



TIMETABLES

[Loganair - interisland timetable 16 February to 24 October](#)

[Orkney Ferries - refit timetable 2026 4 January to 7 March](#)

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

[Orkney Ferries - summer timetable 3 May to 27 September](#)

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Stronsay Community Association's AGM	Mon 9 Mar
Peedie library	Thu 12 Mar
Stronsay Stitches	Thu 26 Mar
Mobile library van visit	Mon 20 Apr
Orkney Ferries summer timetable starts	Sun 3 May
Spring Craft Fair	Sat 15 May
North Isles Sports Day followed by a dance	Sat 20 Jun
Stronsay's Massive Weekend!	14/15/16 Aug
Craft Fair	Sun 16 Aug
Deal or No Deal	Sat 19 Sep
Bingo	Sat 3 Oct
Bonfire night & quiz	Sat 7 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 21 Nov
Christmas tree lighting	Sat 28 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Thu 31 Dec

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to give Bill a lovely send-off at the church on Wednesday 18 February. Thank you for all the condolence cards and telephone calls. I do appreciate everybody's sympathy.

Brenda

SDT NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2026

https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/SDT_Feb2026.pdf

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on Tue 31 Mar 2026, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.



There are **TWO** vacancies on Stronsay Community Council



Your community needs you!

Anyone 16 and over may stand for election, providing they are on the Electoral Register for Stronsay



For further information on the role of a community councillor, please contact the Community Councils Team at Orkney Islands Council on communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk or phone 873535 ext 2264

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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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

GP ROSTER

The roster for the island's GP is regularly updated online at
<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>

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.

ROAD SAFETY ON STRONSAY!

Even though daylight hours are now lengthening, would pedestrians please avoid wearing dark clothing and opt for high visibility or brightly coloured clothing.

Regardless of the time of day, would drivers please go slow and wide when passing pedestrians.

The verges are not suitable to be stood upon as they have been dug up for fibre and/or trampled by livestock.

Remember, twenty is plenty!

STRONSAY AND THE GREAT SCOTTISH TAPESTRY

[The Great Scottish Tapestry](#) spent two weeks on Stronsay in 2013. At the time the Stronsay Stitchers described the event in an article in the Stronsay Limpet. To read the article and see the many accompanying photographs of local folk putting in a few stitches go to page 6 of the March 2013 edition of the Limpet:

<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/ISSUE93Mar2013.pdf>.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE SDT!

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 stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com.

If you'd prefer a printed or emailed copy, please **contact the office** on **01857 616410** or email admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com.



In anticipation of another round of consultations in coming months on all SDT projects, the Stronsay Heritage Society wants to answer a number of questions you've asked about the Heritage Centre Project.

Why do you need a new building? Why not just stay where you are or use an already existing building, like the Craftship Enterprise or the Mill?

- About 700 of Stronsay's heritage artefacts are currently on display in two of the industrial units in Wood's Yard. The Stronsay Development Trust (SDT) has kindly housed the display for a number of years while a new, permanent home has been sought. Due to the generosity of so many of you, the collection of artefacts has swelled in the past five years, which means many artefacts are having to be stored in one of the containers in Wood's Yard and in the loft and shed at Steensysheed, where the public can't see them (and the residents could really do with reclaiming that space!). In other words, the heritage display has outgrown its present location, and neither the Craftship Enterprise nor the Mill would provide the necessary improvements in terms of display space and additional room for storage, office, research and refreshment that are needed for a well-developed Heritage Centre for the island.

Why are you planning to put the new Heritage Centre in the Village?

Since 2019, we have been observing the patterns of visitors to Stronsay and listened to their comments made directly to us or left in the Heritage Centre visitor book and on the comment board. Most visitors arrive by ferry, and many do not bring cars with them. Yes, some bring their own bicycles or hire ones from SDT, but their patterns are very similar to those of foot passengers: they visit the Heritage Centre in the morning, are pleasantly surprised at the amount of information and artefacts they find there, go out and enjoy other parts of the island, and then return to the Heritage Centre to wait for the ferry. On foul-weather days (of which there are many!), visitors appreciate the dry place with comfortable chairs and hot drinks that the Heritage Centre provides—especially on days or at times when neither the Fish Mart or the Hotel are open. As this is such an important element of the current Heritage Centre, we plan to include an area where drinks and food can be made and enjoyed in comfort by any who visit the new building.

