



## TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 17 Feb 2025 - 25 Oct 2025](#)

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

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 6 Jan 2025 to 3 Apr 2025](#)

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

Sheena & Andy's fundraiser for SCAA - tandem skydive!	Fri 18 Apr
Mobile library van	Mon 12 May
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service in Kirkwall	Mon/Tue/Wed 12/13/14 May
Peedie concert	Fri 13 Jun
Stronsay's Massive Weekend	Sat 17 Aug & Sun 18 Aug
Bingo night	Sat 20 Sep
Bonfire Night followed by Quiz	Sat 8 Nov
Christmas Tree Lighting & peedie concert	Sat 29 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Wed 31 Dec

## SCOTTISH NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

*By Dr Sylvia Armstrong-Fisher*

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) is returning to Orkney on 12, 13 and 14 May 2025, to collect blood for the first time in 16 years. SNBTS hopes to welcome 75 donors per day, meaning a total of 225 donors over a three day period.

You can register to donate in Orkney by emailing us on [nss.snbtsenquiry@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.snbtsenquiry@nhs.scot), contacting us online at [www.scotblood.co.uk](http://www.scotblood.co.uk) or calling us on 0345 90 90 999. Our Team will ask you some questions to make sure you're eligible, then book you in for an appointment

<http://scotblood.co.uk/news/first-blood-donation-session-in-orkney-for-16-years/>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON STRONSAY?

If you want to know what's happening in Stronsay then check the Visit Stronsay calendar <https://visitstronsay.com/events/month>. You can add your own event by contacting the Stronsay Limpet's editor at [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) and letting him know what's happening as well as where, when and why. Add your own artwork if you wish.

Next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Wed 30 Apr 2025**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.



# Stronsay Development Trust

## MARCH 2025

This month has been a busy one! We ended February hosting a conference in Kirkwall for Development Trusts and Groups from across Orkney and Shetland, and it was a privilege to be asked by HIE and OIC to organise this on the groups' behalf. The staff and trustees from across the groups heard from inspirational speakers, and had chance to network and come up with some new collaborative project ideas!

Earlier that same week we also welcome visitors to Stronsay from development groups from across Orkney and Shetland, along with colleagues from the N76 project groups in Dumfries & Galloway and East Ayrshire as part of the Community Energy Scotland Rural Energy Hubs project focussed on Community Transport. We visited Beechwood, Woods Yard, the Men's Shed and the Hotel.



March then kicked off with the Youth Summit, a successful weekend of activities run by our OIC youth workers. It was a fantastic event that brought the youngsters together and helped feed into future planning.



Meanwhile, in the office, we've wrapped up several ongoing projects, setting us up for a fresh start in the new financial year with exciting goals ahead. A huge thank you to CLLD, CDF, OIC, Hitrans, Energy Savings Trust, Community Energy Scotland, HIE, and VAO for their financial support! We also launched our new logo/branding to modernise things and to support our intentions when we speak to stakeholders, funders and the community - we hope you like it!! Finally, there have been lots of learning opportunities, including for example the popular lambing course that we've been able to run for community members free of charge.

We rounded off the month with our long-awaited Annual General Meeting held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We were delighted to welcome around 40% of our members to the meeting. And we were equally delighted to welcome four new board members to our team - Andrew Fraser, Carrie Stout, Dianne Riley-Moore and Marion Miller.



# Stronsay Development Trust

## Greenhouse

A massive thank you to the Men's Shed and everybody else who rolled up their sleeves and helped with the greenhouse tidy-up weekend. From setting up compost bins to painting milk bottle bird feeders, you all brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the days. Also a special shoutout to the British Science Association for their generous funding, which made all of this possible! In case you missed the compost caddies at the tidy-up we still have a small selection to offer, just pop down to the recycling unit or email: [eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:eco@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com)

## Wellbeing

Spring is here: It's that time of year when all things wellbeing are ready to kick off for the new financial year! **A Year of Wellbeing Awaits!** Thanks to support from the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, we're rolling out a whole year of wellbeing workshops from April 2025 to February 2026 - **Wellness on our doorstep** - with around 220 places available, there's something for everyone, from **Photography, Growing, Art, Cooking, Crafts, Wildlife Recording** - and much more! Whether you're looking to pick up a new hobby or simply unwind, these workshops are designed to boost your wellbeing and connect you with the community. **VIV's Group & Island Champions:** we're finally ready to move forward with our VIV's (Very Important Volunteers) group of Island Champions! Whether you're already volunteering or just keen to get involved, this is your chance to come together, share skills, and make a difference.

