



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 26 October to 15 February 2026](#)

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 29 September 2025 to 2 May 2026](#)

[Orkney Ferries - MV Nordic Sea winter timetable 20 October to 28 December 2025](#)

[OIC - school holidays 2025-2026](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

Harvest Home	Sat 1 Nov
Bonfire Night followed by Quiz	Fri 7 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 22 Nov
Screen Machine visit	Wed/Thu 25/26 Nov
Christmas Tree Lighting & peedie concert	Sat 29 Nov
OIC Special Collection	Mon 1 Dec
Mobile library van visit	Mon 15 Dec
Hogmanay Dance	Wed 31 Dec
Orkney Ferries refit timetable starts	Sun 4 Jan 2026

FISHMART CAFÉ

Fishmart café closed Monday 3 November to Saturday 8 November

Open Sunday 9 November for mince & tatties

GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER

The rosters for the island's GP & community nurse are regularly updated online at

<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

VOLUNTARY ACTION ORKNEY - STRONSAY

<http://vaorkney.org.uk/search?submit=1&q=stronsay>

KIRK SERVICES

<https://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/stronsaykirk/calendar.asp?set=list>

STRONSAY COMPANIONS

The Stronsay Companions will meet in the Church Hall
every Monday from 12 noon to 2pm.

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Sun 30 Nov 2025**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.



NEW HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE:

It's been a while since we've updated the community on plans for a new heritage centre. When last we updated you, we were planning to partner with the Development Trust to develop the field next to Fagerheim with a new heritage centre and a couple of housing units (the rent from one of which would have helped sustain the heritage centre into the future). However, partly because the site is unserviced and would have required installation of water, electricity, septic and drainage, as well as necessitate the installation of footpaths and complicate road works, the project was deemed too expensive for the Development Trust to support. Taking those issues to heart, the Stronsay Heritage Society is now hoping to build a simpler, one-storey wooden structure in Wood's Yard, which is already owned by the Development Trust and where we could connect to the hydro, water, septic and drainage systems already on site. The project would be far cheaper, and would still allow us to remain near enough to the ferry terminal (but out of the SEPA flood zone) to be easily accessible to all visitors. We are planning to have a table at the Christmas Craft fair and will have more details to share with you then. In the meantime, we thank you for your continued interest and encouragement as we work with the Development Trust to find a permanent home for the heritage collection.

Check out the Stronsay Heritage Society Facebook page and join us there for all the latest news, info and photos of what is interesting folk heritage-wise in Stronsay.

Stronsay Community Association Presents, with thanks to the Community Council for funding

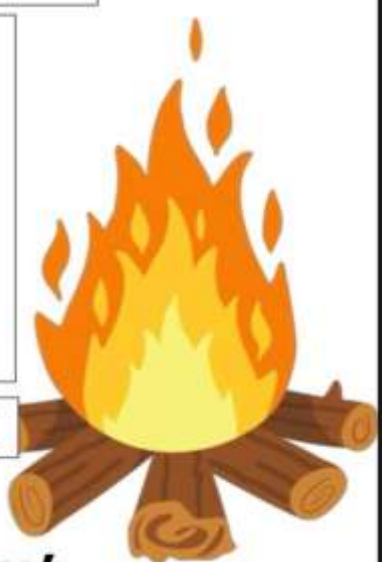
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

- QUIZ-
- GUY COMPETITION-
- FIREWORKS-
- BONFIRE-
- BAR-
- RAFFLE-
- 100 CLUB-
- HAGGIS, MINCE & CLAPSHOT-

Friday 7th November- Community Hall - 7PM

ADULTS: £6 CHILDREN: £3

Everyone Welcome!



STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Louise McQuaid

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

STRONSAY WEST PIER UPDATE

The Deputy Harbour Master has issued the following update on the Stronsay west pier.

“We’re pleased to confirm that the underwater survey of the pier was completed ahead of the original schedule for November. The early completion allows us to plan next steps sooner than expected.

The survey has, however, identified a number of areas of concern, including some erosion and holes towards the end of the west pier. In the interest of safety, we’ve taken the precautionary decision to keep the pier closed while further investigations are carried out to determine the best approach for potential repairs and associated costs.

We appreciate the community’s patience and understanding while we work to ensure the long-term safety and integrity of the pier.”

Colin McAlpine

Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

31 October 2025

STAY UP TO DATE

WITH THE STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST!

The Stronsay Development Trust now produces a **monthly newsletter** to keep everyone informed about our projects, events, and community news.

A copy of the newsletter will be sent out from **The Limpet** at the end of each month. You can also **download a copy** from the **Stronsay Development Trust Padlet page** (search *Padlet Stronsay Development Trust* or follow the link at the top of our Facebook page).

If you’d prefer a printed or emailed copy, please **contact the office** on **01857 616410** or email [**Stephanie@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com**](mailto:Stephanie@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com).

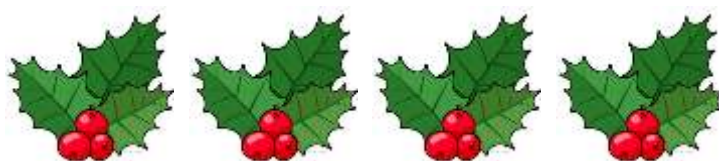
Stronsay Christmas Craft Fair 2025

Saturday 22 November



Stronsay Community Hall

1.00 p m – 4.00 p m



Hand-made Crafts, Raffle, Refreshments &
Bakes



Stronsay Community Association



Livestock Bookings

To ensure Livestock Bookings are not missed and that we can plan vehicle and ferry space, bookings must be made as far in advance as possible by either emailing:

livestock@sinclairhaulage.com

OR calling:

[01857 600404](tel:01857600404)

Please **DO NOT** message via text, Facebook, WhatsApp etc and please do not use any other email address.