- The new Heritage Trail, including the Boatie Hoose and Tidal Toilets, is located in the village and each of the boards recommends that visitors head to the nearby Heritage Centre for more in-depth information and to view artefacts related to the trail. We certainly hope that the Mill will one day be added to the island's heritage assets that will draw even more visitors, and we look forward to creating other heritage trails with different themes that will incorporate some of Stronsay's industrial buildings when that happens.
- Siting a new building on land that is already owned by the SDT and that has parking, water, electricity, phone/internet, septic tank, and drainage facilities already in place will help to greatly reduce costs of the project as a whole.

Why have you chosen a wooden structure?

- We considered two different kinds of structures – steel and wood – and were advised that it would be more efficient and inexpensive to build all the necessary wooden panels on island rather than ordering a kit from elsewhere. Building locally would have the added bonus of creating local employment and avoid the need to bring in and accommodate builders from

farther afield. However, anticipated in-depth discussions with a structural engineer and an architect will answer many questions we still have about what's best (especially about the appropriate pitch/height/design of the roof) and may suggest another way forward. In other words, we are still seeking guidance on the best building for the location, costs, and purpose.

How much is it going to cost and how do you plan to pay for it?

- The project from conception to kitting-out with displays has been best-estimated at £500k. SDT are in full support of a new Heritage Centre for our island and have granted Feasibility Funding to move the project forward. They have also indicated that they would welcome a future application for funds from their Community Turbine fund to provide the significant portion needed for us to apply for match funding from outside funders, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Orkney Community Fund and OIC's Community Development Fund. We will also be creating a number of different – and hopefully entertaining and creative – ways for locals and Stronsay expats or “fans” to help generate funds to support the project.

When will you get started and when do you hope to complete the project?

- We are just beginning the process of gathering all the information we need to submit an application for Planning Permission and, if successful, for a Building Warrant. We anticipate that happening this summer. We've been told that many of the bigger funds will open next spring (2027), so we will be preparing the information we need for those applications over the course of this year. Perhaps we can break ground in the autumn of 2027.

How can we help?

- Participate in the upcoming SDT survey.

We can well understand that, by now, you'll be a bit weary of being asked to give your opinion about this project, but if you can dig deep and find a bit more patience, we'd be so grateful if you could let SDT know how you feel about the Heritage Centre Project. We've been told that there will be another online and public survey conducted in the next few months about the Heritage Centre Project (as well as other projects), and your voice really does matter when it comes to decision-making by the SDT Board.

- Contact the SDT Board.

You don't have to wait for the survey: you can contact the SDT Board via the Chair, Molly Allan, anytime and let her know how you feel: molly@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com.

- Donate to the cause.

Many folk, some as far away as Australia, have already generously donated toward the new Heritage Centre. We gladly and gratefully receive donations at any time. Our email address is: heritagesocietystronsay@gmail.com.

- Keep an eye out for future fundraising events.

Our Santa Float fundraiser in December raised over £450 in just a couple of hours! The Stronsay community is a generous one. Thank you, one and all, for your participation in this fun community event.

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>



GERAMOUNT SURGERY

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.

Stonsay 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.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

Why not hire the Stonsay 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.

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee>

Records of a Bygone Age
Stronsay's Side Schools
Part 9 – Peace between the Wars

In last month's article we left the North School in August 1917 under the care of newly appointed teacher Miss Adaline Foubister. Miss Foubister enjoyed a fairly uneventful first term at her new school, although as a foretaste of what was to come a heavy snowstorm on 26th November meant all the children had to be sent home early, with more snow causing disruption in December. The school reopened after the Christmas holidays on 2nd January 1918 and then, in what was recorded as one of the harshest winters on record, the school was closed again on 7th January due to a 'raging snowstorm'. This was to last for 11 days and was then followed by a thaw which made roads impassable. The school eventually reopened on 21st January, although attendance was still poor for several days due to the state of the roads.

Due to the ongoing effects of the war a notice from the School Board was sent to all schools on 13th September 1918 to the effect that *'The Board desires 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 article.'* With HMI reports previously stating that heating in the school was inadequate, it would have been quite challenging to make any savings on their use of coal.

Later that year the 'Spanish Flu' which was sweeping through the country reached Stronsay, with all schools being closed by order of the Medical Officer of Health from 4th December until 13th January 1919, then again from 19th February until 21st March.