Our first VIV's meeting will be at **6PM on Monday 28th April 2025** - save the date! Come along, meet like-minded people, and see how you can contribute your time and talents to the community.

**Community Food Hub:** the wellbeing cabin at Woods Yard now has electric - yay! We've also ordered a fridge and freezer. Plus, we've been invited to join Fairtrade, helping reduce food waste and we hope to turn surplus food into delicious community meals.

Let's make this year the best one yet! Your enthusiasm, ideas, and involvement are what make our community truly shine. Stay tuned for more updates and to get involved - together, we're unstoppable!

Your Island Wellbeing Team



The outgoing Board was delighted to see so many members at this year's Annual General Meeting. It was fantastic to have such strong engagement and interest in the work of the Trust. At the meeting, our Chair, Ian, spoke about the challenges the Board has faced in recent times, as well as the considerable work that has gone into preparing our annual accounts and completing the audit of both SDT and our trading subsidiary, Stronsay Renewable Energy Limited.

We also heard from Ryan from Scholes, who led a comprehensive audit of SDT's financial year ending August 2023. This was the key focus of the AGM, and we are pleased to report that work is already well underway to compile our next set of accounts and complete the associated audit for the financial year ending August 2024. We plan to hold a further AGM in summer 2025 to update members on this.

One of the highlights of the meeting was welcoming new trustees onto the Board. We are delighted to have four new members joining us, alongside the return of Ian, Kevin, Mike, and Naomi, who stepped down for the AGM as per the requirements of our Articles of Association. Following the AGM, the Board has appointed Naomi as Chair, Kevin as Vice Chair, and we are pleased to welcome Dianne as Treasurer. With a strengthened team in place, we look forward to continuing the governance and operation of the charity and progressing key projects for the island.

Speaking of projects, a big thank you to everyone who has engaged with the Place Plan survey and meetings. Your input has provided valuable insight into the priorities for Stronsay. Keep an eye out for further updates, as we will be seeking more feedback from the community to refine the Place Plan. This will help shape a clear delivery plan for SDT and our staff moving forward.

**A reminder that the Board meets monthly on the first Monday of each month, and Board minutes are published on our Padlet noticeboard (details below), which also includes other key SDT information. If you have any ideas, questions, or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch!**

## Contacts

The SDT Volunteer Board are: Naomi Bremner (Chair), Kevin Kent (Vice Chair), Dianne Riley-Moore (Treasurer), Mike Holland, Elsie Dennison, James Seaton, Ian Stevenson, Andrew Fraser, Carrie Stout and Marion Miller.

Padlet noticeboard: <https://tinyurl.com/2ntnz3n>

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

## SHEENA & ANDY'S FUNDRAISER FOR SCAA



Fundraising for SCAA (Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance)  
Tandem skydive, Friday 18 April 2025

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheena-andy-rose-1>

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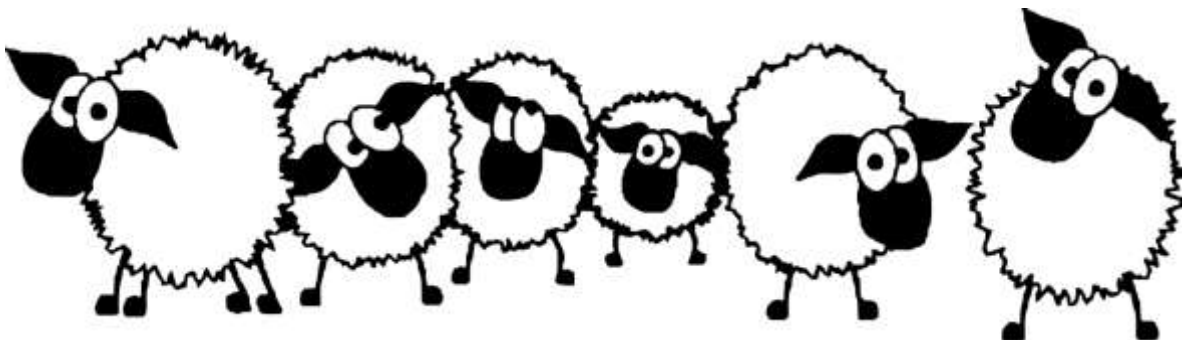
## STRONSAY MEN'S SHED

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 Stitchers



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments**

We are an informal group who meet once a month to do our own stitchy things. You can bring any projects you're working on such as crochet, needlework, knitting, rug hooking etc.

