



### **TIMETABLES**

Loganair - OIC Internal Air Services summer (16 February 2026 to 24 October 2026)

Orkney Ferries - winter timetable (28 September 2026 to 1 May 2027)

Orkney Ferries - refit timetable (3 January 2027 to 6 March 2027)

Nordic Sea - winter timetable (28 September 2026 to 31 December 2026)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026-2027**

|                                               |                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Online security awareness session             | Fri 2 Oct                          |
| Digital Drop In                               | Fri 2 Oct                          |
| Introduction to sewing                        | Fri 2 Oct                          |
| How to talk about and recognise mental health | Sat 3 Oct                          |
| Level 2 food hygiene                          | Sat 3 Oct                          |
| Family Activity Day                           | Sat 3 Oct                          |
| Bingo                                         | Sat 3 Oct                          |
| Mobile library van visit                      | Mon 5 Oct                          |
| Orkney digital forum                          | Fri 9 Oct                          |
| Stronsay drama group - Christmas show prep    | Tue 13 Oct, Wed 14 Oct, Thu 15 Oct |
| Stronsay Spinners                             | Wed 14 Oct                         |
| Loganair winter timetable starts              | Sun 25 Oct                         |
| OIC Special Collection                        | Week commencing Mon 26 Oct         |
| Stronsay Stitchers                            | Thu 29 Oct                         |
| Harvest Home                                  | Sat 31 Oct                         |
| Bonfire night & quiz                          | Sat 7 Nov                          |
| Christmas Craft Fair                          | Sat 21 Nov                         |
| Christmas tree lighting                       | Sat 28 Nov                         |
| Mobile library van visit                      | Mon 30 Nov                         |
| Hogmanay Dance                                | Thu 31 Dec                         |

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

The Stronsay Development Trust's newsletter for September 2026 is available at

<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/SDT2026Sept.pdf>

If you would prefer a printed or emailed copy please phone 616410 or email

[admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com).

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

## **THANK YOU!**

Sheena, Sinead, Carrie and Jack would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our “mini Macmillan” this year. Due to personal circumstances we couldn’t manage the full Macmillan coffee experience! A steady stream of folk to the box trailer raised a total of over £800 so far.

Thanks to all who came along and bought cakes, beetroot, chutney and vegetables. Also those near and far who bought raffle tickets and donated prizes. We couldn’t do it without you all.

Hopefully normal service will be resumed next year and Anne will be back across too. The Final total will be announced in a few weeks so there’s still time to donate if you’d like to.

All money goes to our local Macmillan ward in Kirkwall

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## **BINGO!**

### **SAT 3<sup>rd</sup> OCT**

On Saturday (October 3rd) Bingo will be coming back to Stronsay Community Hall. This year with a little twist...a couple of novelty games just for fun. Fun for all the family with kids rounds too.

Doors will open 7pm, ready for eyes down and dabbers up at 7:30pm.

**Stronsay Community Association presents**



**Entry - Adults: £3 Children £1**

**Saturday 3rd October 2026**

**7pm for 7:30pm eyes down👁️👁️**

**3 rounds of traditional bingo with 2 surprise rounds.**

**Children's round.**

**Supper**

**100 club**

**Raffle**

**Bar open**

# Online Security Awareness Session



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**



**11:00–13:00**



**Stronsay  
Community Centre**



**FREE to attend**



**Book by phoning: 01856 873535  
(Ext. 3341) or scan the QR code**

- Scam awareness
- Safe online shopping
- Passwords and security
- Help with digital connectivity and landlines



# Digital Drop In

Pop along and ask any questions you have in regards to being online, and the upcoming digital switchover



Friday 2nd October



15:00–16:30



Stronsay  
Community Centre



No booking  
necessary





# AHEAD OF THE GAME

**Session for Parents / Carers and  
Youth Group Leaders**

**How to talk about and recognise  
mental health**



**Saturday 3rd  
October**



**10:00-11:30**



**Stronsay  
Community  
Centre**

**FREE to attend**



**Book by phoning: 01856  
873535 (Ext. 3341) or  
scan the QR code**





# Level 2 Food Hygiene



**16 + years**



**Saturday 3rd of October**



**10:00-12:30**



**Stronsay Community Centre**



**FREE to attend**



**Book by phoning: 01856 873535  
(Ext. 3341) or scan the QR code**

# Think Before You Click



## Parents Session

An interactive information session exploring how to support your young person to stay safe online