In May and June that year attendance was again badly affected, this time due to a chicken pox epidemic, then in August, as part of the National Celebration of Peace, the school opened a week later than normal after the summer break as *'one week extra holiday was granted, as the King wished it'*.

With love apparently in the air, Miss Foubister resigned her teacher's post in the summer of 1919, marrying merchant Oliver Corse from Bayview the following year. A new teacher for the North was quickly found, with Miss Rebecca Johnston from St Ola beginning her teaching duties there on 29th September 1919. Just a few days later, on 3rd October, a rather intriguing entry in the log states that on that day *'several children went home without leave'* but the reason for this can only be a matter of speculation!

An inspection by the School Medical Officer, Dr J R Adam, in September 1920 states that *'The same remarks regarding heating, lighting etc. in the South School apply here also. The plaster on the ceilings should be attended to before it gets worse. The pail closets also require more frequent attention. School cleaning is only fair.'* The pail closets were, of course, the very basic toilet provision of the time, with the pails being emptied twice a week.

Although the school roll at that time consisted of 10 girls and 10 boys, it was noted in the week before Christmas that the average daily attendance was only 6.2.

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The school was closed for a day's holiday on 28th February 1922 *'by order of King George for the celebration of Princess Mary's wedding.'*, with another half day holiday being given on 28th May to celebrate Empire Day.

Another report by the School Medical Officer on 15th June 1922 recorded that: *The school ceiling is bad, but with a coat of whitewash, might be left over for a little longer. The new heating is very satisfactory. The west wall of the Teacher's house is very damp and needs immediate attention. The paper on the inside of the wall both in the kitchen and the room above is rotten and the woodwork of the windows appears to have suffered also. The sink in the scullery is very old and the pipe from it has so many bends that it is constantly becoming choked. A new sink is required and the pipe should be led straight out through the west wall to empty over the present grating. A tap might also be provided and this would necessitate a small raised tank as the present one is on the ground level. It could be arranged that the rain water passes first into the higher tank and then overflows into the lower. The remainder of the schoolhouse is in good order.'*

This report must have been acted upon very quickly as the HMI report in November stated that *'the pupils answered briskly and made in general a very good appearance. The repairs recently effected in the school and schoolhouse and the improvement in the heating of the school are noted with satisfaction.'*

Yet another bout of whooping cough affected attendance in November and December 1922, with 11 children in 5 different families being off school at the same time.

In April 1923 a petition from some of the Whitehall Village ratepayers was presented to the School Board asking that they should consider building a new school in the Village. This request was to be repeated many times over the years but was never seriously considered, with the Central School retaining its status as the main (and later the only) school on the island.

Rebecca Johnston moved on in the summer of 1923, with Miss Isabella Sutherland taking up the post on 3rd September 1923. Miss Sutherland had been Assistant Teacher at the Central School since April 1918 and had, in fact, been boarding for some time with Miss Johnston at the North Schoolhouse so the transition to teacher there should have been a fairly easy one.

The roll at that time stood at 18 but by September 1924 it had fallen to 14, despite Senior, Junior and Infant divisions all being taught in the school.

Another HMI report, this time in December 1925, was again very happy with the pupils' education and state of the school and offices but were less happy with the attendance record, stating that *'last session the percentage of average attendance was only 83.55 and this session the percentage so far is rather less. This record is, at the very best, only fairly satisfactory. It is very desirable that every effort should be made by the School Management Committee to secure the highest possible degree of regularity.'*

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North School pupils and teacher c. 1928

Back Row: Frank Jackson, John Leslie, Jim Moodie, Gordon Miller, John Hutchison,

James Chalmers (Rosebank), Geordie Wylie. Front Row: Mary Shearer, Ida Moodie, Margaret Marwick, Anna Jackson, Margaret Wylie, Jean Stout, Jean Leslie, Emily Wylie and teacher Miss Isabella Sutherland.

A number of pupils transferred between the North, Central and South Schools over the years as their parents moved from one farm to another for work, usually at the November Term Day (11th November), this being the usual date for tenancies and labour contracts to begin and end. The log also recorded, in what would certainly be deemed as politically incorrect terminology now, that children of the tinker families came and went, sometimes enrolling for only a few days, and including some who had never previously attended school.