Everyone welcome.

### Who do I contact for further information?

Transportation Service  
Marine Services and Transportation  
Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration  
Orkney Islands Council  
School Place  
KIRKWALL  
KW15 1NY

**Tel: (01856) 873535**

**E-mail: [ferryvouchers@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:ferryvouchers@orkney.gov.uk)**

**Web: [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)**

The concessionary card holder is the only person permitted to use the Ferry Services Concessionary SmartCard. It is not transferable. Allowing someone else to use the card to access free travel is fraud and your entitlement to free concessionary trips on board Orkney Ferries may be withdrawn.

For full terms and conditions please visit:  
**[www.orkney.gov.uk/transport](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/transport)**.

Please note that your personal details will not be used for any purpose other than for the local concessionary travel scheme operated by Orkney Islands Council and Orkney Ferries Ltd.

A large print black and white version of this leaflet is available on request from Orkney Islands Council.

## TRANSPORT LINKS



## ISLES RESIDENTS CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME



[www.orkney.gov.uk/transport](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/transport)

[www.orkney.gov.uk/transport](http://www.orkney.gov.uk/transport)



# STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy on Stronsay Community Council

Any individual aged 16 and over may stand for election for the Community Council representing their home address, providing they are on the Electoral Register

**This is a great opportunity to make a difference to the community you live and work in, to help distribute Council funding locally, and to shape the way that Council services are provided**

**To discuss further, please contact the Democratic Services Team, Orkney Islands Council on 873535 extension 2264 or email [communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk)**



A public meeting will be held to fill the vacancy at a date to be confirmed

# STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As from 1 January 2025, 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.

There is currently a vacancy for a Community Council member.

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

CMc  
7 January 2025



## **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 vacced. 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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## **ISLAND LINK OFFICE**

Commencing Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 the Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart, will be open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.

A range of services are available, including the collection of black bin bags, photocopying at 10p a copy, collect a form for Stronsay Community Council financial assistance, or a form for the scrap car scheme (still open for applications), raise issues or concerns that Stronsay Community Council may be able to address and even contact officers at OIC.

I look forward to seeing you, but if you are not able to call into the office I can be telephoned on 616446 or by email to [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk  
12 February 2025

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## **GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER**

The rosters for the island's GP & community nurse are regularly updated online at <https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

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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)

## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Shirley Whiteman

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

### **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

# R100 BROADBAND EVALUATION



The Scottish Government is assessing the success of **R100**, a government funded programme which is **extending access to faster broadband across Scotland**.

To inform this, we are surveying households and organisations who:

- Are **scheduled to receive faster broadband access**
- Have been **provided with faster broadband access** and have taken up the connection
- Have **been provided with faster broadband access** but have not taken up the connection



Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba  
gov.scot



To determine if your property is impacted by the programme, and complete a survey, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation> or scan the QR code below:



**The deadline for all responses is 3 March 2025**

Please email [R100Evaluation@stantec.com](mailto:R100Evaluation@stantec.com) if you have any further questions.

Survey = <https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation>

# 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)  
**Phone:** 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone)  
**Online:** scan the QR code using your phone camera



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

## STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Shirley Whiteman Vice Chair: Damian Stout

### 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

## Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*A regular report from your councillor, representing all communities in the North Isles.*



Ute and I were delighted to accept an invitation to visit one of the smaller communities in the North Isles Ward and spend a day with The Sons of The Most Holy Redeemer on Papa Stronsay. We enjoyed a tour of the island and of the monastery and were made to feel most welcome. It is impressive everything that The Sons have achieved in the quarter-century their order has been present on the island, and all that they currently do and have planned for the future. I am familiar with many aspects of their daily life from the experience I had living in the Iona Community before Ute and I got married. Here we are in the refectory.

