



## **TIMETABLES**

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

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

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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026**

Mobile library van visit	Mon 15 Jun
North Isles Sports Day followed by a dance	Sat 20 Jun
Stronsay's Massive Weekend!	14/15/16 Aug
Craft Fair	Sun 16 Aug
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) visit	Wed 19 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

## **A FOND FAREWELL...**

I would like to say thank you for all the good wishes I have had leading up to my leaving Stronsay; I will miss you all.

I have made so many lovely friends in the 13+ years that I have lived among you - 10 of these as your island nurse, and latterly as a Foot Health Practitioner. I am grateful for all the groups I was included in and made welcome into, such as the Companions, Stitchers groups, Peedie Library, SWRI, pool overseer, and as a member of the Stronsay Kirk.

Although not without its traumas, my time on Stronsay leaves me with mostly happy memories, and I feel my life has been enriched by these. Thanks for all the kindness and support shown to me over recent times too, I am truly grateful.

I hope to be settled into my new home within the next 3 weeks, it has been a lengthy process but I am enjoying my time with friends and family until then,

Love from Shirley x

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Tue 30 Jun 2026**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

As from 18 May 2026, the following have been confirmed as members of Stronsay Community Council:-

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

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, email: [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer/Clerk  
19 May 2026

# **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Louise McQuaid

Vice Chair: Damian Stout

## **SCRAP CAR SCHEME**

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

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

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

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

1. Request a Verification Form from the Island Link Officer – email: [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com) or by writing to the address below;
2. Complete the Verification Form and liaise with the haulier for the vehicle's delivery to Kirkwall;
3. The completed Verification Form must be presented to the scrap yard at the time of vehicle delivery, along with all necessary documentation, (the vehicle's V5 document) to meet the DVLA and dismantler requirements.

Please note that only one vehicle at a time can be registered by the vehicle owner. 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,  
19 May 2026

## **INTER ISLAND FERRY TIMETABLES – SUMMER 2027**

Inter Island Ferry Timetables are considered 12 months in advance by communities via the Ferry Forum, with draft timetables circulated to Community Councils for consultation.

The timetables are then considered by the Board of Orkney Ferries Ltd from an operational and budget perspective, before they are presented to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee for approval. Once approved, the timetables can be uploaded onto the booking system.

The draft timetables proposed for Summer 2027 are consistent with those operated in previous years. This is because there are challenges in extending services further based on the existing crewing configuration and ageing fleet.

There are challenges in making changes to the existing timetables, particularly when improving a connection to one island generally means negatively impacting another community.

That said, it is important to consult with communities and have the ability to make small changes where it is operationally possible to do so.

Therefore, the current Summer 2026 timetables will be presented, in draft, to the Forum for Summer 2027. These are available online at “*Orkney Ferries - Timetables and Fares*” (<https://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/timetables>).

Responses should be submitted to your local Community Council Clerk ([stromsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stromsaycc@gmail.com)) by **Tuesday 4 August 2026**.

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## **BLACK BIN BAGS**

Black bin bags issued by Orkney Islands Council can be collected from the Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart. The office is open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.

If you are not able to call into the office, a request for bags can be made by email to [stromsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stromsaycc@gmail.com).

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk  
19 May 2026

**Stronsay Heritage Society**  
**Beach Clean 2026**  
**Sponsored by Stronsay Community Council**

A group of enthusiastic volunteers met on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April to pick up and bag all of the man-made rubbish littering some of our beaches. On what was quite a windy but dry day a few of the volunteers tackled the mile-long stretch of the Rothiesholm Sands, picking up all the bottles, net, bits of rope, plastic and other non-biodegradable rubbish washed up there, leaving it a beach to be proud of once again!

At the same time another team tackled the shores around Grice Ness, again clearing it of all kinds of smaller rubbish which had been washed ashore, although having to leave some larger fishing related items for another day. The beach at the Mill Bay had been cleaned the previous day and, between those three beaches, an amazing 54 bags of rubbish were picked up, along with numerous plastic items too big to bag, over more than 3 miles of Stronsay's beach and shoreline.

Many thanks to our team of volunteer picker-uppers, to Gaynor with her quadbike and trailer, to Robin and Jennifer for taking the bags of litter and larger plastic items in to the Recycling Centre on the Orkney Mainland and finally to Stronsay Community Council for their much appreciated sponsorship, which has given our Heritage Society funds a big boost.