**Saturday 3rd October**



**14:30 – 16:00**



**Stronsay Community Centre**



**FREE** to attend

Book by phoning: 01856 873535  
(Ext. 3341) or scan the QR code



## STRONSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October sees the start of the OIC HLC Winter Challenge. This is a monthly competition between all of the OIC HLC's. The October challenge is a rowing event to see which HLC can row the furthest distance. For anyone wishing to take part a sheet has been provided for users to record their name and distance rowed each time they use the static rower during the month of October.



**ORKNEY ISLES HLC  
WINTER CHALLENGE  
— 2026/27 —**

**ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL**

**Participating Centres:**  
Hope, Westray, North Walls, Stronsay,  
Sanday, Rousay & Shapinsay

**October**  
Row to Shetland

**November**  
Everest Challenge

**December**  
Walk to Edinburgh

**January**  
Tour de Orkney

**February**  
Active Minutes Challenge

Take part, log your activity with your HLC staff and help your island climb the leaderboard!

**OVERALL CHAMPION**  
The centre with the most monthly wins will be crowned  
**ORKNEY ISLES HLC WINTER CHALLENGE CHAMPION 2026/27**

Get Active • Get Involved • Support Your Island

## **A NOTE FROM DAVID ASKEW**

This little snipe flew into the window at Erraid and I used him as reference, so he didn't perish in vain.

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### **BDWCA - British Decoy & Wildfowl Carvers Association**

“Flushed Snipe” by David Askew  
British Bird Carving Champion 2026



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### **MORE WINNERS FROM STRONSAY!**

David Askew and Bill Hodgson entered Stronsay wildlife photos in this year's Orkney Nature Festival photographic competition and got a category winner and a runner up. See <https://orkneynaturefestival.co.uk/photography-competition-results-2026>.

#### **Winner - Marine Animals of Orkney**



*'Surfing' by David Askew*

**Prize Sponsor:**



#### **Runner Up - Terrestrial Animals of Orkney**



*'Merlin surveying it's territory' by William Hodgson*



## Have you ever been invited for breast screening?

Share your experience to help improve access in Orkney's outer isles



We are inviting individuals living in the outer isles of Orkney to take part in a research study exploring experiences of the national NHS breast screening programme. Your views will help inform service improvements and support equitable access in remote island communities.

### Who can take part?

- Individuals aged 50–70 years
- Cis women and some trans women, trans men and non-binary individuals
- Registered with a GP practice on North Ronaldsay, Stronsay, Eday, Westay, Papa Westray, or Sanday
- Have been invited for breast screening at least once (whether you attended or not)
- Able to give informed consent and take part in English

You cannot take part if you have a current breast cancer diagnosis.

### What would taking part involve?

- Participation in one interview about your perceptions, experiences, and any barriers or enablers to attending screening
- The length of the interview will be around 60 minutes, at a time that suits you
- The interview can be in-person or online (Microsoft Teams), depending on your preference
- With your permission, the interview will be audio recorded and transcribed and kept until analysis is complete

### Your choice and confidentiality

Taking part is entirely voluntary. You can choose not to take part or to stop at any time. Your views will not affect your care. We will use pseudonyms and store data securely. Data will be retained for five years in line with university policy.

### What is the study for?

This is a Master of Public Health dissertation project. Findings will be shared with NHS Orkney's Public Health team, the Equity in Screening working group, and the NHS Breast Screening Programme, and will be made available to participants.

### Interested? Please get in touch

**Email:** [h1kjon13@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:h1kjon13@liverpool.ac.uk)

**Researcher:** Kirsti Jones, Advanced Health Protection Nurse Specialist (NHS Orkney)

Version 1.1

26<sup>th</sup> May 2026



# Scotland's National Islands Plan

## Empowering our Island Communities



### Vision

- Help people stay, return or move to islands
- Support local jobs and businesses
- Local decisions, investments and ownership



### Objectives

- Better transport and digital connections
- Homes, health and social care
- Jobs, skills and education
- Tackling the cost of living and poverty
- Climate action, nature and clean energy
- Strong communities and culture



### Approach

- Developed with island communities
- 100 clear, practical actions for Scotland's islands

Scan the QR code to read the plan and find out more.



