

30th June 2026

Stronsay Development Trust

NEWSLETTER

🌟 A BIG Thank You to Shani Hall 🌟

The Trustees and staff of Stronsay Development Trust would like to extend our sincere thanks to Shani Hall, who will be leaving her role with the Trust on 13th July.

Shani joined the Trust in the summer of 2024 as our Wellbeing Officer and quickly became a valued member of the team. In April 2025, she took on the role of Community Development Officer, where she continued to make a significant contribution to the Trust and the wider Stronsay community.

During her time with the Trust, Shani has worked across a wide range of projects, supporting community initiatives, developing new opportunities and helping to deliver positive outcomes for island residents. Her enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to get involved wherever needed have been greatly appreciated by colleagues, trustees and community members alike.

Shani has played an important part in progressing many of the Trust's activities over the past two years, and her commitment to supporting the community has left a lasting impact. While we will be sorry to see her leave, we are grateful for everything she has achieved during her time with us.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and the wider community, we would like to thank Shani for her hard work, commitment and contribution to Stronsay Development Trust. We wish her every success as she embarks on her new business venture and look forward to seeing what she achieves in this exciting next chapter.

Thank you, Shani, and best wishes for the future!



Comments & Feedback

If you would like to share feedback anonymously about the Trust's work, there is a post box inside Unit 1 where letters can be left.

Otherwise, please feel free to contact one of the Trust office bearers directly



REMINDER!

Our AGM will be held at the Community Hall on Monday the 6th July at 19:00

Election of Directors 6th July 2026

The Board currently comprises the following elected trustees

Molly May Allan, Louise McQuaid, Kevin Kent, Andrew Fraser, Mick McQuaid, Craig Stout. Elsie Dennison, Mike Holland and Marion Miller
With Jim Seaton and Ian Pollard as Co-opted members.

In accordance with the SDT articles of association, several trustees will be standing for re-election.

Candidates for election at the July AGM

Elsie Dennison (standing for re-election)

Elsie has served as an elected trustee since November 2018 and is one of the Trust's longest-serving board members. She is also a member of the Heritage Committee and continues to support the Trust's work across a range of community projects.

Mike Holland (standing for re-election)

Mike has been an elected trustee since August 2020. He serves on the board of Stronsay Renewable Energy Ltd (SREL) and is also a member of the Heritage Committee, bringing experience in the Trust's renewable energy and heritage activities.

Marion Miller (standing for re-election)

Marion joined the Board in March 2025. She is a local small business owner and has contributed to the Board over the past year, bringing a local business perspective to the Trust's work.

Ian Pollard (standing for election)

Ian joined the Board as a co-opted trustee in March 2026 and is now standing for election as an elected trustee. He is an active member of the Stronsay Men's Shed and is keen to continue supporting community initiatives through the Trust.

Anton Flaherty (standing for election)

Anton, together with his wife Penny, operates the Stronsay Hotel on behalf of the Trust. He has put himself forward for election as a trustee and is keen to contribute to the future direction of the organisation.

Penny Flaherty (standing for election)

Penny, together with her husband Anton, runs the Stronsay Hotel on behalf of the Trust. She is standing for election as a trustee and hopes to support the Trust in delivering benefits for the local community.

If you are a member and wish to vote but are unable to attend the AGM, please either call in to the office or email Admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com for a proxy voting form. Forms can also be downloaded from our website.

All forms must be returned by Saturday the 4th July



Join Our Team

Community Development Officer

Stronsay Development Trust

Location: Stronsay, Orkney (with flexible and home working available)

Hours: 25 hours per week

Salary: £18.00 per hour

Contract: Fixed Term until March 2027 (highly likely to be extended beyond this)

Help shape the future of Stronsay

Stronsay Development Trust is looking for an enthusiastic, motivated and community-minded **Community Development Officer** to support and deliver projects that make a positive difference to life on Stronsay.

This is an exciting opportunity to work closely with local residents, volunteers, partner organisations and the Trust's Board to help develop initiatives that strengthen our island community. You'll play a key role in identifying opportunities, securing funding, coordinating projects and supporting community engagement.

We understand the importance of work-life balance and offer **flexible working arrangements**, including the opportunity to **work from home**, alongside regular attendance on Stronsay for meetings, events and community activities.

Whether you already have experience in community development or bring transferable skills from project management, fundraising or community engagement, we'd love to hear from you.

What we're looking for

We're looking for someone who is:

- Passionate about supporting rural and island communities.
- An excellent communicator who enjoys working with people.
- Organised, proactive and able to manage a varied workload.
- Experienced in project coordination or community development (desirable).
- Confident writing funding applications and reports (desirable).
- Comfortable using Microsoft Office and online communication tools.

We offer

- £18.00 per hour.
- 25 hours per week.
- Flexible working arrangements.
- Home working opportunities.
- A supportive Board of Trustees.
- The opportunity to make a genuine difference to the future of Stronsay.

For a full copy of the job description,
an informal discussion about the role or
for an application pack,
please contact office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Projects & Development

Tea & Tech Together

Through funding from the Cellnex UK Community Benefit Fund, Theresa will be hosting a number of sessions over the coming months.

These sessions will offer support to help residents build confidence with everyday technology, including online safety, video calls, email, online shopping and banking, accessing NHS services, and using local online booking and library systems.

The sessions will also provide a welcoming social space with refreshments, helping to reduce isolation while improving digital skills across the community.

Please look out for further updates on our Facebook page or contact Projects@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com



This month, we held two fantastic baking sessions led by Viv.

During the bread-making workshop, participants learned the key stages of creating delicious homemade bread, including mixing, kneading, and proving the dough before baking perfect loaves and rolls.