*Three generations of rubbish picker-uppers in action – Rowan Gray, his mum Alice Gray and Grandad Mike Holland*

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*Gaynor Holland, who came along with her quad bike and trailer, shows the huge pile of man-made rubbish picked up off Stronsay's beaches.*

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## **STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE SDT!**

The Stronsay Development Trust produces a monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed about their projects, events, and community news. You can read the latest edition on the next three pages of this edition of the Limpet or you can download it from [stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](https://stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com). If you'd prefer a printed or emailed copy, please contact the office on 01857 616410 or send an email to [admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com).

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## **GP ROSTER**

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

# NEWSLETTER

### Welcome!

The SDT would like to share the warmest of welcomes to Theresa who has joined the Stronsay Development Trust team as a Development Officer.

Theresa is bringing a wealth of experience and very much looking forward to working with the community "Stronsay has just been so welcoming to us since we arrived. I couldn't help but want to be part and want to give back" This was a quote from Theresa's interview. We are looking forward to seeing Theresa's ideas and friendly face in the community.

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who returned responses to the Craftshop consultation. All responses will now be passed to Orinsey Business Consultants Ltd, who carried out the independent consultation.



### Comments & Feedback

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

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

## Projects & Development

### Tea & Tech Together

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

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

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

Please look out for further updates on our Facebook page

Thanks to funding support from HIRANS, we now have a new online bike booking system in place for the Stronsay Cycles fleet.

All bike bookings should now be made through the bike hire page on the Stronsay Development Trust website:

[StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com/bike-hire](https://StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com/bike-hire)  
The page includes information on the available bikes along with a link to the online booking system.

All bikes continue to be available free of charge for both the Stronsay community and visitors.



We had a brilliant visit from the Scottish Government Islands Team to Stronsay, with lots of conversation around the National Islands Plan, what implementation actually looks like on the ground, and the many things happening across the island.

It was a great chance for Stronsay Development Trust to share some of the projects we're involved in: future planning, community development, our work leading a pilot on addressing depopulation and the outdoor space project working with young people at the school.

The heritage group absolutely shone, sharing the huge amount of work they have already done and their exciting plans for the future. The islands team was genuinely impressed by the ambition, community engagement and empowerment they saw throughout the visit, especially by the incredible heritage work happening here.

It was also lovely to share how our local Young Islanders Network rep on Stronsay is working with the Heritage Group on an audio project, bringing young voices into local stories, heritage and island memory and having Ayla and Liz lead a tour of the school, and the visitors were incredibly impressed with our facilities.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time, shared their work and helped show just how much is happening on Stronsay.

For more details on individual projects contact [Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) or [Theresa@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Theresa@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) or call the office on 01857 516410

# Community Transport & Cardboard Logs

Our community bus operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays for island residents between 8.00 and 18.30

Please book all journeys up to 30 minutes in advance.

To book, contact [Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com), 07398 627742

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

**Under 23 travel free!**

If you are under 23 you are entitled to a free travel pass. Please contact [Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) for more details



## A CHANCE TO LOG BOXES!

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

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

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

## ♻️ Cardboard Recycling Reminder ♻️

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

### Please ensure all cardboard is:

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

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

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact [Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

## UNIT 2 BRIQUETTE PRODUCTION & COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REPORT



**DATE:**  
May 28th, 2026

**PREPARED FOR:**  
Stronsay Development Trust

**SUBJECT:**  
Log Production and Associated Costs for Unit 2 & Community Bus Operations

**UNIT 2 SUMMARY**  
This report provides a summary of the log production activities and associated costs for Unit 2 during the period from April 27th to May 28th, 2026.

**776 LOGS PRODUCED**

Total outgoings for the operation during this period amounted to **£709.30** covering electricity consumption and labour costs.

**BREAKDOWN OF COSTS**  
The total spending for making the logs during this period was £722.98. This cost is broken down as follows:

ITEM	DETAILS	COST
WAGES	40 hours @ £15/hr	£600.00
ELECTRICITY	276 kWh @ 0.40/kWh	£109.30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£709.30</b>

**BRIQUETTE SALES**  
During the reporting period, there were 18 boxes of logs for a total income of **£58** (18 x 3.22kg @ £3.22/kg)

The cost to produce each log this month after costs and sales is **83.8p PER LOG**

**OPERATIONAL NEWS**  
We are implementing a modification to the standard packaging of our log briquettes, primarily driven by health and safety considerations.

**PREVIOUS PACKAGING**  
Our 30-log boxes, based on a carrying of 20 boxes, resulted in an average weight of **32.7kg PER BOX**. This weight exceeded the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guideline weights for manual handling under ideal conditions.

⚠️ Not for 20 kg females  
⚠️ Not for 18 kg children

**NEW STANDARD PACKAGING**  
To ensure full compliance, our new standard boxes will contain a maximum of 20 logs, with an average weight of **21.8kg PER BOX**.