 [info@islandsteam.scot](mailto:info@islandsteam.scot)

 [www.gov.scot/islands](http://www.gov.scot/islands)

## **HARVEST HOME - SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

Stronsay Agricultural Society hosts its Annual Harvest Home on Sat 31 Oct.  
Dinner and guest speech followed by a dance with the Stronsay Band. Bar will be open.

Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm start

Meal tickets:

Adults £10

Age 15 and under £5

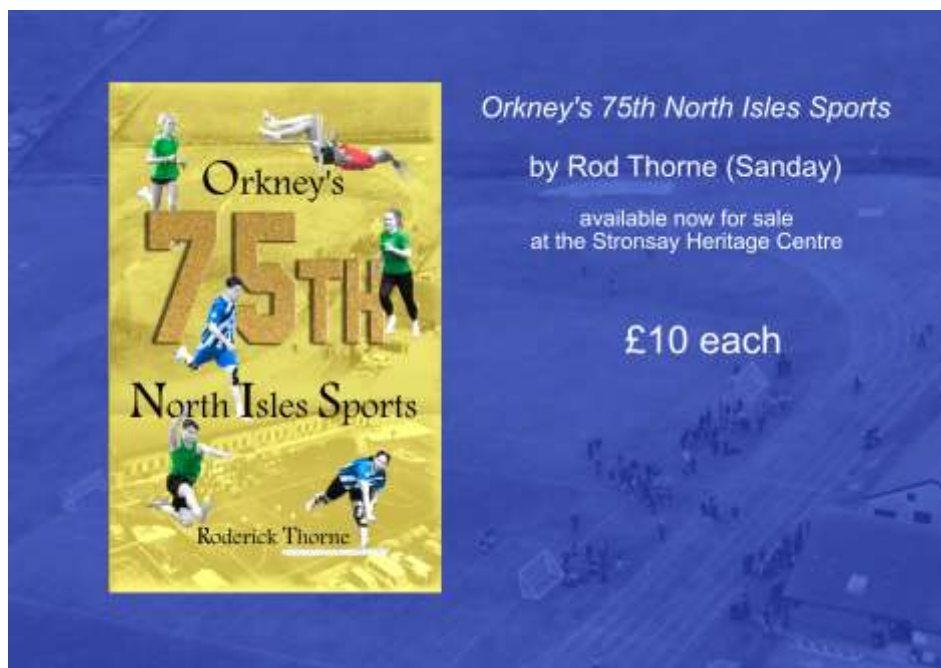
Dance:

Adults £5.

Age 15 and under £2

Hope to see you all there

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## **COMMUNITY HALL ON FRI 2 OCT AND SAT 3 OCT**

On Fri 2 Oct and Sat 3 Oct we have some super events being held in the Community Hall run by the Community Learning, Development and Employability Team from OIC. You will need to book onto the sessions via the QR code on the posters in the next few pages, with the exception of the Family Activity Day and Digital Drop In session, for which you can just turn up. Please do get involved - it's great to have these events coming to us!

Theresa

## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Damian Stout    Vice Chair: Louise McQuaid

At the General Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held on Monday 24 August 2026, the list on the next page details the names and contact details of the Community Council office bearers for 2026/27, in addition to details of the other Community Council members.

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.

Members were asked to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Transport Representative, a Health and Care Representative, a Planning Representative, and a Co-opted Representative for Stronsay Development Trust.

A Clerk is employed by Orkney Islands Council to provide assistance and advice to the Community Council in addition to the more obvious administrative role. The Island Link Officer role includes the duties undertaken by the Clerk.

If there is a Council funded service you would like to see on Stronsay, have any ideas on how Council-run services can be improved, or would like to raise a concern or issue with the Community Council, then please do not hesitate to contact any of the Community Council members.