At our General Meeting nearly three-quarters of councillors ratified the 15% rise in council tax agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee. This is high, but it follows a spell of many years during which the Scottish Government forbade any council tax rises. Had we been able to make incremental increases year on year, it is unlikely we would be in our current "cost-of-service-delivery crisis" (as Council Leader, Heather Woodbridge put it). This increase equates to an extra £3.95 per week per household living in a Band D property. Although our council tax increase is higher than that of most other councils in Scotland, it has to be borne in mind that we started from a lower base. Furthermore, it costs more here to provide services, both because, being a small authority, we cannot take advantage of economies of scale, and, owing to our geography, we have to carry the burden of extra transport and delivery costs, and, don't forget, OIC provides services few other councils need to, such as island airfields and harbours. On top of this, the Scottish Government underfunds us compared with the other two island authorities: it gives Orkney £268 less per head of population than it gives Shetland and £844 less per head than it gives the Western Isles. And in order not to have to make major cuts in services under these constraining conditions, we have been drawing on our reserves unsustainably. It was never expected that a council tax rise of this magnitude would be a popular decision. Nevertheless, the public told us it was willing to pay higher levels of council tax in order to protect council services. Of the 1,077 folk who took the trouble to respond to the "Our Budget Challenge" survey and make considered contributions, 47% said they'd be willing to pay increases of either 15% or 20% (while 40% expressed preference for a 10% increase). I recognised the initial shortcomings in this survey (see [Issue 143 of my Letter](#)) but it was redeemed by the way the results were analysed. Nobody (including councillors) likes paying extra tax, but our decision was a carefully considered one based on all the information before us, and it was made for the right reasons in the hope that it will give us some protection against making drastic cuts in services and severe council tax increases going forward. In setting our budget, I am pleased that we were able (as Isles residents requested in the survey) to avoid levying charges for pupils to stay at the Papdale Halls to attend extra-curricular activities, charges for Hall placing requests, and charges for our black rubbish bags. (For the record, my nationally-set combined councillor and Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board Depute Convener salary will be rising by less than 6%.)

It will not have escaped the notice of those engaged in Orkney's agricultural economy that at the same General Meeting councillors approved a Notice of Motion protesting how the UK Government's budget will affect our farming communities.

Some other meetings I have attended this month included the usual confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive, a Special General Meeting, and a meeting of the House Working Group to discuss how to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Orkney Islands Council in May. Virtually, I attended a meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group as OIC's representative.

**Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson** *Member for the North Isles Ward, Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB*

West Manse, Sanday [stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

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

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## [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 government funding, so rely 100% on donations from the public to fuel our life-saving flights across Scotland.

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## [MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2025](#)

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



**Records of a Bygone Age**  
**Stronsay's Side Schools**  
**Part 2 – Teachers come and go**

Last month's article ended in December 1900 with the resignation of Miss Catherine Raeburn, who had been teaching at the South School for about two years. Although her time in Stronsay had been relatively short she had obviously had a positive impact on the school pupils and the local church as can be seen in this newspaper report from January 1901.

MARRIAGES, AND OF VACANT POSITIONS.

**CORNHILL.** — Miss Raeburn, teacher, South School, Stronsay, daughter of Mr Joseph Raeburn, merchant, Cornhill, was, on the occasion of leaving that school, presented with gifts from her pupils and from members of the United Free Church and choir. In token of appreciation of her services among the children, she was presented with a hand-bag containing a card-case, a purse, and a bottle of scent. The presentation from the members of the choir took place at a social gathering, when Mr Brownlie, in name of the choir and congregation, presented Miss Raeburn with a purse containing six guineas, in token of their appreciation of her services as organist during the two years since the introduction of instrumental music into the church services. Miss Raeburn made appropriate acknowledgment, and later on in the proceedings Mr P. Miller, the precentor, bore testimony to Miss Raeburn's great services in connection with the choir.

Bearing in mind that Miss Raeburn's annual salary was £55, a presentation of six guineas (£6.30) would have represented a very generous donation.

Miss Raeburn was replaced by Miss Jane M Shurie, who started teaching at the school in January 1901 at an increased salary of £60. Her stay too was comparatively short, moving on in July 1902 to teach at Skelwick in Westray. Her replacement as teacher moved in the opposite direction, with Miss Margaret Calder coming from the Rackwick school in Westray to the South School in August 1902 at the same salary as her predecessor. In June 1904, 14-year-old Jane Sinclair from Housebay was appointed as monitor to assist Miss Calder, no doubt an appointment much appreciated by Miss Calder.