Entries in 1926 also record that a pupil who had been absent for some time due to what was termed 'a *diseased spine*', presumably as a symptom of tuberculosis, had been removed to the Scapa Sanatorium. This sanatorium had been established in 1924 at what had been a seaplane base in Scapa Flow and was then converted to a sanatorium specifically for those suffering the effects of tuberculosis, which was so prevalent at that time.

An entry on 1st February 1927 recorded that 'Two pupils, John George Leslie, aged 4 and Jean Angela Leslie, aged 6, were admitted today. The latter has not attended school before owing to the distance away and bad road.' I believe these were the children of George and Janet Leslie from Westray who lived in the little cottage on the southern point of the Huip Ness. It was said that George put the children the short distance across the mouth of the Oyce to the shore on the other side in a small boat each morning, saving them a walk of over a mile around the coast of the bay on their way to school.

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The alternative routes to school from the Leslie's little cottage on Huip Ness. The red line follows the coastline all the way while the blue line includes a boat trip of less than 100 metres.

By April 1929 the school roll stood at 19 and a HMI inspection at the time reported that the children in the two higher classes were fairly proficient in their work but were less than satisfied with the younger children where they concluded that *'A considerable number of the pupils from various causes fail to reach the stage of work appropriate to their year. Oral answering was lacking in brightness and vivacity, and a further effort should be made to stimulate their intelligence and arouse interest.'* The teacher pointed out in a note after this report that a number of these children's attendance record over the previous sessions had been very poor, and that one pupil in particular *'was a very dull child'*.

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Another photo of Miss Sutherland and her pupils, this time thought to have been taken around 1931

Back row: Robert Shearer, Steven Logie, Miss Isabella Sutherland, John Coleman. Front row: Peter Chalmers, Jim Fotheringhame, Violet Seatter, Jim Shearer and Steven Coleman

The school was put to other uses too, with North of Scotland College of Agriculture providing ‘adult education’ lectures, with Mr H Corner giving a lecture on ‘Agriculture’ in 1930 and Miss M Leslie lecturing on ‘Poultry Management’ in all four of the island’s schools the following year. With poultry keeping, and particularly egg production, providing a significant part of farm income at the time, this would have been of particular relevance to the island’s economy.

Teacher Miss Sutherland was also called of an evening to demonstrate and pass on her skills, this time for knitting, a talent which had seen her win awards at County and National level.

Another HMI report in June 1931, by which time the roll had fallen to 10, showed little improvement in either performance or attendance, stating that ‘*It is unfortunate that this school should show such a lack of brightness and vivacity, accompanied by a marked disinclination for speech. These defects were particularly noticeable among the older pupils.*’ before going on to report that ‘*Exercises in arithmetic were well done, spelling was satisfactory, handwriting and drawing were good.*’ before concluding the report by stating ‘*Attendance here is less satisfactory than at the other schools of the island. In a number of cases the irregularity seems to have been unavoidable; in some cases there is a considerable element of doubt. As there has only been one good percentage of annual average attendance within the last five years the School Management Committee should closely scrutinise the returns of this school.*’

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After 17 years teaching in Stronsay, the last 12 of which had been at the North School, Miss Sutherland left the school and island in October 1935 to teach at the South Walls school in her native Hoy. Before she left, she was presented with a wallet of notes from grateful pupils and islanders in recognition of what she had done for the school and the island, with her duties as a Sunday School teacher for all of her time on Stronsay also being praised.

Soon afterwards Miss Frances Drever, whose mother was Georgina Stevenson originally from the Osen, transferred from teaching in Birsay to take up the vacant North School post, moving into the schoolhouse with her sister Lily as her housekeeper.

Part 10 will be in next month's Limpet.

Ian Cooper

February 2026



PEEDIE LIBRARY

The next Peedie library will be held on Thursday 12th March

from 2.30-4pm at the Kirk Hall.

Refreshments provided.

Come for a browse of our books and

enjoy a blether with friends.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

On the back page of every edition of the Limpet there is a list of useful telephone numbers including the emergency numbers for reporting problems with water or electricity.

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A report from your councillor in a busy month.