➡️ Requiring only 20 logs on suitable gear, manual handling.

**PRICING UPDATE**  
The reduced packaging adjustment has led to a marginal increase in the unit price, moving from **£0.23p PER LOG** to **£0.25p PER LOG**.

★ Even with the increase, our log briquettes remain a competitive and cost-effective option compared to alternative heating fuels.

# Community Grants

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

**£20,500.00**

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

## Education, Training & Travel Grant

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

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



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

## Entertainment & Wellbeing Grant

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

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



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

Grants are capped at £1,000 per application. Groups may submit up to three applications per SOT financial year (September-August), subject to a maximum total award of £2,500 per group per financial year.

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

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

# Membership

## Your Voice, Your Community, Your Trust.

Did you know...  
the more people who join our Development Trust, the stronger our case is when applying for funding?  
Funders want to see that our community is united and represented.

### Why Join

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

### Members

We have over 30% of the eligible population already signed up as members.

### How to Join

Ready to apply? Joining is free and easy!

Find the application form using one of the options below:

Scan the QR code

Full Membership

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

Contact the office on 01857 616410

### Associate

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

No problem, become an associate member

Associate Member



# Office Hours & Contact Details

### Opening Hours

Office: Monday 9:00-11:30

Cardboard: Access is available during office hours.

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

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## Stay Up to Date with the Stronsay Development Trust!

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or email [office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

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## **CHURCH PLANT SALE SATURDAY 30 MAY**

Thanks to everyone who attended the sale. It was a great turnout, plenty of plants were sold and folk enjoyed tea, coffee and cake despite the power cut. The sale and the stall at the Craft Fair have raised almost £1,000 for church funds.

Any remaining plants will be going to Milestone (Dounby) plant sale on Sunday 31st May.



**Records of a Bygone Age**  
**Stronsay Lifeboat Station 1952 - 1972**  
**Part 2 The Station becomes operational**

Last month's article detailed the arrangements made for the re-opening of the Stronsay Station and the arrival from the RNLI reserve fleet of Stronsay's new lifeboat, the 45½ ft Watson class *Edward Z Dresden*. We'll now take a look at some of the main events over the following years:

One of the first recorded missions for the *Edward Z Dresden* was destined to interrupt the lifeboat's visit to the neighbouring island of Sanday for their local Lifeboat Guild's Flag Day. She had been berthed at the Sanday Pier for about 2½ hours, with a steady stream of visitors being given a tour of this new lifeboat, when she was tasked to search for a missing Shetland boat, a mission with a happy ending as recorded in the 'Lifeboat' magazine of the time:

*At 8.36 on the evening of the 22nd of May, 1953, the Kirkwall coastguard rang up the Stronsay life-boat station to say that three men who had left Walls, Shetland, for Kirkwall in the thirty-foot motor boat Vaila the previous evening, had not arrived. The Vaila had last been seen east of Fair Isle at three o'clock that morning. The life-boat Edward Z. Dresden was due to go to Sanday on the 23rd on a trip for the island's life-boat flag day, and the coastguard said he would keep in touch with her in case she might be needed. At 11.15 she left for Sanday with the honorary secretary, Captain E. H. Clements, D.S.C., on board. Aircraft carried out a search for the Vaila, and about one o'clock in the afternoon reported that unidentified wreckage could be seen 41 miles east-by-south of Tresness, Sanday. The coastguard rang Captain Clements at Sanday, and at 2.30 the Stronsay life-boat put to sea, with the honorary secretary on board, in a slight sea with a moderate south-easterly breeze blowing. She searched widely, but found nothing and returned to Stronsay for fuel, arriving at 2.30 early on the 24th. A Danish motor vessel found the Vaila fifteen miles east-by-south of Auskerry. The fishing boat had engine trouble, and the motor vessel towed her to the entrance to Stronsay harbour, arriving at 4.10. The life-boat then put out again, towed the Vaila in, and secured her at Stronsay pier, reaching her station at five o'clock.*

In May 1954 a new 42ft Watson Class lifeboat, the first of its type, was allocated to Coverack, a small fishing village on the south-east coast of the Lizard Peninsula in Cornwall.

This new lifeboat, the *William Taylor of Oldham*, was making an exhibition trip visiting many of the lifeboat stations around the coast of Britain, and Stronsay had the distinction of providing two of the crew for the Scottish legs of this tour. These two crewmen were Jimmy Stout, who was later to be the coxswain of the *Edward Z Dresden*, and bowman Ernie Fiddler. This trip took them up the east coast of Scotland, visiting lifeboat stations at Dunbar, Arbroath, Aberdeen, Whitehills, Buckie and Inverness, then through the Caledonian Canal to the west coast where they visited Oban, Campbeltown and Troon before returning home, while the lifeboat continued on down the west coast to her new station in Cornwall.