It seems that Miss Calder never really settled into this post as she submitted her resignation from the South School in March 1905, apparently the third time she had done so, but this time it seemed to be final! Some clue to her dissatisfaction with the post may be found in a HMI (His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education) report from the previous year where it was noted that, despite evidence of considerable effort by the teacher, the progress of the school hadn't been altogether satisfactory. The inspector highlighted the poor working conditions and lack of adequate seating, particularly for the infants, as being factors. The report also drew attention to the fact that there was an excessive number of pupils for one teacher at the school, noting that there were 54 pupils present on the day of the inspection, 27 of whom were infants.

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With Miss Calder's departure the vacant post was then offered to Mrs Tolmie, long-time teacher at the North School, at an increased salary of £70 and, when this offer was declined, the position was offered to Miss Russel of Forres at a salary of £80. When this appointment also fell through the post was offered to Stronsay lass Annie Jane Logie, a former Pupil Teacher at the Central School who was currently teaching in Pharay, at a salary of £60 and she was happy to accept. Then, in February 1908, in what must have been a welcome appointment, 13-year-old Georgina Logie was appointed to assist her teacher sister Annie Jane at the South School.



*Miss Logie with the girls she was teaching c.1907. Unfortunately, some of the names aren't known. Back row: Miss Logie; unknown; Lizzie Shearer (went to St Abbs); unknown; Margaret Ann Shearer who lived at Freehall with her parents Stewart and Jane. They later went to Shapinsay and she became Mrs Sinclair; Mary Shearer of Cott (later Mrs Cooper of Blinkbonny); unknown; Peggy Chalmers (later Mrs Cooper of Sillerha) Middle row: unknown; unknown; unknown; Robina Chalmers (later Mrs Stevenson, Bu); unknown; Jean Shearer of Park Cottage; Nellie Spence (Waterside, Sillerha' and Airy) Front: unknown; Jessie Cooper, Blinkbonny; Annie Cooper, Blinkbonny; unknown; Daisy Shearer of Cott (later Mrs Tulloch); Grace Smith of Scoulters (later Mrs Chalmers Housebay); unknown.*

The Clerk had visited the South School on 19th April 1910 and found only 6 pupils present due to an outbreak of measles, with all children from any household where infection was present being excluded. After consultation with the local Medical Officer, it was agreed that the school should be closed from that date until the 9th May.

In December 1910 the South School was again closed for a time and thoroughly disinfected. The cause isn't recorded but may well have been scarlet fever once more. This was soon to be followed by closure once again, this time in March 1911 due to an outbreak of mumps, when the school was shut for two weeks to allow the epidemic to pass.

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Miss Logie resigned from the South School in October 1911 and it was agreed to advertise the vacant post at a salary of £80, with free part-furnished house and garden. Miss Elizabeth Fotheringhame, formerly from Hescombe, who had trained as a teacher in Edinburgh and was currently teaching in Wishaw, was appointed to the post the following month, a post she was to hold for 38 years.

Much of the following information comes from the South School logbook held in the Orkney Library Archives covering the period from 1913 until its closure in 1959.

Some of the events noted in the first year of the log were the installation of a new stove in February to better heat the building and, it was hoped, not see so much smoke billowing back into the room. The following month William Clyne replaced Alex Chalmers as Attendance Officer, whose role was to examine the attendance registers on a regular basis and visit the homes of those pupils who had been absent for no good reason. Although the school roll at that time stood at 52 it was noted that a number of pupils were being kept home to plant potatoes, which may well have instigated a visit from the newly appointed Attendance Officer.

Although maintenance didn't seem to be a high priority with the School Board a new floor had been installed in the school during the summer break, with the classroom ceiling also being heightened and new roofs being fitted on the outhouses.

In February 1914 it was noted that the children of one family - 3 girls and a boy - had been excluded from school due to a 'contagious skin disease', possibly ringworm. They were taken off the roll and readmitted 6 weeks later.

By April 1914 the roll had fallen to 41 and 2 months later had again fallen, this time to 30, with a number of children leaving the island and others moving on to the Central School.