Once booking has been received, you will be given a booking reference. We will then be in touch to confirm collection day/time etc.

SINCLAIR HAULAGE

Now taking stone/aggregate orders!

Our diary is filling up for stone orders through the rest of the year. We can collect from Heddle Quarry (or Gairsty for an additional charge).

We can transport either 16 or 20 tonnes per load depending on access and vehicle availability. Smaller quantities can be ordered from Orkney Aggregates and transported in tonne bags.

For more information or to place an order please email info@sinclairhaulage.com

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SCRAP CAR SCHEME

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

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

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

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

Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – tel: 616446 email: stronsaycc@gmail.com or by writing to the address below;

Complete the Verification Form and liaise with the haulier for the vehicle's delivery to Kirkwall;

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

27 October 2025

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

As from 27 October 2025, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council: -

Maya BAR-TOR	Bennicuml, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ email: mayabartor@gmail.com
Shane HOURSTON	Housebay Cottage, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ tel: 07593965600 email: s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk
Louise McQUAID Chair	Bayview, Stronsay, KW17 2AR tel: 616376 email: louisemcquaidcc@gmail.com
James SEATON	Thorfinn, Stronsay, KW17 2AS tel: 07470111871 email: safehandsno_1@hotmail.com
Damian STOUT Vice Chair	Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616258 email: damiienstout@btinternet.com

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

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

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer/Clerk
27 October 2025

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There are currently two vacancies on Stronsay Community Council.

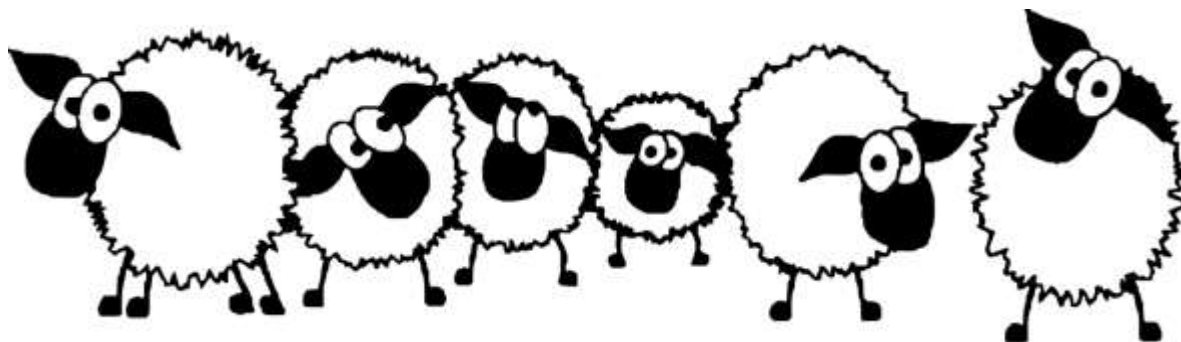
Any individual aged 16 and over may stand for election for the Community Council representing their home address, providing they are on the Electoral Register.

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 01856 873535 extension 2264 or email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

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

Stronsay Stitchers



Thursday 27th November 2025
7.00pm-9.00pm, 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.

Contact Details – 01857 616410

Development Officer	Shani Hall	Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com
Assistant Officer	Aimee Stout	Aimee@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com
Assistant Officer	Steph Rome	Stephanie@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com
Admin/Finance	Vicki Holland	Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9am-11am

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

Bike hire must be booked in advance – please contact the office for bookings

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

<https://www.vaorkney.org.uk/directory/stronsay-community-association>

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

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

For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter
email

annemaree.carter@btinternet.com



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

The Islands Small Grant Scheme is 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.

ENTERTAINMENT GRANT

Funding of up to £500 per event.

Available to help groups host 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.

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.

YOUNG PERSONS TRAVEL EXPENSES GRANT

Funding of up to £200 per person per year.

Available for Stronsay residents under the age of 22 and in full time education to assist with travel expenses to the mainland to attend organised events.

SUPPORT PLACE PLAN INITIATIVES

Funding of up to £15,000 is available, to fund a maximum of 60% of the total cost.

Available to Stronsay residents to support local projects that align with the goals and priorities set out in the recent Place Plan, empowering groups of residents, organisations and community groups to develop sustainable initiatives that reflect the shared vision of our island's future.

All applications will be treated in confidence and decisions will be made jointly by the Stronsay Development Trust Trustees



STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

THE CARDBOARD RECYCLING FACILITY IS NOW OPEN!



Three large green bins are located
outside UNIT 2



RECYCLING GUIDELINES

- ✓ ALL CARDBOARD IS DRY
- ✓ ALL CARDBOARD IS FLATTENED
- ✓ ALL TAPE IS REMOVED



HAVE A LARGE DELIVERY OF CARDBOARD?

Staff can arrange access to Unit 2
for bigger drop-offs.

Please contact us in advance at:

ECO@STRONSAYDEVELOPMENTTRUST.COM

If the bins are full please contact eco@Stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com.

Please do NOT leave cardboard outside of the unit other than in
the bins provided.

**Thank you for helping us keep Stronsay
clean and green!**

RECENT ART WORKSHOPS ON STRONSAY

By Christopher Andrew Maier.

Stronsay Island Wellbeing funded four art workshops this past season, providing a joyful time of exploration for island residents. And as the presenter offering creative work to my neighbors, I certainly learned a few things too!

Each activity was based on projects I had personally developed in my career as a middle school art teacher. It is a fact that I taught nearly 10,000 students over a span of three decades. Without a doubt, the art concepts were well-honed.

