Carrie, who served until October, for the support, perspective, and reliability she brought to the board. Her contribution helped strengthen governance and guide the work of the trust through a period of change.

In addition, we want to extend a sincere thank-you to Steph and Aimee, who will both be leaving the Trust on 2nd December.

Your work, professionalism, and commitment have been greatly appreciated, and your impact has been felt across day-to-day operations as well as throughout the wider team.

Thank you for the time, care, and effort you've put into your roles.

To all of you — your involvement has shaped the trust in meaningful ways. Thank you for the stability, support, and resilience you have each contributed. The trust is in a stronger position because of your work.



Stronsay Development Trust is inviting applications for co-opted trustees to join our Board.

This is an opportunity to support the ongoing work of the Trust and contribute to projects that benefit the island and community.

We welcome interest from anyone who feels they can bring skills, experience, or enthusiasm to the role.

Meetings are held regularly, and trustees work together to guide the Trust's activities and future direction.

To apply, please send a short expression of interest by email to Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com or drop a letter in to the postbox

Community Transport **Booking Information**

All transport bookings should be made between

9:00 and 12:00, Monday to Friday

Contact the office mobile on 07398 627742
either calling or by sending a text.

Bookings can also be made by emailing
neil@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com.

Single journeys are charged at £1.00 and return journeys £2.00.

Concession are reduced to 50p per single journey

Children under 22 ride free.



Please do not leaving booking requests on the office landline, as messages on that line are only checked during office hours and may lead to delays or missed bookings.

Winter Opening Times

Festive Office Hours – Christmas Period

All Trust operations will be closed from 25th
December to 4th January.

Normal services will resume on 5th January.

December Opening Hours

Office:

Monday: 9:00–12:00

Recycling Centre

Monday: 9:00–12:00

Wednesday: 9:00–12:00



THANK YOU

 **Thank you!** 

To everyone who stopped by our Community
Consultation stand at the recent Craft Fair.

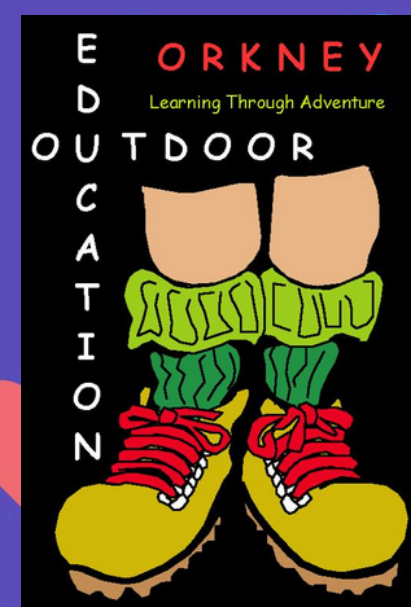
We greatly appreciate the time you took to
share your thoughts and ideas.

All feedback has now been collated into a
spreadsheet and will be passed on to the
Board, who will use it to help guide the next
steps for our projects.

Your input is invaluable in shaping the future
of our community.

WINTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

December 2025



Archery & Climbing wall

**18 people signed up for the December events.
Thank you**

Further events are planned for January

Recycling News

Since our last newsletter, our briquette machine has produced 680 logs using 255 kWh of electricity.

In that time we have sold 21 boxes and 9 sacks of logs, totalling £180 in sales.

A big
THANK YOU!

to the people who recycle their cardboard at gold star level.
It is noticed and it is appreciated. The way you flatpack and organise your cardboard, removing as much plastic tape as humanly possible, is such a big help!

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Big Thank You:
To our gold star recyclers for flatpacking cardboard. It's greatly appreciated!

The Shredder: Cardboard to Briquettes

90%+ Volume Reduction
From Landfill to Renewable Energy.

Every piece helps reduce our carbon footprint.

Health & Safety: Smart Solutions

'Struggle' **Smart Solution**

£ Repurposed Onion Bags:
• £2.50 per sack of 10, or 3 sacks for £7.

£ Briquette Boxes:
• £7 for a box of 30 logs.

Our shredding machine is hungry for your cardboard

Every piece of cardboard that is recycled into briquettes helps reduce our carbon footprint by stopping it going into landfill. Because cardboard is so bulky, it fills bins fast and takes up a lot of space in the bin lorry and eventually, the landfill site.