Following a HMI inspection in June 1914 the subsequent report, although noting some badly needed improvements, was generally quite encouraging, stating that "Thoroughly good work is being done in this school. The premises have been improved by the heightening and by the reflooring of the classroom and re-roofing of the offices. The Board should supply some more modern desks or replace the old furniture. The doors and walls of the offices, which are disfigured by scribbling of an objectionable kind, must be repainted and distempered. The school is insufficiently heated."

An important aspect of Miss Fotheringhame's teaching seemed to have been her desire to make her pupils aware of nature and the world around them, and to this end there seemed to be regular 'nature rambles'. One of those was recorded on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1914 when, with all pupils present, the afternoon was spent at the seashore in the study of flowers, seaweed and shells. This was followed on 10<sup>th</sup> July by a ramble to the Muckle Water when she took her pupils to see the swans and to collect flowers.

The outbreak of war in August 1914 meant that many of our young men went off to join the army or navy, resulting in a reduced work force on the island. To help counter this, notice was received on 14<sup>th</sup> September that the school was to be shut for 3 weeks to allow the children to assist in the harvest. The next entry, dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, informs us that the school has been shut for a month, an additional week having been granted by the Board to allow people to finish their harvest.

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It had been opened that day but only 7 children had turned up and it was thought that an outbreak of whooping cough seemed to be keeping many pupils home. This epidemic was to last until late December, when it was recorded that all school work was in a very backward state.

Holidays over the Christmas period were much shorter in those days, with the school being shut from 25<sup>th</sup> December 1914 until 1<sup>st</sup> January 1915 inclusive. Numbers in attendance remained low in the beginning of that term, still due to the lingering whooping cough epidemic. Weather too played its part, with only 3 pupils turning up on 11<sup>th</sup> January and none at all on the 13<sup>th</sup>, both due to heavy and persistent rain.

Absenteeism continued to be a problem throughout the early months of 1915 and, despite the best efforts of the Attendance Officer, led to the School Board sending a letter to parents on 28<sup>th</sup> May stating that they “insist on perfect attendance until the holidays or more stringent measures will be resorted to.” This appears to have had the desired effect as there is no record of any ‘stringent measures’ being resorted to.

Stronsay’s United Free Church had been granted free use of the North, South and Rothiesholm side schools to hold weekly Sunday Schools but in 1915 the Board agreed that the Janitor of each school should be paid 10/- per year for the extra work involved with this.

As we move into 1916, heavy rain on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January again resulted in no pupils turning up for lessons. Then, in April, 4 pupils left to attend the Central School and 6 young pupils started school, giving a roll at that time of 37.

Dr RP Heddle, the County Medical Officer, visited the school occasionally, a duty later taken over by Stronsay’s own doctor, Robert Rosie. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1916, on what was recorded as his first visit to the school, Dr Rosie sent six children from Housebay home as Scarlet Fever was in their homes, with the rest of the children from Housebay being excluded the following day. Due to this epidemic the school was subsequently shut on 8<sup>th</sup> May, reopening on the 21<sup>st</sup> but no pupils put in an appearance that day, nor on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. 11 turned up on the 25<sup>th</sup> but attendance remained very poor due to fear of the fever. Schools were again shut on 5<sup>th</sup> June, this time for a fortnight, and this was later extended for another week, the school being thoroughly disinfected during that time. When it reopened on 26<sup>th</sup> June the epidemic appeared to be over and attendances back to near normal.

A day's holiday was given on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1916 to allow pupils to attend a sale of work in the Central School in aid of the war effort, with the school then shutting on 21<sup>st</sup> September to allow pupils to once again help with the harvest, only reopening on 30<sup>th</sup> October by which time harvest had all been completed. By this time Miss Fotheringhame recorded that all class work was in a very backward state.

Christmas holidays were again kept to the bare minimum, lasting from 25<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January inclusive.

There was little of note in the log for 1917, although a rather poignant entry on 12<sup>th</sup> October recorded that ‘The want of boots has kept one boy home all week.’

An unexpected early fall of snow and sleet after the children were at school on 26<sup>th</sup> November saw a rescue operation swing into action, where it was recorded that “Carts came for most of the children and all had gone by 3 o’ clock.”