Each 3 hour workshop launched at the Community Centre, making use of the large work tables and the magnificent LED flatscreen monitor which offered visual direction and excitement, including music from Bach to The Beatles. We delved into memories, hopes and dreams. We turned basic weaving concepts into logic-defying waves and zigzags. We learned to create effortless blends of intense color using mere whispers of pigment. And we studied the act of seeing transitory objects as an end in itself.

One attendee designed a greeting card sporting 5 collaged goldfish drifting through a pool of geometric colors, into which he inscribed, *"Thank you for today and helping us all feel less like fish out of water!"* The card was signed by those in attendance, and I have it displayed as a valuable keepsake on the music stand of my piano at Old Schoolhouse.



SCREEN MACHINE VISITS STRONSAY 25/26 NOVEMBER

Extracts from Screen Machine's latest newsletter

We've almost reached our fundraising target!

It's been a while since we've offered an update on Screen Machine 3, but we now have multiple pieces of good news to share.

Through the combination of a £150,000 grant from the Anne Duchess of Westminster Fund, £10,000 from William Grant Foundation, £5,000 from Islay and Dunlossit Trust, an anonymous donation of £10,000, and offers of further donations following a recent fundraising event in Edinburgh, we are now very close to reaching our target. We have also managed to reduce the overall costs of the project to £1.5m thanks to conversations with our suppliers and better-than-expected exchange rates.

Toutenkamion are continuing to build the new machine in France, and it remains on schedule for delivery in the summer of 2026. We're focusing on securing the remaining pledges and grant offers, and creating a Resilience Fund to ensure SM3 can be properly maintained as it endures Scotland's single-track roads, ferries, and variable weather.

We'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to Save Our Screen Machine. Your belief in our service and support to keep it going is what has brought us this far, almost to the finish line!

If you've yet to donate or would like to make a further contribution, we'd be very grateful.

[Click here to donate](#)

Upcoming visits

We now have a schedule right through to the end of 2025, and we're delighted to say it includes a visit to Orkney. With thanks to Pentland Ferries and Orkney Ferries for their help in making our visit possible:

- Newtonmore - 21 to 23 November
- **Stronsay - 25 & 26 November**
- Westray - 27 to 30 November
- Sanday - 1 to 4 December
- Shapinsay - 5 & 6 December
- Golspie - 9 to 11 December
- Lairg - 12 & 13 December
- Millport - 20 & 21 December

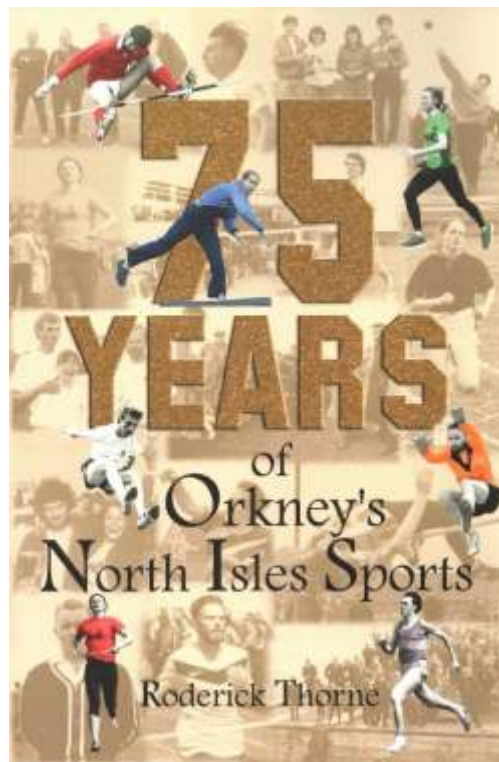
We aim to get these on sale in the coming weeks. We're also working to finalise our schedule for the start of 2026, and we will aim to get these on sale by early December. As always, please keep an eye on our [schedule](#) to see when we might next be near you.

NORTH ISLES SPORTS 2025

Following the publication of his book on 75 years of the North Isles Sports Rod Thorne is now working on an update covering this year's Sports Day in Sanday. He has a number of photos of individual athletes and of the tug-o-war team but is looking for other team photos.

Would anyone who was at the sports happen to have photos of the Stronsay schools football or netball teams or of the Stronsay seniors football or netball teams? If so could you email Rod at nearhouse@triscom.co.uk or, if you prefer, drop me a message and I can pass it on?

Ian Cooper, Steenysheed



ADDITIONAL FOOT PASSENGER SERVICE **NORDIC SEA WINTER TIMETABLE**

We would like to advise that the Nordic Sea will be providing a foot passenger service to Eday Sanday and Stronsay over the winter months. The timetable is available in the timetable section of our website or in our office and can be booked online or over the phone. This service will run from Monday 20th October to Saturday 28th December.

<https://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/documents/winter-2025-26-foot-passenger-service-eday-sanday-stronsay>

STRONSAY MEN'S SHED – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



The Stronsay Men's Shed meets every Saturday at 10.30am in the Mission Hall, Lower Whitehall. We're a small but lively group who enjoy getting together to share a cuppa, swap stories, play games, and work on small projects – with plenty of tea, biscuits and bacon rolls to keep us going!

The Men's Shed movement began in Australia and is now thriving across Scotland. It's all about creating a welcoming place where men can come together, enjoy companionship, learn new skills, and support each other. As the Scottish Men's Sheds Association say:

"Sheds are for all men – a place to be yourself, to learn, to share, to laugh, and to belong."

Stronsay Men's Shed has its own aims and purpose, shaped by members, with a small informal committee to help things run smoothly. We're not about red tape – we're about friendship, community, and having a space where men of all ages (18+) and backgrounds can meet.

Recent projects have included making a puppet theatre for the school children, which was a great success, and we're now working to improve the Mission Hall with plans for a workshop, kitchen and more activity spaces.