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Jimmy Stout and Ernie Fiddler were again called into action to help crew a lifeboat and take her far from home when, together with others of the Stronsay crew, they took the *Edward Z Dresden* down the east coast, through the Caledonian Canal and on to Campbelltown on the Kintyre Peninsula to undergo a refit.



*This photo shows the Edward Z Dresden somewhere on the River Ness or Caledonian Canal with crewmen Jimmy Stout, Jim Work junior, Ernie Fiddler, Johnno Miller and possibly others, together with a lifeboat inspector in the long coat.*

Soon after her return from refit the Stronsay Lifeboat was involved in an extensive search, sadly unsuccessful, for a missing Stronsay fisherman and his boat.

Thomas Sinclair, from St Catherine's in the Rothiesholm district, had left Stronsay in his 18ft (5.5m) dinghy about 5.30 p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1954. He was heading for Kirkwall and was expected to arrive there about 8 p.m. that night, but he never arrived. An alert was put out late that evening, and the following day a full-scale air and sea search involving lifeboats from both Stronsay and Stromness and an RAF Shackleton aircraft, along with a number of local boats, combed the area. No trace of Mr Sinclair or his boat was found but the following day, the 28<sup>th</sup>, some wreckage was spotted on the neighbouring island of Shapinsay which was identified as being part of the missing boat, although Tom Sinclair's body was never recovered.

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This tragic event was also recorded in the Lifeboat magazine:

*At 10.24 on the night of the 26th of May, 1954, the Kirkwall coastguard telephoned the Stronsay life-boat station that a man had left St. Catherine's Bay in a motor boat for Kirkwall at five o'clock, but had not arrived. The coastguard made enquiries, but nothing more had been heard of the man, and at 11.23 the life-boat Edward Z. Dresden put to sea. She searched widely in a rough sea and fresh south-south-east breeze, but found nothing and arrived back at Stronsay for fuel at 11.40 on the morning of the 27th.*

*At 10.35 that morning, the coastguard had asked if the Stromness life-boat J.J.K.S.W. would help in the search, and at 10.50 she was launched. She made a search in company with an aircraft, and at 12.40 the Stronsay life-boat put to sea again. She found the boat's mast and other wreckage near Black Craig, Shapinsay, but no sign of the man was seen. The life- boats continued searching until late that night but without success. In the end they returned to their stations, Stronsay arriving at 10.35 that night and Stromness at 1.43 early on the 28th. The Stronsay life-boat had been at sea for twenty-three hours.*



*The Edward Z Dresden beached between the piers at Stronsay to have her bottom cleaned and painted. The two children playing on the beach are Elizabeth and Bruce Swanney.*

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By the end of 1954 it was announced that Stronsay was to get a newly built lifeboat and more details soon followed. The completed lifeboat was lying at the shipyard at Cowes, on the Isle of Wight, where she had been built, and was ready for collection by her new crew.

The crew members who made the long journey to the south of England to pick up the new lifeboat were coxswain Tom Carter, mechanic Sydney Swanney and crew members Jim Work jnr and Willie Rendall.

This lifeboat, named the *John Gellatly Hyndman*, left Cowes with its Stronsay crew under Tom Carter's command on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1955 in the company of a new lifeboat for Troon, the *James and Barbara Aitken*, for a good part of the way. On the voyage north both vessels stopped off at Brixham in Devon, Newlyn in Cornwall, Fishguard in Pembrokeshire, Holyhead in Anglesey, Donaghadee in County Down and Troon in Ayrshire where her companion's voyage was complete. The *John Gellatly Hyndman* then continued on her way north, stopping off at Ardishaig in Argyll, passing through the Crinan Canal to Corpach near Fort William, then through the Caledonian Canal to Inverness and eventually onward to Stronsay where she arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1955. This completed a mammoth 10 day journey taking in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland before reaching her home port in the North Isles of Orkney!



*The Edward Z Dresden lies at anchor as her replacement, the newly built John Gellatly Hyndman, approached the harbour on her maiden voyage from Cowes in the Isle of Wight, where she was built, to Stronsay*

The *Edward Z Dresden* remained in Stronsay until the arrival of the new lifeboat then, in April 1955, she was transferred to the relief fleet where she continued to operate until being sold out of service in 1968. Bought by a Mr William Cope for £3,000 and renamed the *St Peter*, she underwent a major refit after which she was barely recognisable as the lifeboat she once was. She changed hands at least four times over the following years, being refitted and adapted for various uses, but sadly sank off the coast of Aran in 1984.