Colin McAlpine  
Island Link Officer/Clerk  
25 August 2026

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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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### **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 [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com).

Colin McAlpine, Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

# **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2026 AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER DETAILS**

| <b><u>POST</u></b>                                                            | <b><u>CONTACT DETAILS</u></b>                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CHAIR</b><br>Mr. Damian Stout                                              | Linksness,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AT<br>t: 07544 256 233<br>e: <a href="mailto:damiens Stout@btinternet.com">damiens Stout@btinternet.com</a> |
| <b>VICE CHAIR</b><br>Mrs. Louise McQuaid                                      | Bayview,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AR<br>t: 616376<br>e: <a href="mailto:louisemcquaidcc@gmail.com">louisemcquaidcc@gmail.com</a>                |
| <b>TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE</b><br>Mr. Shane Hourston                         | Housebay Cottage<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AJ<br>t: 07593 965 600<br>e: <a href="mailto:s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk">s.hourston@yahoo.co.uk</a>       |
| <b>PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE</b><br>Mr. Colin McAlpine                          | The Hill,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AT<br>e: <a href="mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com">stronsaycc@gmail.com</a>                                      |
| <b>STRONSAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST CO-OPTED REPRESENTATIVE</b><br>Mr. James Seaton | Thorfin,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AS<br>t: 07470 111 871<br>e: <a href="mailto:safehandsno_1@hotmail.com">safehandsno_1@hotmail.com</a>         |
| <b>HEALTH AND CARE REPRESENTATIVE</b><br>Mrs. Louise McQuaid                  | Bayview,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AR<br>t: 616376<br>e: <a href="mailto:louisemcquaidcc@gmail.com">louisemcquaidcc@gmail.com</a>                |

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# **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

There is currently a vacancy on Stronsay Community Council

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

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

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



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

## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

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### **GERAMOUNT SURGERY**

Please can we remind patients that all repeat medications are prepared in Kirkwall. We ask that you order your medications 7 - 10 days before you are due to run out.

The website for Geramount surgery is <https://orcadesspractise.co.uk/stronsay>.

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

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### **STRONSAY KIRK**

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

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

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

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### **STRONSAY'S FINAL CRAFT FAIR 2026**

Christmas— Saturday 21 November

## **YOUTH CLUB—COMMUNITY HALL**

Ian Pollard from Rothiesholm school runs the youth club at the community hall:

Monday's 4.40- - 5.50 Juniors

Tuesday's 5.00 - 6.30 Seniors

This term the young people are engaged in social activities such as pool and air hockey, games and craft activities. The first session the Juniors made some amazingly detailed dinosaurs - see photographs below.

There is a lifeskills programme, where they are encouraged to make their own sandwiches, pizzas and jacket potatoes.

Ian Pollard, Senior Youth Worker



# 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 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>

## Records of a Bygone Age

### Stronsay Lifeboat Station 1952 - 1972

#### Part 6: The Longhope Lifeboat Disaster

On 17 March 1969, Orkney faced one of the darkest days in its long maritime history. While responding to a rescue call, the Longhope Lifeboat TGB capsized in ferocious seas, and all eight crewmen were lost.

As related below, when contact was lost with the Longhope Lifeboat, the Stronsay Lifeboat and crew answered the call to help in the search for her.

After a long spell of south-easterly gales, the Liberian cargo ship *Irene* found herself in difficulties in the Pentland Firth and sent out a Mayday. This call was answered by the Longhope Lifeboat and crew who set off to try to render assistance. With sea conditions about as bad as it was possible to get, the Longhope boat encountered some mountainous seas and, after sending a message at 2130 that evening, no more was heard from her.

As time passed concern for the *TGB* grew and the Hon. Secretary of Stronsay Lifeboat Station Captain Ted Clements was contacted and, in consultation with the coxswain Jimmy Stout, it was agreed to deploy the Stronsay lifeboat, the *John Gellatly Hyndman*, to help in the search for the missing lifeboat at first light. With the maroons fired to summon the crew at 6.30 on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, crew members Archie Reid, Mike Richards, Sydney Swanney, Allie Norquoy, Peter Rendall and John Harcus joined coxswain Jimmy Stout to offer what help they could.