When compressed into briquettes, this volume is shrunk by over 90% and reused as a renewable energy source. We can't do this without your help. The more cardboard you bring, the better it is for everyone.



🔥Cardboard Log - Boxes Now Available🔥

Stronsay Development Trust is pleased to let the community know that along with Ebenezer stores, boxes of cardboard logs are now available for purchase from the Woods Yard office reception area out of office hours.

These environmentally friendly logs offer a convenient alternative fuel option for your home.

Each box is priced at £7.00

A QR code will be displayed on the office door for electronic payments. Alternatively, cash can be left in the black post box inside the door.

Boxes can also be collected from the recycling centre during normal office hours.

CARDBOARD LOGS FOR SALE
£7 per box



Community Grants Scheme

Designed to support local communities, its aim is to empower individuals, groups, and organisations to carry out projects that benefit the island's development, sustainability, and well-being

EDUCATION & TRAINING GRANT

Funding of up to £1000, to fund a maximum of 50% of the course fees.
Available for Stronsay residents to assist with course fees for any kind of training or educational course.



SUPPORTING PLACE PLAN INITIATIVES

Applications from groups that can bring match funding to the table, whether through in-kind contributions, fundraising, or other sources. However, we will also look favourably on projects that strongly align with our objectives and the aspirations set out in the Place Plan – particularly those that help reduce isolation, support participation for all, and address the impacts of poverty on the island



To date, a total of
£10,049.38
has been granted to the community
from the Stronsay Development Trust scheme



£150 Awarded to the Stronsay School for their 'Stronsay Stories' event



£918 Awarded to the Stronsay men's shed towards materials to create a workshop space

ENTERTAINMENT GRANT

Funding of up to £500 per event.
Available to help groups host one off events on Stronsay, the funding can be used to cover expenses such as travel and accommodation for visiting performers, freight for equipment, decorations, catering or venue hire



YOUNG PERSONS TRAVEL EXPENSES GRANT

Funding of up to £500 per event.
Available to help groups host one off events on Stronsay, the funding can be used to cover expenses such as travel and accommodation for visiting performers, freight for equipment, decorations, catering or venue hire



£473 Awarded to the Stronsay Community Association towards the tree lighting event



£500 Awarded to the Stronsay community association towards the Bonfire Night

To apply either
Scan the QR code above for the online form, Visit the Stronsay Development Trust Padlet page and download a copy
call 07904 578120 for a postal copy or email Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

All applications will be treated in confidence
Details of grants awarded will only be advertised with the recipients' permission



**Stronsay
Development
Trust**

Membership

Why Join

- Shape community decisions
- Have your say on projects
- Help unlock funding

Members

We have over 25% of the eligible population already signed up as members.

Associate

Don't live here permanently but have an interest in how the Island is shaped?

No Problem, become and associate member

Your Voice, Your Community, Your Trust.

Did you know .. the more people who join our

Development Trust, the stronger our case is when applying for funding? Funders want to see that our community is united and represented.

Associate



How to Join

Ready to apply?

Joining is free and easy!

Find the application form using one of the options below:

Scan the QR code

Download from our Padlet page

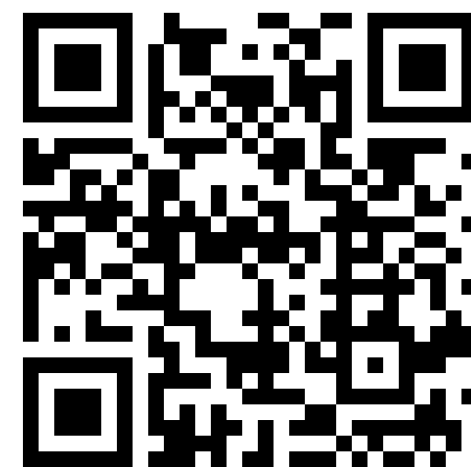
Email:

[Vicki@](mailto:Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

[StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

Contact the office for a postal copy
01857 616410

Full Membership



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The Stronsay Development Trust monthly newsletters can be found on our Padlet page – just search *Padlet Stronsay Development Trust* or follow the link at the top of our Facebook page.

For more information, please contact the office on 07904 578120 or email office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com