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*The last photo to be found of the St Peter, shown here with her latest superstructure which did at least show her more obviously as the lifeboat she once was. In 1984, a few years after this photo was taken, she sank off the coast of Arran.*

The *John Gellatly Hyndman* was built at J Samuel White's boatyard at Cowes on the Isle of Wight, funded by a legacy from Miss Elise Amelia Hyndman, the last of an old Greenock seafaring family, at a cost of around £34,500. She was a 52 ft Barnett class lifeboat, powered by two 60hp Fairey engines. These engines were to be replaced in 1969 by newer and, at 72hp, more powerful Thornycroft engines.



*The John Gellatly Hyndman lying at her moorings between the two piers at Stronsay after her maiden voyage - a 10 day journey from Cowes in the Isle of Wight.*

*Note that much of the walls of the old Stronsay Hotel are still standing, as are the walls of what was Watt's Supply Stores at the top of the east pier. Also to be seen are some of the buildings that were demolished or modified when the Fish Factory was built in the 1970s*

Part 3 will be in next month's *Limpet*  
Ian Cooper  
May 2026

## 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.

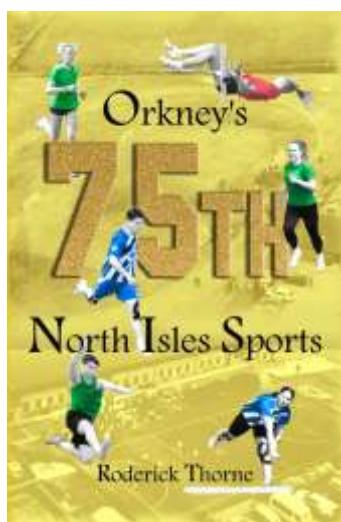
So why not pop along one Saturday and see what it's all about? You'll find friendship, fun, and a good brew waiting for you!

Contact Roger Neville-Smith 07773 889 334

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



## New Book - Orkney's 75th North Isles Sports



Towards the end of 2025, Sanday Community Council/SSE Windfarm Community Fund agreed to fund a book to celebrate the 75th North Isles Sports. This book details the preparations leading up to the day itself and gives a chronological account of all the individual track and field events. Photographs depict many of those involved in the preparations and include action pictures of the individual event winners, as well as team-line-ups taking part in the Junior and Senior Football and Netball competitions, and the Tug o' War.

Up-to-date tables are included for record holders and members of the North Isles Sports Hall of Fame (All-Round Champions for three successive years), and there is a chapter describing the appearance of several North Isles athletes in the Island Games held in Kirkwall in July 2025.

There is also a section dealing with the value of athletic performances, and compares record-holders with those of Orkney, the Island Games, and even World Record-holders. I am very pleased that Jennifer Graham (Stronsay) agreed, again, to be proofreader, and designer, so the format of the 165-page book (with 250 illustrations) is the same as the 75-year history published last year:

There is a limited number of books available, but the 'Launch Day' (20<sup>th</sup> June on Stronsay) price is £10 – but it's not too late to reserve a copy in advance for that price. After that, the cost will be £15. All income from sales will revert to Sanday Community Council.

**If you would like to buy a copy, please contact one of these three as soon as possible**

- Gina Rendall on Westray [ginamrend@yahoo.com](mailto:ginamrend@yahoo.com)
- Ian Cooper on Stronsay [ian.cooper56@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cooper56@gmail.com)
- Roderick Thorne on Sanday [nearhouse@triscom.co.uk](mailto:nearhouse@triscom.co.uk)

Gina and Ian have kindly agreed to make a list of those who would like to reserve a copy.

Many thanks to all who bought the 'History Book'; I hope that you may be interested in this record of just one celebration of the unique North Isles Sports.

Roderick Thorne, Sanday, May 2026

# **GERAMOUNT SURGERY**

Changes to Surgery opening hours!

Just a quick update on Surgery reception opening hours.

These changes will be taking effect starting on 15<sup>th</sup> September

Appointments are to be booked during these times.

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

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.

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## **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](mailto: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>

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*My 160<sup>th</sup> monthly missive informing the folk of the North Isles Ward of what I am up to as their councillor.*

As we are all too well aware, fuel prices have skyrocketed thanks to the antics in the Middle East perpetrated by the orange-faced man and the man with the lilac-rinse combover. At the General Meeting rounding off the latest meetings cycle, as well as the usual minutes of the previous committee meetings to approve and second, an item had been submitted by the Orkney Ferries Board requesting approval for an immediate 10% surcharge on our inter-island ferry fares to contribute towards the inflated fuel costs. Cognisant of the knock-on impact this would have for our island communities, particularly in terms of increased haulage costs and shop prices, I supported an amendment to defer any surcharge until 1<sup>st</sup> July, after we have had a chance to engage with the new Scottish Government on additional financial support. Without a way of covering this additional financial burden, we could be faced with a 36% cut in services, which would be an utter disaster for the Isles. It is noteworthy that Government-funded ferry companies such as Northlink and CalMac are not levying surcharges. I asked whether Orkney's buses are putting a surcharge on their fares, and I was told they are not, meaning, if the 10% surcharge is imposed, only the "inter-Isles buses", i.e. our ferries, would be subject to an increase in fares.

