

# NEWSLETTER

🎄🎁🌟 The Stronsay Development Trust would like to wish everyone 🎄🎁🌟  
❄️🍷🧦 a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year ❄️🍷🧦



## 🌟 Thank You! 🌟

Another month and another huge **thank you!**

This time, we'd like to thank Dianne Riley Moore, who stepped up as Treasurer in March this year.

Dianne has now stepped down from the Board of Trustees and has been replaced by Andrew Fraser in the role of Treasurer.

**Thank you, Dianne,** for the many hours of voluntary time you dedicated to establishing the financial procedures that will help take the Trust forward.

### **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 wider 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](mailto:Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com),  
or drop a letter into the Trust postbox

### 🎄 **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

# Recycling & Transport

## Community Transport

Every \*Tuesday and Thursday

Bookings can be made to meet all boats  
(Nordic Sea, Varagen and the Earls)  
both morning and evening

Bookings can also be made to meet the  
morning and afternoon planes.

We are also available throughout the day Tuesday and Thursday  
for local use.

(Outwith these times, the local Taxi Company is available  
Contact Bayview Transport for details of the Taxi service)



**\*NOTE\***  
The service on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December has  
been replaced with a service on the 24<sup>th</sup> to  
allow for last minute shopping.  
The service will stop on the 24<sup>th</sup> December  
and resume again on the 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Telephone transport bookings can be made by leaving a message with Neil on 07398 627742.**

**Bookings can also be made by emailing [neil@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:neil@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com).**

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

Concessions are reduced to 50p per single journey. Under 22s ride for free in line with Young Scot.

**Please do not leave booking requests on the office phone, as messages on that line are only checked during office hours and may lead to missed bookings.**

## Cardboard Logs **Boxes Now Available at Ebenezer Stores** and the Woods yard office

Stronsay Development Trust is pleased to announce that along with Ebenezer stores, boxes of cardboard logs are now available to 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 is displayed on the office door for electronic payments. Alternatively, cash can be left in the black post box inside the door.  
(please include your name and amount paid)

If you would prefer to pay by Direct Debit, BACS or Invoice, please contact  
[Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

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

**Our cardboard shredding machine is amazing**



**But it can only take card.**

Please do not leave any items other than cardboard in the recycling bins!

Do not leave juice cartons, milk cartons or polystyrene packaging as these cannot be processed.

We also ask that card be clean, dry, and free from plastic tape wherever possible.



# Community Grants

## Craft Club at Stronsay Junior High - Made Possible by the Development Trust

Thanks to the generous support of the Stronsay Development Trust, our after-school Craft Club at Stronsay Junior High is already off to a wonderfully creative start.

So far, pupils have been busy exploring a wide range of hands-on activities that encourage creativity, patience and pride in making things themselves. Using pipe cleaners, they have created bracelets, festive decorations and flowers, developing fine motor skills while experimenting with colour and design. We've also used paper and card to make mini books, giving pupils the chance to plan, fold, bind and personalise their own creations from start to finish.

More recently, Craft Club has taken on a slightly sparkly feel, with pupils creating pictures using sequins and penguins made from mini pom-poms - activities that have sparked lots of conversation, collaboration and laughter alongside careful concentration. Our next session will focus on Christmas cards, introducing die-cutting and folding techniques so pupils can produce high-quality cards to give to family and friends.

The most exciting part is that this is just the beginning. Over the coming weeks and months, the funding from the Development Trust will allow us to introduce pupils to new and more specialised crafts, including mini pottery and glass fusing, as well as macramé, needlework and other traditional and modern techniques. These experiences are rarely accessible to children on a small island, and they offer valuable opportunities to build confidence, resilience and practical skills in a calm, social setting.

We are incredibly grateful to the Stronsay Development Trust for investing in this project. Their support is already making a real difference, providing pupils with creative opportunities that enrich school life and strengthen the connection between the school and the wider community.



**An update and thank you from the Stronsay School after a grant of £1,400 was awarded to support the Lego and Craft clubs**

## LEGO at Stronsay Junior High - Building Creativity and Learning

Thanks to funding from the Stronsay Development Trust, pupils at Stronsay Junior High have been enjoying new LEGO resources that are already having a positive impact on learning and play.

To begin with, pupils have been working collaboratively on a range of Christmas-themed LEGO sets. These have proved hugely popular, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance as pupils followed instructions, supported one another and celebrated their finished models together. Alongside this, we invested in large mixed boxes of LEGO bricks, giving pupils the freedom to design and build winter-themed landscapes of their own. These open-ended sessions sparked imagination and rich discussion, with pupils planning their ideas, adapting as they built, and proudly explaining their creations to others.

While the LEGO resources are used most frequently with upper primary pupils, younger learners have also benefited. In lower primary, pupils used the mixed bricks to design and build lighthouses as part of their learning about electricity, incorporating simple circuits to create working lights. This hands-on approach helped pupils make meaningful connections between design, construction and scientific understanding, while keeping learning engaging and memorable.

Looking ahead, these mixed LEGO sets will continue to be used across the school to support learning in a wide range of contexts. The flexibility of LEGO means pupils can use it to represent ideas, places and stories linked to whatever direction their class topics take - from landscapes and settlements to scientific processes, narratives and problem-solving challenges. This approach allows pupils to experience the full benefits of LEGO, combining creativity with communication, collaboration and critical thinking.

We are very grateful to the Stronsay Development Trust for making this possible. Their support has enabled us to provide high-quality resources that enrich learning, support wellbeing, and offer pupils engaging ways to explore and express their understanding across the curriculum



The Community Grants Scheme is designed to support the local community, its aim is to empower individuals, groups, and organisations to carry out projects that benefit the island's development, sustainability, and well-being

**To date, a total of**  
**£16,299.38**  
**has been granted to the community**  
**from the Stronsay Development Trust scheme**

**For more details, visit the Stronsay Development Trust Padlet page where you can scan the QR code or download a copy of the application form alternatively, email [Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) / call the office on 01857 616410**

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 Member



## 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

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

Contact the office on 01857 616410

### Full Membership



### Opening Hours (from January 2026)

**Office:** Monday 9:00-12:00

**Recycling:** Access available during office hours.

**Transport:** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
(See advert above for details)

### Address

Stronsay Development Trust  
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Stronsay  
KW17 2AR

### Office:

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07904 578120

**Transport, Recycling  
& Bike Hire:**

07398 627742

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