We welcome donations to help keep things going, but most of all we welcome **new members**. Whether you fancy lending a hand with a project, just want to enjoy some company, or have ideas for how the Shed could grow, you'll be warmly welcomed.

So why not pop along one Saturday and see what it's all about? You'll find friendship, fun, and a good brew waiting for you!

Contact Roger Neville-Smith 07773 889 334

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



Changes to Surgery opening hours!

Just a quick update on Surgery reception opening hours.

These changes will be taking effect starting on 15th September

Appointments are to be booked during these times.

Stronsay Surgery – Tel 01857 616321	
	Morning
Monday	9:00am – 13:00
Tuesday	9:00am – 13:00
Wednesday	9:00am – 13:00
Thursday	9:00am – 13:00
Friday	9:00am – 13:00

TO URGENTLY CONTACT THE DOCTOR OUTWITH RECEPTION TIMES,

PLEASE CALL THE BALFOUR HOSPITAL ON

01856 888 000

AND THEY WILL CONTACT THE DOCTOR FOR YOU.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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STRONSAY KIRK'S HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

Stronsay Kirk held their harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday 19 October. The hall had been decorated with all the produce & groceries that had been donated which made a magnificent display. This was packed into boxes at the end of the service & distributed to the older folk in our community.



**It's not a farmer's job to go broke
so you can eat cheap.**

**You want real food? Back the people who grow it.
Support local farms – before they're gone, and
your “healthy” food is grown in a lab somewhere**



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Analogue to Digital Conversion of the UK Telephony Network by January 2027

Overview

By January 2027, all residents and businesses in the UK connected to the Public Switched Telephony Network (PSTN) managed by BT Group via Openreach will need to adapt their use of landlines. This change marks a significant transition from analogue to digital lines, as the existing telephone exchanges, many of which rely on outdated equipment from the 1980s, will be decommissioned.

Key Changes

- **Digital Transition:** Users will need to connect their landlines through a router, similar to how broadband services are used today.
- **Provider Impact:** Not all telephone service providers are affected. Companies like SKY and TalkTalk operate their own equipment and may not be part of this transition. However, some customers using these services might still be on lines originally from BT, so checking with providers is essential.

Special Services: If you rely on devices like intruder alarms or telecare systems, it's crucial to consult your device provider to ensure compatibility with the new setup.

Importance of the Change

- **Router Requirement:** If you don't already have a compatible router, one will be provided by your supplier. The switchover date will be communicated by your telephone company, and on that day, traditional sockets will cease to function.

Potential Service Disruption: Failing to adapt to the new system could result in losing access to your telephone service.

Notification Process

Individual Timelines: The switchover will occur at different times for different users. While the infrastructure has largely been upgraded, notifications will be sent individually by each telephony provider, potentially at varying times until the January 2027 deadline.

What You Can Do Now

- **Device Audit:** Evaluate all devices connected to your telephone sockets and verify with suppliers if they will function through a router.

Business Considerations: Businesses should similarly assess their equipment to ensure compatibility with the new digital setup.

Be Cautious

Beware of potential scams targeting vulnerable individuals. If you receive any communication requesting payment or claiming urgent action is needed, verify its authenticity by contacting your telephone company directly using the number provided on your bill.

Additional Resources

For more information about the transition, visit:

[Openreach All-IP Programme](#)

[Ofcom's Guide on Upgrading Landlines to Digital](#)

This change represents a significant evolution in telephony services, aiming to enhance efficiency and reliability across the UK.

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.



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

ISLAND LINK OFFICE

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

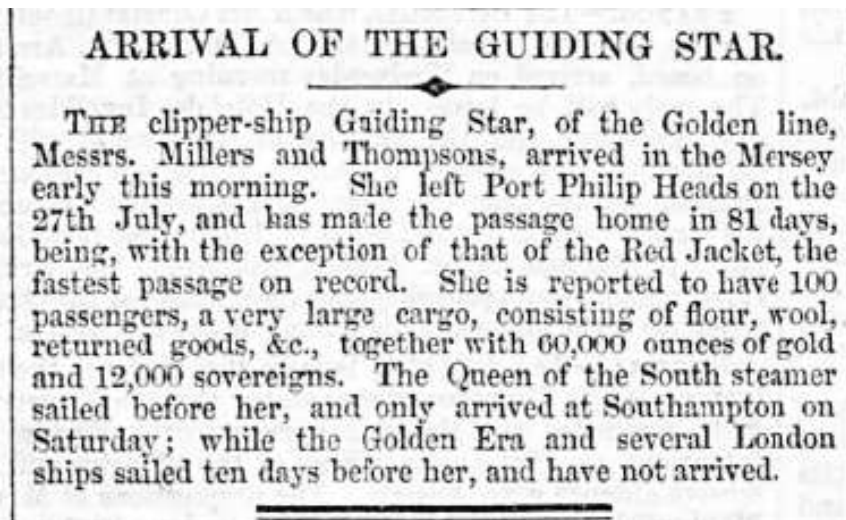
A range of services are available, including the collection of black bin bags, photocopying at 10p a copy, collect a form for Stronsay Community Council financial assistance, or a form for the scrap car scheme (still open for applications), raise issues or concerns that Stronsay Community Council may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

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
12 February 2025

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

The ship James and Rebecca boarded on their way to fulfil their dreams of a new life in Australia was the full-rigged clipper *Guiding Star*. This 1470 ton, 233ft (71m) clipper, which had been built at St John's in Canada just 2 years previously, epitomised all the best in design and safety, with passenger comfort being given higher priority than many ships of that time. Her previous voyage to Melbourne had been achieved in 70 days, this at a time when the average voyage time would have been in excess of 100 days, with the return journey being noted as the second fastest trip on record.