*The John Gellatly Hyndman heading out in sea conditions far from those encountered on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1969*

Coxswain Jimmy Stout's son Jimmy Stout junior was one of those down the pier that morning offering to come as crew but his father told him he thought he should maybe just stay home this time. Jimmy admitted in his own understated way some time afterwards that he thought that one person from a household was enough for this call. With his knowledge of the sea, he had his doubts for the safety of man and ship on this voyage but, as he stated, "*If you were needed, how could you not go?*"

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Leaving the harbour they travelled west about Stronsay, then turned south down the Stronsay Firth. On coming to Copinsay and the east side of Orkney they encountered some horrendous sea conditions, the worst any of the crew had ever encountered. Climbing what was estimated to be 60 feet waves, balancing precariously on the crest for a few seconds and then plunging down into the trough at the other side, few of the crew were confident of ever seeing their loved ones again. When a message then came through that the Longhope lifeboat had been found bottom up and taken in tow by the Thurso lifeboat, the *John Gellatly Hyndman* wasn't very far away and the crew witnessed the tragic sight of the upturned boat under tow, a vision that was to live with them all forever.

With the prevailing sea conditions still extremely challenging, Jimmy Stout took the decision to continue on right around Orkney rather than again encounter the huge seas prevailing on the east side of Orkney. The trip through the Westray Firth and through the Fall of Warness was still very uncomfortable but the lifeboat reached her home port safely and, after refuelling, was back at her moorings at 2110 after 14 hours of battling some truly horrific sea conditions.

Jimmy spoke very little of this trip but an interview with him recorded in 1986 and now held in the Orkney Archives certainly brings a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye, particularly to those who knew Jimmy personally and realised how he would downplay his own role in anything he did. I think it's worth noting a little of it here:

Jimmy firstly recalled in the interview that he had been listening on the radio that night and realised that the Longhope boat had been called out but went to bed with no thought of what was to come.

Then, in the early hours of the morning, Jimmy was wakened by a phone call from Captain Clements who reported that contact with the Longhope lifeboat had been lost and that the Stronsay lifeboat had been asked to join the search for the missing boat. They agreed that the crew should be called out and they should set off just before first light so that by the time they lost the relative shelter of Stronsay they would at least be able to see the seas ahead of them.

It had been south east wind for days, with some terrible seas running and Jimmy said in the interview *"I never expected to come home, to tell you the honest truth..... I didn't think we would come home. We were at Rothiesholm Head as the light was coming in and it wouldn't have been safe to go through that in the dark."*

Jimmy then asked the interviewer *"Are you frightened on the sea?"* to which she replied *"Definitely"* *"Well you definitely would have been frightened that day!"* he replied. The interviewer then asked *"Were you frightened that day?"* to which Jimmy replied *"I was..... the only time I've ever really been frightened."* .... *"I had a smashing crew and we got through it and lived to tell the tale."*

*"The lifeboat authorities said there were 60 ft waves and I wondered if that could be true but when I figured it out myself they were definitely that size" ... "All my crew are still here."*

*"I didn't take Jim (his son) with me - I said 'Jim you had better no come this time' ..... just to tell you, I didn't expect to come home."*