It's been a busy month. At the end of January, I spent two exhausting days in Glasgow attending the *Offshore Wind Conference 2020*, learning about this burgeoning industry and doing my bit as an ambassador for Orkney among the thousand or so delegates, many from abroad. The photograph above shows the impressive Orkney stand, and the one below shows me meeting the Norwegian Deputy Ambassador, Mariam Naqvi. (I was often accosted by Scandinavians, who were intrigued by the Orkney flag on my lapel.) As well as all the trade stands directly related to offshore wind energy, some of the "ancillary" ones were also of interest to me given my broad scope of concerns as a councillor. For example, I had a discussion with a representative from SAMS (Scottish Association for Marine Science) about the UHI transformation and how Oban was developing as a university town (my long-standing vision for Kirkwall, you may remember—see *The Orcadian* 15th March 2018 p39); I had a conversation about personal, civic and corporate heraldry with intellectual property experts; and I talked about flags and flag-flying protocol with a shipping company. The stand of a Shetland marine engineering enterprise had on display a very neat 3D-printed model of an on-board accommodation unit for sea-going vessels, so I enquired about the possibility that such units might also find an application as habitation modules to augment sub-standard dwellings in the Isles. And a conversation I had with a firm that specialises in hiring out remotely-monitored, solar-powered, portable welfare units might possibly lead to a way of solving our Ring of Brodgar public convenience problem. The key message that came out of the conference sessions was that electricity transmission charges are much too high. These are not only making developments such as the West of Orkney Windfarm financially unviable, but are, of course, also the reason our electricity bills are higher in Orkney than elsewhere, despite the fact we see electricity being generated all around us. Orkney Islands Council needs to be lobbying harder to get transmission charges lowered, and work towards making fuel poverty here history.

A fortnight later, and I was in Glasgow again for a meeting of the Scottish Councils' Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORs) on which I represent OIC. I sparked off an interesting discussion when I asked whom a member of the public should inform if they discover something radioactive on the beach or in a deceased relative's attic. In Orkney, you are advised to contact OIC's Environmental Health team, who will be able to "triage" the case to alert it to the appropriate agency. Telephone 01856-873535 and ask for Environmental Health, or e-mail environmental.health@orkney.gov.uk.

Another organisation I represent OIC on, the University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI) Foundation, had a meeting and conference in Inverness, but bad weather and transport unreliability meant, regrettably, that I had to attend virtually. Nevertheless, my contribution to the UHI transformation debate was well supported by those in attendance. The conference part was about the Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport, which was very timely given my recent attendance at the *Offshore Wind Conference 2020* and all I had learnt there.

Back in Kirkwall, other meetings I attended included a confidential members' briefing; and meetings of the newly-rebranded Education, Communities & Housing Committee (no more *Letsure* 😊), and the Monitoring & Audit Committee. At the Policy & Resources Committee meeting, in respect of our council Climate Change Study, I once again asked that further work be done on investigating our carbon emissions footprint resulting from our use of digital services such as e-mail, online meetings and the Internet, as, for as long as these details are absent, we are getting an incomplete picture of the true situation.

Out in the Isles, I went along in person to meetings of the Shapinsay Community Council and Westray School Parent Council.

Stephen

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



Photo credits: Stephen Clackson & conference delegate



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.



27th January 2026

People across Scotland are being asked to help inform future plans by sharing their experiences of flooding.

People across Scotland are being invited to share their experiences of local flooding issues to help inform how flood risk is managed in their communities, as work continues on Scotland's next Flood Risk Management Plans.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency's (SEPA) public consultation, launched on Wednesday 21st January, focuses on finding out about local flooding concerns in areas identified as having the highest flood risk. The feedback will help inform Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP) covering 2028 to 2034, which will set out how Scotland reduces the impacts of flooding and builds resilience for the future.

Flooding is already affecting communities across Scotland, and climate change is increasing the likelihood of heavier rainfall and more frequent storms. SEPA's most recent National Flood Risk Assessment (2025) shows that around 400,000 homes, businesses and vital services, around one in eight across Scotland, are currently in areas at medium risk of flooding. This number is projected to rise to around 634,000 by 2100 as the climate continues to change.

The FRMP consultation builds on work carried out in 2024, when Potentially Vulnerable Areas were reviewed, and consulted on, to identify where highest flood risk is most likely now and in the future. These areas help focus attention and investment where flooding is most widespread or complex, and where partnership working is essential to reduce impacts.

The current consultation marks the next step in that process, focusing on gathering local insight to ensure future plans reflect lived experience. Running until 22nd April, it asks communities to share their main flooding concerns and highlight projects, initiatives or actions already helping to manage flood risk.