After reaching Melbourne in 70 days on her outward journey, the Guiding Star also made a speedy passage on her return trip from Melbourne, as recorded in the Liverpool Standard of 17th October 1854.

It was hoped this voyage would be of similar duration, with this prospect apparently even attracting a bet of £1,000 that she would reach Melbourne within 10 weeks. She departed from Liverpool on 9th January 1855 with a full complement of 62 crew, together with 481 passengers most of whom, like James and Rebecca, were emigrants heading for a new life in Australia and hopes were high for another fast passage.

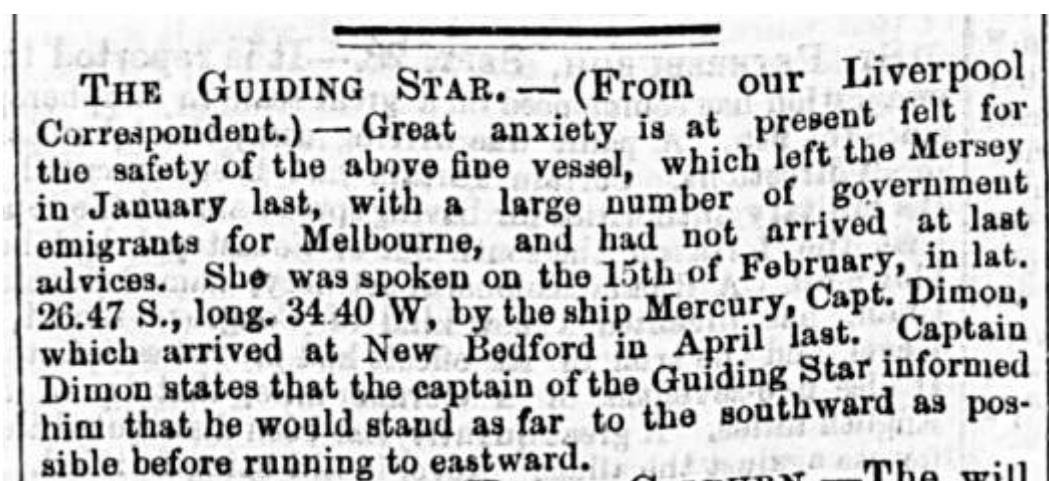
The *Guiding Star* made good progress as she headed south, averaging about 200 miles a day, with her position being logged and later reported by ships she encountered along the way: the *Speedy* on 28th January; the *Kate Hastings* on 9th February and by the American ship *Mercury* on 15th February, where her Captain noted that she was heading due south and looked in good condition. This, sadly, was to be the last that was ever seen or heard of the *Guiding Star*.

It was common practice at this time for ships bound for Australia to sail as far south into the Southern Ocean as possible, enabling them to pick up favourable westerly winds to enable a speedier passage. While this made for the much sought after quicker passage, it also meant sailing dangerously close to the Southern Ocean icefields, with the ever-present risk of encountering ice floes or icebergs in that area. The sailing ship *George Marshall*, bound on a similar route to Australia as the *Guiding Star* but about 36 hours ahead of her had, in fact, encountered and only narrowly avoided icebergs there on 19th February.

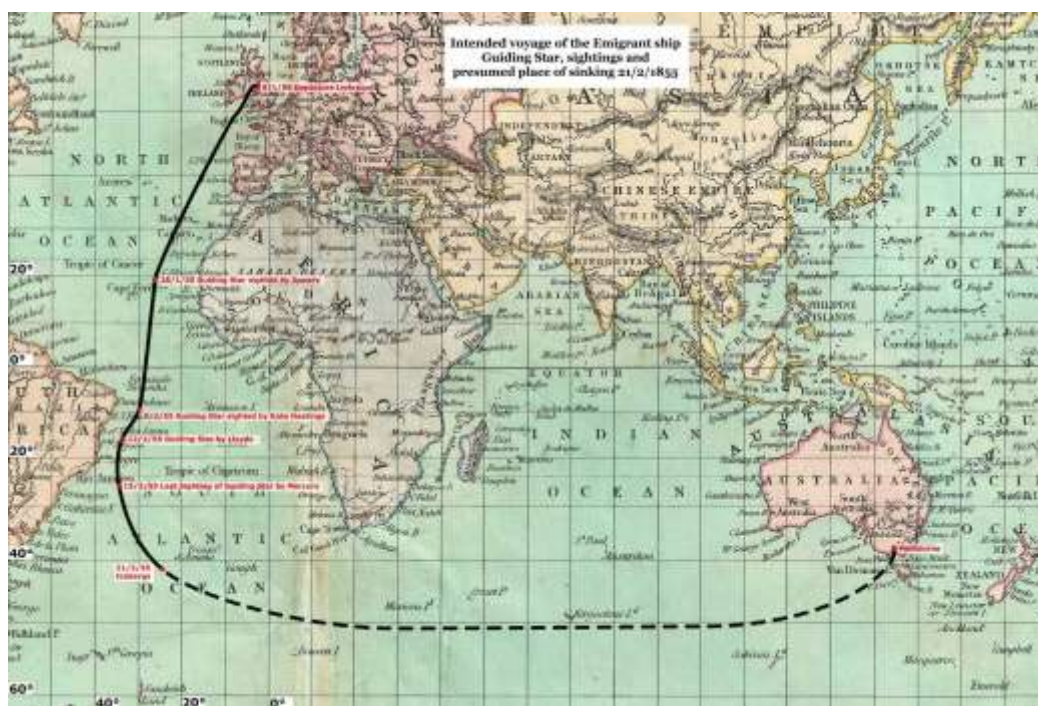
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With ship to shore telegraphic communication still decades away it was some time before real concern emerged for the *Guiding Star*'s safety and it wasn't until October 1855, nine months after her departure from Birkenhead, that these fears were first recorded in the newspapers of the time. In all probability it would have been some time after that before James and Rebecca's families back home, waiting anxiously for a letter to tell of their safe arrival in Australia, would receive the tragic news.