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The school reopened after the Christmas break on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1918 but very soon afterwards heavy snow was to cause disruption for some considerable time. A day by day account was recorded in the log as:

*7<sup>th</sup> January: Heavy drifting snow. No child could come out.*

*8<sup>th</sup> January: Worse today than yesterday*

*9<sup>th</sup> January: Snow lying deep on the ground and still falling*

*10<sup>th</sup> January: Fine frosty day but snow too deep for walking*

*11<sup>th</sup> January: This week is a complete blank with no child present. Today the snow is worse than ever.*

*14<sup>th</sup> January: Snow much too deep for the children but otherwise the day is good*

*15<sup>th</sup> January: Very bad snowstorm*

*16<sup>th</sup> January: Snow still continues*

*17<sup>th</sup> January: The day is good but the roads impassable*

*18<sup>th</sup> January: Another week gone and no child has come or could have come out.*

*21<sup>st</sup> January: Thaw has set in which has not improved matters.*

*22<sup>nd</sup> January: Weather looks threatening. Roads are very bad*

*23<sup>rd</sup> January: The thaw continues. Roads like a burn in places.*

*24<sup>th</sup> January: Ten children turned out today, most of them with wet feet. They dried their stockings at the fire and went home at 10 o' clock.*

*25<sup>th</sup> January: Nineteen came today. They were dismissed at 2 o' clock. The roads are still bad in many places.*

By the beginning of the following week, as the thaw continued, all the roads were passable once more and things were returning to normal.

The worst of this snowstorm was recorded in the Orkney Herald of 16<sup>th</sup> January 1918 as follows:

*Weather of the worst kind has been experienced in Orkney for a week and a half. The first phase of the snowstorm, which began on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> inst., continued with varying intensity until the afternoon of Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Long before the storm subsided, all roads were hopelessly blocked by wreaths of snow, and Kirkwall was completely cut out from communication with the outlying districts. On Wednesday a slight thaw set in, but little impression was made on the mounds of snow which lay piled up to a great height across the roads. This thaw was of very short duration and from Wednesday to Saturday the whole county was bound in the iron grip of a most intense frost. On Saturday however the barometer began to fall and, in the evening, the second phase of the snow storm commenced. At first there was little or no wind, and consequently no drift; but early on Sunday morning the wind, which had been easterly, suddenly changed to the north northwest, and almost immediately attained the force of a gale. From then onward to daylight a most severe blizzard was experienced. The snow accumulated to great heights, and many people could be observed on Sunday forenoon digging a passage of outlet from their houses. When the storm ceased on Sunday, a period of comparative calm prevailed, which lasted until Monday afternoon. Then a change in the weather again took place. The wind shifted to the southeast, the sky became black with the gathering clouds, and the third phase of the storm - equal, if not exceeding in violence, those which preceded it - broke out. The snow came down in blinding sheets, carried along by the gale and none ventured out of doors except those on urgent business.*

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Later that year, in what was obviously a fairly delicate situation, the Board wrote to 73 year old Mary Maxwell of Sunnyside to tactfully suggest that, owing to her advancing years and failing strength, she should consider resigning her post as cleaner at the South School. The letter seemed to have the desired effect as Mrs Maxwell submitted her resignation soon after.

The pen of the Clerk to the Board was again in action in September 1918, with a letter sent to the head teachers of all the schools stating that 'The Board desire to point out to the Headteachers in all the schools the necessity of strict economy in the use of coals owing to the great scarcity and high price of that useful commodity.

With the war still going on, a school holiday was declared on 13<sup>th</sup> June to allow pupils to attend a sale in aid of the Red Cross in the Central School.

Rambles were still an important and welcome part of the curriculum, with pupils spending the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> May at Lamb Head and the Dane's Pier. This was followed by a ramble to the Muckle Water on 7th June, an afternoon gathering wild flowers on 21<sup>st</sup> June and an outing to the sands below the Telegraph Test Hut at Holland on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

John Shearer took over from William Clyne as the School Board Officer in May 1918 with another change in September when John Fotheringhame took over from Mr Shearer.

1918 also saw the abolition of the School Boards, which had served the educational needs of Scotland for almost 50 years, to be replaced by School Management Committees serving a very similar purpose but under the control of the County Council's Education Committee.