Other meetings I have attended in person since my last [Letter](#) include: a regular Orkney Health & Care briefing at School Place; a meeting of the UHI Stakeholder Group at Orkney College; Sanday Development Trust's AGM (at which we were treated to a presentation on the Sanday dune regeneration project); and a meeting of Stronsay Community Council.

At the latter, I was lucky to catch the presentation on the National Islands Plan given by the Plan's Team Leader and the Scottish Government's Islands Communities Policy Advisor. (I had missed their presentation at OIC that morning owing to its coinciding with my being on a ferry travelling between islands—an irony that I hope did not go unnoticed!) Information on the National Islands Plan can be found on the Internet at this URL: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-islands-plan-2/> I was there in 2013 at the beginning of the timeline shown on page 5 of the Plan, serving on OIC's Constitutional Reform Working Group. Our then Council Convener (equivalent in function to today's convener and leader combined), Dr Steven Heddle was the lead instigator of the "Our Islands – Our Future" campaign. In the September 2013 issue of my *Letter from School Place*, I reported: "We had a very successful 'Our Islands – Our Future' conference. Speakers included academics, politicians and representatives from Faeroe and Aland."



I received a very hospitable welcome when I travelled (by sea via Westray) to attend the meeting of Papay's community council. The following day, I had a fabulous time at Papa Westray Community School, meeting the staff and the pupils and being given a guided tour. (The photographs above show Headmaster Dr Tim Ross and me outside the School.) I gave the pupils a presentation about the Council and what I do as a councillor, and, after a delicious lunch, showed them some film footage of Reynir, the rescued Sanday otter. I was very impressed with the pupils' engagement and the questions they asked me. Just like she gave the First Minister when he visited in February last year, the school cook, Mrs Rendall kindly provided me with some of her (now famous) chocolate brownies to take home with me. I am available to visit any of the North Isles schools if they would like me to. Just get in touch. Education is one of my main interests, sitting, as I do, on the Education, Communities & Housing Committee, the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group and the UHI Foundation, and being a fully-registered teacher with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

The photograph below right shows me after the General Meeting outside the newly-refurbished public entrance to the Council Offices. The ivy has gone, and the green & gold cast-metal Orkney Islands Council plaque is missing! Where is it?

*Stephen*

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

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

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

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# The Digital Phone Switchover



**ORKNEY**  
ISLANDS COUNCIL

## 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.



## **“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](#).

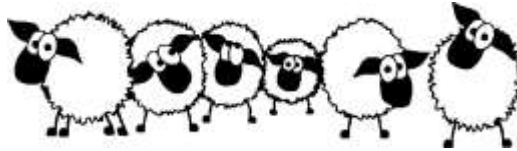
The referral forms can be filled in online and sent to the ICJ email address – [ork.icj@nhs.scot](mailto:ork.icj@nhs.scot).

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](mailto:ork.icj@nhs.scot)

Phone: 01856 888084 (Public Health Department)

## STRONSAY STITCHERS



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments**

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

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## STRONSAY CRAFT FAIRS 2026

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

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## STRONSAY KIRK

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

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

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

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

15 June, 10 August, 5 October, 30 November

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Mobile-Calendar-2026-Accessible-Version.pdf> or send an email to [library@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:library@orkney.gov.uk) or telephone 01856 873166.

Winter	Council Houses	8.45	-	9.45
	School	10	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	4.45
Summer/Refit	Council Houses	9.25	-	10
	School	10.15	-	12
	Kirk	12.45	-	3
	Fish mart	3.15	-	5.30

## **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

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## **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.

<b>Monday</b>	Adult lane	6:30-7:10:00	Public session 7:10– 7:50
<b>Thursday</b>	Private hire	6:30-7:10	Public session 7:10-7:50
<b>Saturday</b>	Private hire	2:00-2:40	Public session 2:40-3:20

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## **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.