Taking the known information into account, it was surmised that she must have encountered that same icefield as recorded earlier by the *George Marshall*, struck an iceberg during the night of 20th/21st February and foundered taking James and Rebecca, along with another 479 passengers and 62 crew to a watery grave.



It was to be October 1855 before fears for the Guiding Star's safety emerged.



The intended voyage of the Guiding Star showing the location of where she is thought to have foundered. Photo credit: wrecksite.eu

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I haven't been able to find much information about James Miller but here we finally come to the Stronsay link to this story. Three of Rebecca Meil's younger siblings moved to Stronsay: Margaret, who married James Shearer and lived at Housebay; Ann, who married Edward Chalmers, who lived at Huip and later moved to Aikerness in Evie, and Mary, who married widower Robert Croy in 1880 and moved to live with him at Lower Midgarth along with her daughter, also Mary Meil, and Robert's three children from his first marriage.

Robert and Mary had two children together, Janet Craigie Croy and William Croy. William emigrated to New Zealand in 1909, working as a ploughman on his cousin's farm there. He enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in 1916 and, after training in Britain, was sent to France in February 1917 where he was killed in action on 12th October 1917. Janet, meantime, married William Dennison and moved to Fingeo where their son James Hamilton Dennison was born.

Mary Meil's first daughter, Mary Meil, married John Miller Stevenson from Park of Housebay, and this Mary and John were the grandparents of Margaret Reid (nee Stevenson), originally from Kirbuster, who was the lady who had carefully preserved the letters. Being aware of the Stronsay connection with Rebecca's siblings, she thought this would be of interest to the Heritage Centre here and kindly passed the letters on to us at the Centre, which has enabled us to research and record this sad tale.

Ian Cooper
October 2025

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A report from your councillor, shortlisted "Community Champion", corporate parent ...

Six years ago, I brought up the problem of what our care-experienced youngsters are supposed to do with their stuff when they leave their care home to go away to study. Without storage facilities back in Orkney, they have to take their entire worldly estate with them wherever they go. In my [Letter](#) at the time (Sept 2019), I said I'd been told "OIC is looking into this." I am gratified to say that when I asked again at our recent Policy & Resources Committee meeting (P&R), we were informed that such assistance is now being provided. If any care-experienced person wishes to contact me about any aspect of the support they are receiving from the Council, please do not hesitate to do so—I am, after all, as a councillor, your corporate parent.

Also at P&R, I was in full agreement with the recommendation not to progress implementation of an overnight visitor levy. All along, because of the significant number of Orkney residents travelling within Orkney for whom it would be appropriate to be exempted from such a charge, I've felt it would be unreasonable to burden our accommodation providers with the additional bureaucracy and responsibility of policing who would be required to pay and who not.

On our British Sign Language Local Plan, I asked if the BSL courses being delivered at KGS and Stromness Academy could also be rolled out to our junior high schools. I was told this is planned, along with Makaton and Sign Supported English.

In the item on Orkney Health & Care's revenue expenditure outturn, there was a lot of discussion about our reliance on agency staff because of the perennial difficulty in recruiting that we are experiencing (a nationwide problem). An idea I have been floating around amongst colleagues is that OIC should set up its own agency, which would not only serve us but would be a facility for other local authorities to outsource to, thus solving our recruitment crisis and providing OIC with an additional income stream at one stroke. I am not sure whether the provisions of the *Orkney County Council Act 1974* would permit us to do this, or whether we'll have to wait until the Scottish Government grants local authorities "General Power of Competence".

The Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council, whose meeting I attended virtually, was presented with the figures for the income OIC derives from dues paid by visiting cruise liners. For the 2024/25 financial year, this came to £4,690,626.04 divided into £3,620,845.54 harbour dues, which can only go towards harbour-related expenditure, and £1,069,780.50 passenger dues, which are paid into the County Fund. (The County Fund arises from the provisions of the aforementioned *Orkney County Council Act 1974*. I won't go into legal and financial detail, but, in terms of this Act, money from this fund may be used "for any other purpose which in the opinion of the Council is solely in the interests of the county or its inhabitants.")

Back in May, I wrote a letter supporting Egilsay Community Association's application for funding from the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the Community Centre and adjoining schoolhouse. I am delighted they have been successful in their application.

It was reported to the Monitoring & Audit Committee that, during the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, OIC received 327 compliments and 150 complaints (over twice as many compliments as complaints!). I sought reassurance that those members of staff who are complimented are made aware of the fact, and I am pleased to say that we were told that they are.

I attended a seminar on the proposed designs for the 3 new ferries to serve Eday, Sanday, Stronsay & Westray—updated to incorporate key points and suggestions made by the public during the recent consultation events. And I was invited to sit in on a Special Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting at which it was unanimously decided to approve the general design arrangement and commence the procurement process for building them. As I said at the latter, this is a big step towards transforming our ferry fleet into one fit for the 21st Century, however we are already a quarter of the way through that century! We will have to rely on continuing support from the Scottish Government to see this project through to realisation.

We welcomed to Kirkwall our colleagues from Orkney's "parallel universe" (Shetland) to join us for a Valuation Joint Board meeting and training session. It's always a grand opportunity to exchange experiences from our respective domains.

The Sport & Leisure Member/Officer Working Group meeting I attended was dedicated to our swimming pools. Refurbishment of the swimming pools and other recreational facilities in the North Isles was one of the priorities I listed in my 2022 manifesto.