The aim is to help develop Flood Risk Management Plans that support resilient, well-informed communities, recognising the role of individuals, organisations and partnerships alongside national agencies and local authorities in adapting to a changing climate.

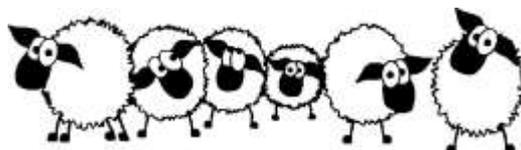
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Eleanor Cooper, SEPA's Head of Environment Forecasting and Warning, said:
"Flood risk in Scotland is increasing as our climate changes, and many communities are already experiencing the effects. The National Flood Risk Assessment published last year shows why it's so important to plan ahead and work together to reduce the impacts of flooding. This consultation is about listening to communities and learning from local experience. By sharing concerns, experience and knowledge, people can help inform our understanding of flood risk in their area and support the development of flood risk management planning."

The consultation is part of a two-stage process. A second, more detailed consultation will begin from December 2026, when further information on flood risk, objectives and proposed actions will be published in partnership with local authorities. The final Flood Risk Management Plans are due to be published in December 2027.

You can find out more and take part in the consultation [Flood Risk Management Phase 1 Consultation](#).

STRONSAY STITCHERS



Thursday 26th March 2026
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.

STRONSAY CRAFT FAIRS 2026

Spring—Saturday 16 May
Massive Weekend Craft Sale—Sunday 16 August
Christmas— Saturday 21 November

ORKNEY FERRIES = DRAFT TIMETABLES

Draft winter 2026-27 ferry timetables are now available online:
[DRAFT Inter Island Ferry Timetables – Winter 2026/27](#)

STRONSAY KIRK

Details of services at Stronsay's kirk for the next four months 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>

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

“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)

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

YouTube video <https://youtu.be/fpUuDlnHS-o>

[Frequently asked questions](#)

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.



MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

16 Feb, 20 Apr, 15 Jun, 10 Aug, 5 Oct, 30 Nov

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>, send an email to 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

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.

Monday	Adult lane	6:30-7:10:00	Public session 7:10– 7:50
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

SWIMMING POOL—OVERSEERS WANTED!

Always looking for reliable overseers for the swimming pool, please! Previous volunteers welcome. Involves taking payment, handing out bands, helping with evacuation procedures etc. Contact Mairi Dennison via Facebook messenger or tel 616331. We politely request that parents/guardians whose children use the pool regularly take a turn at overseeing, in particular.

HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsayhlc>

LOCAL BUSINESSES

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.

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SINCLAIR HAULAGE LTD

Now introducing Skip Bags!

Due to difficulties getting skips out to the isles, we are now offering a skip bag service.

Having a clear out or renovating a property? Simply order and pay for your bag (telling us what you're planning to fill it with), we deliver, you fill it and we take it away and dispose of the waste.

All shipping and waste disposal costs included in the price.



SKIP BAGS

Skip Bags can now be ordered from Sinclair Haulage. Simply order and pay for your bag, stating the type of waste. We deliver, you fill (within 6 months), we take away and dispose of the contents.

BAG 1 Inert Waste £125 per bag (ex VAT)	Non-hazardous landfill material (example: glass, concrete, bricks and mortar, tiles, slates, fibreglass wool, clay and stones). Please note: plastics, plaster, plasterboard and timber are not permitted.
BAG 2 General Waste £360 per bag (ex VAT)	Mainly combustible mixed municipal wastes which cannot be landfilled at Bossack. This category includes soiled paper and cardboard, carpets, furniture, small mixed plastics, scrap timber.
BAG 3 Mixed Waste £560 per bag (ex VAT)	Non-inert material that requires removal of contaminants before landfill.

Each bag measures 850mm x 850mm x 870mm and can hold 1 tonne.

To order:

Email info@sinclairhaulage.com

Or call **01857 600404**

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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.