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## **HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsayhlc>

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## **ORKNEY FERRIES = DRAFT TIMETABLES**

Draft winter 2026-27 ferry timetables are now available online:

[DRAFT Inter Island Ferry Timetables – Winter 2026/27](#)

## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES**

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

Email: [donnablyth@outlook.com](mailto: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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## **ISLAND LINK OFFICE**

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 contacted by email at [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

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## **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) VISIT**

We're pleased to confirm that Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) will be returning to Stronsay Development Trust, Unit 1, Woodyard for their regular outreach support sessions.

If you'd like confidential advice or support with things such as benefits, money worries, housing, employment, consumer issues or energy costs, these sessions are a great opportunity to speak to an adviser locally.

Upcoming Outreach Date:

- Wednesday 19 August

Appointments will take place at Stronsay Development Trust – Unit 1, Woods Yard. Please pop these dates in your diary.

Once CAB provide their official posters and booking details, we'll share them here so you can arrange an appointment.

These visits are a really valuable service for our island community, so please help spread the word by sharing this post.

Any queries please do contact me at [Shani@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:Shani@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com)

## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details   

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

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

Livestock Bookings: [livestock@sinclairhaulage.com](mailto: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](mailto:livestock@sinclairhaulage.com) or calling 01857 600404.

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

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



### **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](mailto: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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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **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.

<b>BAG 1</b> <b>Inert Waste</b> <b>£125 per bag</b> (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.
<b>BAG 2</b> <b>General Waste</b> <b>£360 per bag</b> (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.
<b>BAG 3</b> <b>Mixed Waste</b> <b>£560 per bag</b> (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](mailto:info@sinclairhaulage.com)

Or call **01857 600404**

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**FISHMART  
CAFE**

# Opening Hours

**From Monday 2nd February**

Monday	9am - 2pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9am - 2pm
Thursday	9am - 2pm
Friday	9am - 7pm
Saturday	9am - 3pm
Sunday	11am - 2.30pm

Find us on socials @Fishmartcafe  
call- +44 7598 439058



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# The Stronsay Hotel

## "Spring Bar Opening Hours"

	<u>Lunchtime</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Tuesday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Wednesday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Thursday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 10:30pm
Friday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 1:00am
Saturday	12 noon - 2:30pm .....	5:00pm - usually 1:00am
Sunday	12 noon - usually 10:30pm	

### FOOD SERVED DAILY



Lunchtime: 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Evening: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunday: 12 noon - 6:30pm



~ Takeaway Service Available ~

Contact: 01856 700152

Email: [thestransayhotel@hotmail.com](mailto:thestransayhotel@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.thestransayhotel.co.uk](http://www.thestransayhotel.co.uk)

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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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### **REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN**

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

Local honey in season according to availability.

Open 09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.

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

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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: 07847 111 506

Email: [info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk](mailto:info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk)

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

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

***LOCAL BUSINESSES***



Taxi  
Community bus  
Island tours  
Mobile mechanic

Contact Mick

07508884024

01857 616 376

[www.bayviewtransport.com](http://www.bayviewtransport.com)

[bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com](mailto:bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com)

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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for  
Portraits - groups and individuals  
ID photographs - printing on site  
Tuition  
Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting  
Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228  
Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

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See Stronsay Markets on YouTube [https://youtu.be/8e6sz\\_Z2eQU](https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU)

### Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables  
Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer  
Cropped same day (usually)  
Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"  
Contact me on [stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I can add you to the regular list of  
available produce

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**PATRICK  
McGRATH  
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
Plumber**

Services include:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance of all domestic gas appliances
- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
- General heatings
- All other types of domestic, commercial, industrial plumbing works
- Isles work welcome

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**  
Email: [patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com)



## Ebenezer Oil Heating



Oil boiler servicing, repair and replacement

Oil tank inspection and installation

Why not let me check out your heating system, I can advise upgrades to make your heating more efficient & cheaper to run

10 year parts and labour guarantee on all new Grant Vortex boilers

All my work is covered by the OFTEC Competent Persons Scheme

**Why would you use anybody else?**

Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email [ebenezer@stronsay.org](mailto:ebenezer@stronsay.org)

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### **“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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**Cooke**  
SCOTLAND

### Fresh Salmon From Stronsay to the World

Cooke Scotland has nurtured and raised delicious salmon on Orkney for over ten years.

Since 2019, we have called Stronsay home where we proudly produce one of Scotland's finest quality foods, with one of the lowest carbon footprints of any farmed livestock.

There are so many varied careers within the Scottish salmon sector - a thriving industry with oceans of opportunity.

Find out more about joining the team by visiting our website.