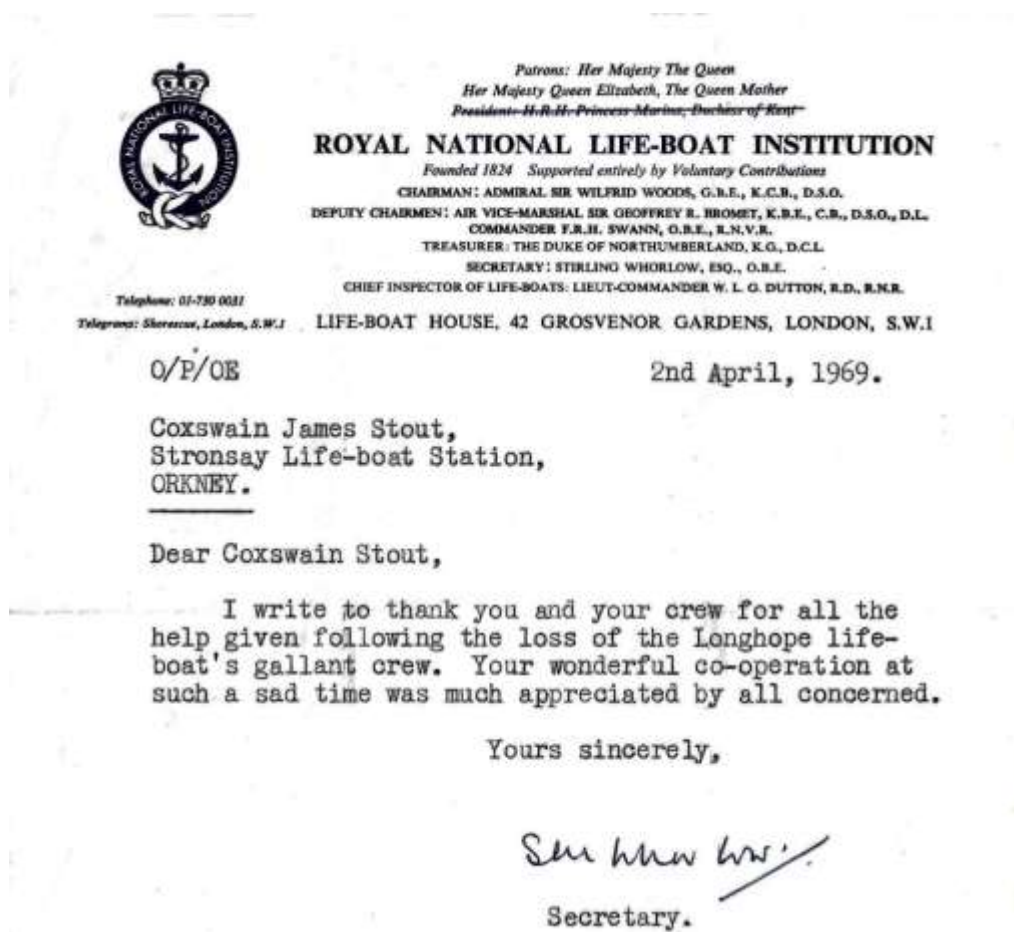
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The interviewer asked "So you were frightened?" to which Jimmy replied "Oh, definitely." Then "Were the crew frightened? Was there any sign that they were frightened?" to which Jimmy replied "No..... no - I think I was the only one that was frightened!"

Jimmy then went on to say "Oh she was a smashing sea boat! I would just love to have seen a film of some of that when we were off Copinsay. There was one wave that broke over us off the Horse of Copinsay and there was absolutely nothing above water - we were totally under - it just broke entirely over the top of us ..... but we're still here!"

"I wouldn't like to have been in that in the dark - I don't know what would have happened - possibly the same as happened the Longhope boat but it was daylight and we could see and we got through it, but I was frightened to come back home through it and we decided to come home the other side of Orkney." The first plan was to go to Stromness and wait for conditions to improve but, Jimmy said, "We had plenty of time and we were in the shelter so we just plodded away home."

Jimmy Stout and the crew of the Lifeboat who had been out that night later received a letter of commendation and appreciation from the RNLI for their help in searching for the missing Longhope boat as shown below.



Coxswain Jimmy Stout's son Colin recently came across the original letter among some of his late father's papers.

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*This bronze figure of a lifeboat man looking out to sea is a fitting memorial to the heroic crew of the 'TGB' who lost their lives when the Longhope Lifeboat was lost on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1969. Beneath the figure is a plaque with the details of the disaster and the names of those who died, while underneath that is a further plaque bearing the inscription:*

*“GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS,  
THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FELLOW MEN”*

Very soon after the tragedy, and with the community still trying to come to terms with what had happened, the widows and families of those who had perished voiced their determination that the Station at Longhope should remain and the lifeboat service continue. Members of the community were quick to volunteer as crew of a new lifeboat and, within a year, a new lifeboat and crew were ready to continue the service offered by the Station since its formation in 1874.