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**FISHMART
CAFE**
Opening Hours

Monday	8am - 2.30pm
Tuesday	8am - 2.00pm
Wednesday	8am - 2.30pm
Thursday	8am - 2.30pm
Friday	8am - 7pm
Saturday	8am - 6pm
Sunday	10am - 2.30pm

Find us on socials @Fishmartcafe
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LOCAL BUSINESSES

FISHMART CAFE BREAKFAST MENU

FILLED ROLLS

Bacon	£3.50
Sausage	£3.50
Fried egg	£3.50

TOAST

Jam/butter	£2.00
Fried egg	£3.00
Scrambled egg	£3.00

PANCAKES

Pancakes & syrup	£5.50
Pancakes & bacon	£6.00
Pancakes, syrup & bacon	£6.50

BAGELS

Ham & cheese	£4.00
Cream cheese	£4.00
Scrambled egg	£4.00
Fried egg	£4.00
Sausage	£4.00
Bacon	£4.00
Breakfast Bagel	£6.50

Scrambled egg, sausage, bacon and hash brown.
Also available in a wrap.

FULL BREAKFAST

2 slices of toast with butter, 2 sausages, 2 hash browns, bacon, fried or scrambled egg, beans or tomato. £9.00

STRONSAY MASSIVE BREAKFAST

Toast with butter, 2 sausages, lorn sausage, 2 bacon, fried/scrambled egg, beans/tomato, hash brown/tattie scone, black pudding, haggis. £12.00

Additional items 50p each

Available 8am-12 Daily

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FISHMART CAFE

MENU

MEAL DEALS

Kids lunch plate ----- £5.50
Includes a sandwich with any 2 fillings, a snack (options available) and any soft drink.

Panini meal ----- £8.50
Includes a sandwich with any 2 fillings, a side salad or bag of crisps, and any drink.

Sandwich meal ----- £6.00
Includes a panini with any 2 fillings, a side salad or bag of crisps and any drink.

BAKED TATTIE

Baked Tattie ----- £8.50
Fresh baked Tattie with butter, a choice of 2 fillings (tuna, cheese, beans,) side salad and coleslaw.

OTHER

Chicken Burger ----- £8.50
Chicken burger in a roll with mayonnaise & lettuce With a side salad and chips.

Chicken wrap ----- £8.50
Chicken, mayo, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce. With a side salad & chips.

Sausage & chips ----- £8.50
Sausages and chips with a side of beans or peas.

Chips ----- £2.50

Cheesy chips ----- £3.50

SANDWICHES/PANINIS

Sandwich ----- £4.00
White, brown, or seed bread with a choice of 2 fillings including tuna, cheese, chicken, ham.

Toastie ----- £4.50
Toasted white, brown, or seed bread with a choice of 2 fillings.

Panini ----- £6.00
Panini with a choice of 2 fillings including chicken, ham, tuna, cheese, pesto, cranberry, tomato. With a side salad and coleslaw.

SOUP OF THE DAY

Soup & a Roll ----- £5.50
Soup of the day with a bread roll and butter.

Soup & sandwich ----- £7.50
Soup of the day & a sandwich with a choice of 2 fillings.

Soup & panini ----- £8.50
Soup of the day & a panini with a choice of 2 fillings.

KIDS SPECIALS

Mini panini ----- £5.50
Miniature panini with a choice of 2 fillings and a bag of crisps.

Chicken strips ----- £6.00
Chicken strips with chips and a portion of peas of beans.

Sausages ----- £6.00
Sausages & chips with peas or beans.

Available daily 11-2.30

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FISHMART CAFE DRINKS

COFFEE

Filter	£2.00
Decaff	£2.00
latte	£3.00
Cappuccino	£3.00
Chai latte	£3.00
Mocha	£3.00

TEA

Standard	£1.50
Decaff	£1.50
Tea pot	£2.00
Lady grey	£1.50
English breakfast	£1.50
Herbal tea	£1.50

MILKSHAKES

Thin shake	£2.00
Thick shake	£3.00
Super shake	£3.50

Thick milkshake with squirly cream and sprinkles

Chocolate, Strawberry, & Banana

SEASONAL SPECIALS

See specials board

SOFT DRINKS

All cans	£1.40
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See drinks fridge for available options.

Carton	£1.20
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Orange, Apple, Ribena.

J20	£1.50
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Apple & Mango, orange & passion fruit,
apple & raspberry.