Start Your Career with Cooke Today

[cookescotland.com/careers](https://cookescotland.com/careers)

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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](mailto:elsie.dennison@live.co.uk)

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

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### **HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS:**

Ebenezer Stores <a href="mailto:stronsaystores@gmail.com">stronsaystores@gmail.com</a>	616339
Olivebank <a href="mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com">m.williamson1@btconnect.com</a>	616255
Fishmart café <a href="mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com">fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com</a>	616401
Hotel & pub <a href="mailto:thestransayhotel@hotmail.com">thestransayhotel@hotmail.com</a>	01856 700152
Red House plants	616377

Contact details for all OIC Councillors:

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

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### **OUR LADY'S CHAPEL, PIERHEAD** **OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES**

Our Lady's Chapel on the pier is open for public Masses with the permission of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

Mass times are as follows:-

Sunday & holidays: 11am. Tuesday: 8.00am. All other days: 11.20am

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### **STRONSAY 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 for lunch 12-1) phone 616262
Community Council . . . . .	<a href="mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com">stronsaycc@gmail.com</a>
OIC Special collection. . . . .	3 August
Stronsay Island Link Office. .	Wed 10am-noon, tel: 616475, email: <a href="mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com">stronsaycc@gmail.com</a>
SDT Office . . . . .	Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk . .	Every week at 11am, see website <a href="https://tinyurl.com/strkirk">https://tinyurl.com/strkirk</a>
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head	Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit .	Mon 15 Jun 2026. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib">https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib</a>
<a href="#">Weekly rubbish collection</a> . . . .	Every Thursday, bags to be out before 8am but NOT night before
Recycling skips nearly full? . .	Send email to <a href="mailto:recycling@orkney.gov.uk">recycling@orkney.gov.uk</a>
Stronsay's Facebook page . . .	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488">https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488</a>

**EMERGENCY! POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE or COASTGUARD - dial 999**

### *Stronsay phone numbers usually begin with 01857*

<p>Airy Fairy . . . . . 616231</p> <p>Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . . 616262</p> <p>Community bus . . . . . 07398 627742</p> <p>Companions Club . . . . . 616438</p> <p>Craftship Enterprise . . . . 0778 511 1126</p> <p>Doctor . . . . . 616321</p> <p>Ebenezer Stores . . . . . 616339</p> <p>Ebenezer Oil Heating . . . . 616207 <i>or</i> 07500 682 867</p> <p>Fish Mart . . . . . 616401</p> <p>Golgotha monastery. . . . . 616210 <i>or</i> <a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a></p> <p>Hall bookings . . . . . 616263 <i>or</i> <a href="mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com">annemaree.carter@btinternet.com</a></p> <p>Highland Fuels . . . . . 01856 873766</p> <p>Island Link Officer . . . . . 616475</p> <p>Kirk secretary . . . . . 616238</p> <p>Limpet editor . . . . . 616297</p> <p>Medical emergency . . . . . 616321</p> <p>Neil's on Wheels . . . . . 07723 304 260</p> <p>Manse . . . . . 616284</p> <p>Nurses . . . . . 616321</p> <p>Olivebank . . . . . 616255</p> <p>OIC out of hours . . . . . 01856 873535</p> <p>Post Office . . . . . 616499</p> <p>Red House Plants . . . . . 616377</p> <p>Scottish Fuels . . . . . 01856 873105</p> <p>SDT office . . . . . 616410 <i>or</i> . . . . . 07904 578120 <i>or</i> <a href="mailto:Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com">Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com</a></p>	<p>Silver Darlings . . . . . 616412</p> <p>Sinclair Haulage . . . . . 600404</p> <p>Star Island Soap . . . . . 616281</p> <p>Stranded seals, etc . . . . . 616207/206/498</p> <p>Stronsay Band . . . . . 616345</p> <p>Stronsay Pub &amp; Hotel . . . . 01856 700152</p> <p>Stronsay school . . . . . 616246</p> <p>Stronsay taxi, school . . . . 616376 <i>or</i> transport, mechanic 07508 884 024 diagnostics &amp; repairs</p> <p><b>Stronsay surgery</b> . . . . . 616321</p> <p><b>Balfour hospital (24/7)</b> . . 01856 888000</p> <p><b>Water problems (24/7)</b> . . 0800 0778 778</p> <p><b>Electricity:</b> general enquiries 0800 048 3516 <i>(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)</i> problems (24/7) . . . 0800 300 999 power cut (24/7) . . . 105</p> <p><b>Police (non urgent)</b> . . . . 101</p> <p><b>Kirkwall Library</b> . . . . . 01856 873166</p> <p><b>Dentists:</b> Daisybank Clinic . . 01856 870547 Com Dental Service 01856 888258 Orkney Dental . . . . 01856 872030</p> <p><b>Vets:</b> Flett &amp; Carmichael . 01856 872859 Northvet . . . . . 01856 873403</p>
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