The pizza-making session was equally enjoyable, with everyone getting creative and designing their own unique flavour combinations.

Great evenings of learning, laughter, and of course, delicious food!



**For more details on individual projects contact Projects@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com
or call the office on 01857 616410**

Community Transport & Cardboard Logs

**Our community bus operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays for island residents
between 8:00-12:00 and 13:00-18:30**

Please book all journeys up to 30 minutes in advance.

To book, contact Transport@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com, 07398 627742

**Journeys are charged at £1 per single journey, £2 return;
concessionary fares are 50p single or £1 return
(please show the driver your card)**

Under 23 travel free!

If you are under 23 you are entitled to a free travel pass.
Please contact Transport@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com for more details



A CHANGE TO LOG BOXES!

As the weight of a box of 30 logs currently exceeds the maximum safe carrying weight for one person, we have reduced the number of logs per box to 20.

Boxes are now £5 each and are available from the Trust Office or local shops.

Smaller boxes containing 10 logs for £2.50 can also be made available on request

♻️ Cardboard Recycling Reminder ♻️

Residents are welcome to use the cardboard recycling bins provided outside Unit 2.

Please ensure all cardboard is:

- Clean and dry
- Free from tape
- Flattened down before placing it in the bins

To help keep the area tidy and accessible for everyone, please do not leave any cardboard outside of the bins.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Eco@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

Acknowledgement of a Legacy

Stronsay Development Trust would like to express its sincere gratitude for the generous legacy left by a former resident of Stronsay. This thoughtful gift reflects a lasting connection to the island and will help support the Trust's work for the benefit of the community for years to come. We are honoured by this gesture and remember with appreciation their commitment to Stronsay.

Community Support

NORTH ISLES SPORTS 2026

The Stronsay Community Association catering team for the North Isles Sports 2026 would like to express its sincere thanks to everyone who supported our catering effort during this year's sports. The event was a tremendous success, and the support received from competitors, officials, volunteers, spectators, and members of the wider community was greatly appreciated.

We would particularly like to thank Stronsay Development Trust and Stronsay Community Council for their valued support and assistance. Their contribution helped ensure that we were able to provide an enjoyable and welcoming service throughout the day. Providing refreshments for such a large event is a significant undertaking, and we were delighted to serve lunch and afternoon tea to more than 400 people.

Lunch consisted of homemade soup and a selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, providing a warm and satisfying meal for competitors and visitors. Afternoon tea offered a wide range of homemade baking and savoury treats, showcasing the generosity and baking talents of the Stronsay community. The menu included freshly made sandwiches, homemade soup, traditional scones, Fatty Cuttys, sausage rolls, pizza, quiche and a variety of cakes, traybakes and home bakes

The food was extremely well received, and many visitors commented on both the quality of the refreshments and the warm hospitality shown throughout the day.

Community Effort

The success of the whole operation was only possible because of the dedication and hard work of many individuals. We are grateful to everyone who ordered ingredients, donated ingredients and supplies, prepared food and baked items, assisted with serving throughout the day and helped with setting up and clearing away.

The willingness of so many people to volunteer their time and skills demonstrated the strong community spirit that exists within Stronsay. Stronsay is Massive!

North Isles Sports 2026 was a memorable occasion, and the Stronsay Community Association was proud to play a part in helping make the event a success. Serving over 400 people was a considerable achievement and reflected the commitment and teamwork of all those involved.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed, volunteered, baked, donated, and served. Your support was invaluable and helped create a welcoming atmosphere for competitors and visitors alike.

We also extend our gratitude to Stronsay Development Trust and Stronsay Community Council for their continued support of community events and activities.

Stronsay is Massive!
Gaynor Smith



SDT have given tremendous support to this year's North Isles Sports in different ways. For everything from providing hoodies to assistance with the catering at the hall, and from funding the work done to the long jump pit and paying for new sports equipment, the Stronsay community is very grateful.

Mairi Dennison



If you are planning a community event and would like to explore potential funding opportunities, please visit the stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com/community-grants web page for information and application forms. Alternatively, contact Admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com to discuss your requirements.

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

Community Grants

Since launching our Community Grants Scheme last summer, we've been delighted to support a wide range of local projects and initiatives across Stronsay. To date, we've awarded over

£22,400.00

in grants to help bring ideas to life, support community activities, and strengthen what's on offer across the island.

Education, Training & Travel Grant

This grant supports Stronsay residents to access education, training, and development opportunities.



Funding is available towards:
Course or training fees (max 50%)
Travel costs (max 50%)
Accommodation (max £30 per night)

Maximum funding: £1,000 per person per SDT financial year (September–August)
You may apply multiple times within the year, but total funding must not exceed £1,000.
Receipts must be retained and may be requested.

Entertainment & Wellbeing Grant

The Stronsay Development Trust offers small grants to support activities, events and initiatives that bring the community together and improve wellbeing on the island.



This includes community events and activities held in venues such as the Community Hall, Fishmart, Hotel, and outdoor spaces across Stronsay.

We welcome applications from community groups, organisations and individuals delivering activities for the benefit of the wider community.

Grants are capped at £1,000 per application. Groups may submit up to three applications per SDT financial year (September–August), subject to a maximum total award of £2,000 per group per financial year.

For more details, visit the Community Grants page on StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com where you will find links to the application forms and details of each available grant. Alternatively, contact Admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com for further details or to make an appointment at the office to discuss your application.

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Membership

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.

Why Join

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

Members

Over 30% of the eligible population are already signed up as members.

Associate

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

No problem, become an associate member

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

Full Membership

Email: Admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

Contact the office on
01857 616410



Office Hours & Contact Details

Opening Hours

Office: Monday 9:00-11:30

Cardboard: Access is available during office hours.

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

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or email office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com