Orange & Apple juice	£2.50
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Folkington's glass bottle

Fruit shoot	£1.00
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Sparkling water	£1.00
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Still water	£1.00
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ICED COFFEE

Caramel	£3.00
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vanilla	£3.00
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Available Decaff

HOT CHOCOLATE

Standard	£3.00
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luxury	£3.50
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Available Daily

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Stronsay Hotel

"Winter Bar Opening Hours"

	Lunchtime	Evening
Monday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Tuesday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Wednesday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Thursday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Friday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 1am
Saturday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 1am
Sunday	12noon to usually 10:30pm	

We serve food every day

Takeaway Service Available

Lunchtimes 12:00 to 2.30pm

Evenings 5:00pm until 8:00pm

Sunday Open from 12 Noon to 6:30pm

Contact: 07585 907314

Email: thestransayhotel@hotmail.com

Website: www.thestransayhotel.co.uk

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Care 

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I am a fully qualified Foot Health Practitioner and a certified ear care provider, offering expert services with the convenience of home visits at competitive rates. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Shirley for a foot or ear care appointment via email or at 07767714634 to have the best foot and ear care.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Tel: 01857 616 469 Mob: 07741 778 750

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.

We can do all types of ground work, pipe laying, guttering and roofing. Replacement windows and doors, finishings, concrete and general work. All types of work considered, no job too small, all work finished to a high standard. Full public liability insurance, safe, reliable and trustworthy.

Reasonable prices.

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN

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

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Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

Redhouse, Lower Whitehall, Stronsay. Tel: (01857) 616 377

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

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BA Hons, MEd, PGCE, SQH, CPT3A, CELTA

Email: donnablyth@outlook.com Tel: 01857 616242 / 07852 805780



Online tuition in English Language, English Literature, RE, EAL and Literacy for learners of all abilities from age 7 – adult including A level, GCSE and SQA National Certificates.

Prices – £25.00 per hour for 1:1 tuition; £45.00 per hour for groups of 2 or more depending on requirements (max 3)

11+ Tuition in English, Maths, Verbal Reasoning and Non-verbal Reasoning. £25.00 per hour individual students only as lessons are school-specific.

Tuition in clarinet performance and music theory up to grade 5. £15 per 30min lesson for 1:1 tuition

GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

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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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Holmsgarth Crafts



*Seasonal Gifts,
Memory bears,
Stronsay book bags, and much more
Many items can be personalised
Made To Order*



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@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk

Web: <http://www.orkneystarlandsoap.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

<https://www.bayviewtransport.com>

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for
Portraits - groups and individuals
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Roger at Stronsay Markets



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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
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer
Plumber**

Services include:

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- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
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Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

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STRONSAY KIRK

Details of services at Stronsay's kirk for the next four months 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. ??????
 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 . . Mon 20 Apr Feb 2026. <https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib>
[Weekly rubbish collection](#) Every Thursday, bags to be out before 8am, NOT night before
 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>

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<p>Airy Fairy 616231 Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . . . 616262 Community council 616446 Companions Club 616438 Craftship Enterprise 0778 511 1126 Doctor 616321 Ebenezer Stores 616339 Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . 616207 or 07500 682 867 Fish Mart 616401 Golgotha monastery. . . . 616210 or contact@the-sons.org Hall bookings 616263 or annemaree.carter@btinternet.com Highland Fuels 01856 873766 Island Link Officer 616475 Kirk secretary 616238 Limpet editor 616297 Medical emergency 616321 Neil's on Wheels 07723 304 260 Manse 616284 Nurses 616321 Olivebank 616255 OIC out of hours 01856 873535 Post Office 616499 Red House Plants 616377 Scottish Fuels 01856 873105 SDT office 616410 or email Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</p>	<p>Silver Darlings 616412 Sinclair Haulage 600404 Star Island Soap 616281 Stranded seals, etc 616207/206/498 Stronsay Band 616345 Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . . 616407 Stronsay school 616246 Stronsay taxi, school 616376 or transport, mechanic 07508 884 024 diagnostics & repairs Balfour hospital (24/7). . . 01856 888000 Water problems (24/7) . . . 0800 0778 778 Electricity general enquiries 0800 048 3516 (<i>lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm</i>) problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999 power cut (24/7) . . . 105 Police (non urgent) (24/7) 101 Kirkwall Library 01856 873166 Dentists: Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547 Deyanov Dental . . . 01856 877118 Com Dental Service 01856 888258 Orkney Dental 01856 872030 Vets: Flett & Carmichael . 01856 872859 Northvet 01856 873403</p>
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