At the Sanday School Parent Council meeting, I was shocked to learn how few of the Outer North Isles pupils were able to participate in the 4-day instrumental course in September in Kirkwall owing to lack of accommodation provision. If your child has been affected by this, please could you get in touch with me (contact details below). I don't want any child left behind.

Other meetings I attended before the start of our short autumn recess included a budget-setting seminar, a meeting of Sanday Community Council, and a General meeting of the Full Council (which, at just under 6 minutes, was the shortest I can remember; the longest, on 4th July 2023, was about 17 times as long, taken up with fanciful notions of self-determination).

In the presence of Orkney's Lord Lieutenant, I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of OIC at the HMS Royal Oak memorial at Scapa and drop a bouquet of flowers over the wreck in the Flow (see photograph below) for the 86th anniversary of the sinking of the battleship by the German submarine U-47. I am often asked to do this on behalf of the Council because of my family connection, as my Uncle Ronald was one of 835 who went down with the ship on that fateful night 86 years ago.

Stephen

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

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

Letter from School Place is also
available on-line at clackson.info

Photo credit: Kristopher Leask



“IMPROVING THE CANCER JOURNEY” (ICJ) SERVICE

NHS ORKNEY

If you or someone you know has been affected by cancer, *Improving the Cancer Journey* is here to help. *Improving the Cancer Journey*, in partnership with Macmillan, is a dedicated service to support anyone affected by cancer with their non-clinical needs. This could be the person with the cancer diagnosis, or it could be someone affected by that diagnosis, such as family or carers.

When someone is diagnosed with cancer, they often describe feeling like they're in a maze. It can be difficult to know what services are out there and where to access them. The *Improving the Cancer Journey* service is here to support with this, and help people to access the services that can support with their non-clinical concerns.

Non-clinical concerns may include:

- Supporting someone to access local teams that can help with money or housing worries and benefits
- Addressing caring or work responsibilities
- Connecting with those that can support with addressing physical concerns
- Accessing complimentary therapies
- Helping with emotional concerns, connecting with wellbeing support and services
- Accessing information to answer questions or concerns about cancer and treatment

When someone affected by cancer accesses the ICJ service, they will be offered a Holistic Needs Assessment, which is a simple check-list style questionnaire that helps to understand what means most to the person. The key areas addressed within a Holistic Needs Assessment are financial, practical, physical, emotional and spiritual.

Based on this assessment and meaningful conversations with an ICJ Link Worker, a support plan will be created to ensure the person affected by cancer is offered all the support they need.

Patients can be referred into the service through a self-referral form or via a professional referral. Both referral forms, alongside further information, can be found on the ICJ page of the NHS Orkney website - [Improving the Cancer Journey \(ICJ\) | NHS Orkney](#).

The referral forms can be filled in online and sent to the ICJ email address – ork.icj@nhs.scot.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the ICJ service, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are happy to support in any way we can.

Email: ork.icj@nhs.scot

Phone: 01856 888084 (Public Health Department)

Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) Service



Let's talk about what matters to
you

Our Improving the Cancer Journey Link
Workers are here to listen and support

To find out more or self-refer into the service, contact us via:



01856 888084 (Public Health Department)



ork.icj@nhs.scot



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Anchor Buildings
6 Bridge Street
KIRKWALL
KW15 1HR
☎ 01856 875266



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 **SCAN ME**

The Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux – Citizens Advice Scotland (Scottish charity number SC016637)



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If you think you need to
attend A&E, but it is not life
or limb threatening call
NHS 24 on 111

To check your symptoms visit:
nhsinform.scot



NHS Inform

- Check your symptoms
- Find local services and opening times
- Health advice to help you stay well

NHS 24 Online App

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Pharmacist

- Coughs, colds, and sore throats
- Aches, pains and UTIs
- Diarrhoea or constipation
- Help if you run out of your repeat prescription



Mental Wellbeing

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- For urgent mental healthcare call NHS 24 on 111



Optometrist

- Red and/or sticky eye
- Blurred or reduced vision
- Flashes and floaters



Dentist

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- Swelling in mouth
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- Sprains and strains
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call NHS 24 on 111



NHS 24

When your GP and pharmacy are closed, and you are too ill to wait call NHS 24 on 111



999 or A&E

For emergencies including:

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- Severe bleeding

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Are you?

- Age 65 +
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You may be entitled to 24 free ferry journeys per year

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

Web: www.orkney.gov.uk



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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:
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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

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**ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL
Marine Services
& Transportation**

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**
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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 if you have any further questions.

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

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- Help to develop a personal 12-week quit plan
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Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot
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You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

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Online: scan the QR code using your phone camera



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South

8:35 Russland
 8:37 Sunnyside
 8:38 Blinkbonny
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 8:44 Vat

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8:28 Thorfinn
 8:30 Dunera
 8:31 Council Houses
 8:37 Airport

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15 December

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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

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY - LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Stronsay folk, this is a plea for anyone who can swim with a moderate fitness level to help the pool ! We would like to invite you to become a Royal Life Saving Society pool lifeguard.

The qualification is a nationally recognised award and anyone over 16 years of age can apply!

We require at least four candidates to be able to run the course.

This is a great opportunity for younger folk to add to their qualifications and makes a big difference when applying for university or employment.

Anyone interested please contact Andy or Chris at the pool or via Facebook/Messenger.