Part 3 will be in next month's Limpet  
Ian Cooper  
March 2025

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## **STRONSAY SURGERY - CLEANER REQUIRED**

*From Heather Thomson (Domestic supervisor, NHS Orkney)*

We are still looking for someone that could clean the Stronsay Surgery. The post is for 5 hours per week and could be flexible on arrangement if required to suit with other commitments. Please pass this on to anyone that could be interested. Closing date will be Wednesday 9 April:

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Dear Stronsay residents,

As you are all now probably aware, we have a few particularly problematic viruses circulating the island. Could we kindly ask that for the present time can anyone visiting the surgery, wear masks and cleanse their hands as they enter the surgery. We have provided masks and hand wash at the door for you to use.

Kindest regards,

Stronsay surgery team

## SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

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## 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:

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- Photos (of Stronsay or of Stronsay folk)
- Letters
- Postcards
- Memorabilia or Souvenirs
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- 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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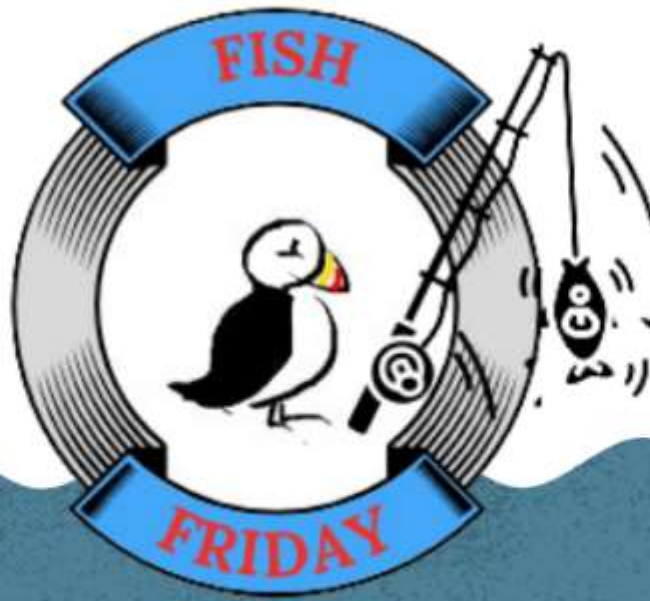
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Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

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***



ScotBay  
Ferry

**BAYVIEW TRANSPORT  
LIMITED**

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.



**BAYVIEW TRANSPORT  
LIMITED**

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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Development	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

	Office	Recycling
Monday	9:00-11:00	9:00-12:00
Tuesday	9:00-11:00	9:00-12:00
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	9:00-12:00
Thursday	9:00-15:00	(Closed)
Friday	10:00-16:00	(Closed)

For **Bike hire** please contact Laura on  
[Eco@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Eco@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

# SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details   

General Enquiries: [info@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:info@sinclairhaulage.com)

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Accounts Enquiries: [accounts@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:accounts@sinclairhaulage.com)

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Livestock Bookings: [livestock@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:livestock@sinclairhaulage.com)

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Phone: 01857 600 404

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Postal Address: Sinclair Haulage Ltd  
New Haulage Shed  
How Farm  
SANDAY KW17 2BJ

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Office Opening Times: Mon – Fri  
09:00 – 17:00

Livestock bookings should be made by emailing [livestock@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto:livestock@sinclairhaulage.com) or calling 01857 600404.

Please note that we **DO NOT** use Gmail email addresses (e.g. [sinclairhaulage@gmail.com](mailto:sinclairhaulage@gmail.com)). Please only use the above email addresses.



## **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 & PHONE NUMBERS:**

Ebenezer Stores	<a href="mailto:stronsaystores@gmail.com">stronsaystores@gmail.com</a>	616339
Olivebank	<a href="mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com">m.williamson1@btconnect.com</a>	616255
Fishmart café	<a href="mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com">fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com</a>	616401
Hotel & pub	<a href="mailto:stronsayhotel@gmail.com">stronsayhotel@gmail.com</a>	616407

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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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## **STRONSAY KIRK**

Details of services at Stronsay's Kirk for the next few weeks are now available on the kirk's website <https://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/calendar.asp?set=list>.

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

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

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## **STRONSAY CHESS CLUB**

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

## 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. . . . . 12 May 2025 and 4 August 2025  
 Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Wed 10am-noon, tel 616446, 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, 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 . . . . . 616438	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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