Thank you

SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsaypool>

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

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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Thursday	Private hire 6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
Saturday	Private hire 2:00-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

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<https://tinyurl.com/stronsayhlc>

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- FISHMART CAFE -

WE ARE OPEN

Monday*	11:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
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Thursday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Friday	10:00am - 7:00pm
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*Limited Menu Available

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MENU



BREAKFAST

Bacon Roll	£3.00
Scrambled egg on toast	£3.50
Scrambled egg & bacon with toast	£4.00
Breakfast Pastry	£3.00
please see hoit counter for available pastries	

MEAL DEALS

Kids Lunch plate	£5.50
Includes a sandwich with any filling, a snack (see options available) and any soft drink.	
Panini Meal	£8.50
Includes a panini with any filling, a side salad and bag of crisps and any drink.	
Sandwich meal	£6.00
Includes a sandwich with any filling, a bag of crisps and any drink.	

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Served Wednesdays & Thursdays 3.30pm-6pm

Kids Chicken Strips & Chips	£6.00
4 chicken strips served with chips and a side of beans or peas	
Kids Sausage & Chips	£6.00
2 sausages served with chips and a side of beans or peas.	
Chicken Strips & Chips	£8.00
6 chicken strips served with chips and a side of beans or peas.	
Sausage & Chips	£8.00
4 sausages served with chips and a side of beans or peas.	

SOMETHING SAVOURY

Cheese scones	£3.00
Fresh baked cheese scones with butter.	
Soup and a Roll	£5.00
Soup of the day with a roll and butter.	
Soup and a Sandwich	£7.50
Soup of the day with a sandwich or toasted sandwich, with a choice of fillings including- tuna, cheese, chicken, ham and tomato.	
Soup and a Panini	£8.50
Soup of the day with a toasted panini with a choice of fillings including- tuna, cheese, bree and cranberry, ham, tomato, and chicken pesto.	
Toasted Panini	£6.00
Toasted panini with a choice of fillings including- Tuna, Cheese, Bree and Cranberry, Ham, Onion, Tomato and Chicken Pesto. Includes a side salad. and homemade colslaw.	
Sandwich/Toasted Sandwich	£4.00
Sandwich or toasted sandwich with a side of crisps, a choice of bread including white, brown and seed. With fillings including- tuna, cheese, ham, onion, tomato, chicken, pesto.	
Baked Tattie	£8.50
Fresh baked Tattie with a side salad and a choice of 2 fillings including- Tuna, Cheese, Beans, and Chilll.	
Savoury Pastries	£3.00
Selection of savoury Pastries, please see what's available in the cafe while stocks last	

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Cookies	£1.50
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We are a brand new local company, we decided to take the plunge after many years of working for others, to set up our own business. Craig has many years experience in general building work, labouring, ground work ect. I am a time served joiner. We have all our own equipment so no need for the extra cost of hiring from elsewhere.

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Reasonable prices.**

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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

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A recruitment advertisement for Cooke Scotland. The background is a photograph of a man in a blue and yellow fishing jacket and glasses, standing on a boat. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification (updated 12.08.25)

References available.

All enquiries and services provided are treated in confidence as far as possible and according to current KCSIE legislation 2024

*****Reviews*****

“Just wanted to share that S.... got into Hampton. He is absolutely thrilled and we are so pleased that the hard work paid off. Thank you for all your help and support.” (Parent of 11+ student)

“I am really pleased with my RE GCSE result. I got a 7 which is an A overall. Thank you so much for all of your help as without it this would have not been possible.” (Y11 RE student)

“L... has to know that she is capable of reaching the target, and I think you play a huge role in that because she really enjoys the sessions with you and what you say really sticks in her head.” (Parent of Y6 student)

“The skills that my daughter has acquired, and the clear and significant increase in her confidence and pride in her reading and writing skills, has been worth every penny.” (Parent of GCSE English Language student)

“V... loved his sessions and said that he was in awe of how knowledgeable you were! Thank you so much.” (Independent tutoring company on behalf of GCSE English Literature student)

“N... got an 8 in both English Literature and Language and would like to thank you for the immense help” (Independent tutoring company on behalf of GCSE English student)

“Donna is a remarkably warm, kind and empathetic tutor. We have both really enjoyed every interaction that we have had with her.” (Parent of GCSE student)

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



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

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

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarsoap.co.uk

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES



Taxi
Community bus
Island tours
Mobile mechanic

Contact Mick

07508884024

01857 616 376

www.bayviewtransport.com

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

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

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See Stronsay Markets on YouTube 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 and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

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**PATRICK
McGRATH
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**Gas Safe Registered Engineer
Plumber**

Services include:

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- 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



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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

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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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SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details



General Enquiries: info@sinclairhaulage.com

Accounts Enquiries: accounts@sinclairhaulage.com

Livestock Bookings: livestock@sinclairhaulage.com

Phone: 01857 600 404

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

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

Livestock bookings should be made by emailing livestock@sinclairhaulage.com or calling 01857 600404.

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

KEEPING WARM

These knitting patterns are from the 1940s so they may not be high fashion but they will keep you warm!

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/articles/1940s-knitting-patterns>

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

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

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS:

Ebenezer Stores	stronsaystores@gmail.com	616339
Olivebank	m.williamson1@btconnect.com	616255
Fishmart café	fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com	616401
Hotel & pub	stronsayhotel@gmail.com	616407
Red House plants		616377

Contact details for all OIC Councillors:

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-meetings/councillors>

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

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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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. Mon 1 Dec 2025, Mon 9 Feb 2026
Stronsay Island Link Office. . . Wed 10am-noon, tel 616446, email stronsaycc@gmail.com
SDT Office Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . . Every week at 11am, see website <https://tinyurl.com/strkirk>
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
Forward scam emails to 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> contact@the-sons.org		Balfour hospital (24/7). . .	01856 888000
Hall bookings	616263	Water problems (24/7) . .	0800 0778 778
<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com		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:	
Scottish Fuels	01856 873105	Flett & Carmichael .	01856 872859
SDT office	616410	Northvet	01856 873403

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