This tragedy affected the lives of so many in Longhope, in Orkney and beyond and it is a tribute to the memory of those who lost their lives that fateful night that those others who answered the call to try to help are still remembered there. In the words of John Budge, former Longhope Lifeboat mechanic and Operations Manager, *“We in Longhope remember how the Stronsay men came down to search for our overdue boat without hesitation and had to go all the way round Orkney to return, such was the weather that morning to the east of Orkney. Thank you for your bravery. You are not forgotten here.”*

On 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 the community of Longhope came together with representatives from Orkney and further afield to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the disaster. Archie Reid, one of only two surviving member of the Stronsay crew of 50 years previously, was proud to be able to represent Stronsay Lifeboat Station and attend the commemoration and memorial service in Longhope that day.

Part 6 will be in next month's Limpet  
Ian Cooper  
September 2026

# **NAMING OF STRONSAY LIFEBOAT** **JOHN GELLATLY HYNDMAN ON 24 AUG 1955**

*(Photographs supplied by Tricia Oddie and first appeared on the Stronsay Facebook page)*



# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*Reporting on a busy and challenging month.*



The image above was passed on to me by a journalist. The context of what it shows was reported in the local press. My only comments on it are that **there is no place in Orkney for cancel culture**, and that my ward constituents can be assured that bullying and intimidation will not prevent me from listening to all sides in any debate relevant to my work as their councillor.

The 27<sup>th</sup> August was a bit of a "jet-setting" day for me. It started with a flight from Kirkwall to Papa Westray for the official opening of their new airfield terminal building (see photograph below left). It was quite a gathering; some 60 people were there, with the council leader and the headmaster and pupils of Papay School wearing traditional embroidered vyshvankas (вишиванки) gifted by the island's visitors from the Ukraine. This is the third such opening I've been to in my time as a councillor. (Before I became a councillor, airfield relief fire-fighter was one of my jobs.) The ghostly hands in the photograph below of me flying back belong to the council deputy leader, Sandy Cowie, who was also there. Back in Kirkwall, I went on a tour of OIC's new 40-bed care home, Kirkjuvagr House with my councillor colleague John Ross Scott (photograph below right). After an excellent buffet at Papay airfield and coffee and cake at Kirkjuvagr House, there was no need (nor time) for lunch before this busy day concluded with my attending a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee at School Place.



Another island event I went along to (on a different day) was Sanday School's open afternoon (also with refreshments). It was a great opportunity to observe lessons in progress and to see some of the pupils' work. (Another job I had before becoming a councillor was supply teacher for science and mathematics.) This was followed by Sanday School Parent Council's AGM. I have also attended (virtually) a meeting of Eday School Parent Council this month.

I went across to Thurso for an evening meeting of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, on which I represent OIC.

Other meetings I've been at include: confidential members' briefings; a catch-up with the council leader; a seminar on inclusive education; a meeting of the Sport & Leisure Member/Officer Working Group; a drop-in event about plans for the Orkney World Heritage Site; and an all-day meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee. At the meeting of the Education, Communities & Housing Committee, it was encouraging to see how Community Learning & Development partners (CLD) have been supporting projects in the Isles. If your organisation is looking for support, get in touch with the CLD team at OIC.

Finally, congratulations to council leader, Heather Woodbridge and her husband, Dr Tim Ross (the headmaster of Papay School) on the birth of their first child.

*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)



Credits for last 3 photos: Mrs Rendall, *Orkney News*, Stephen Clackson



# 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



**ORKNEY**  
ISLANDS COUNCIL

## 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.

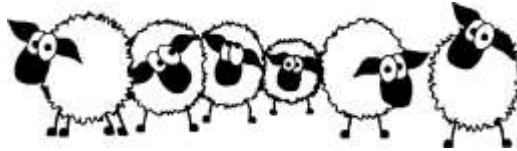
Communication providers or telecare services will never call you to ask for money.

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.



## STRONSAY STITCHERS



**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

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

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.

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## STRONSAY SPINNERS



**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**3:30pm-5:30-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments available**

We are still giving this new day/time a trial run to see if it's working for folk.

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## MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

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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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for

Portraits - groups and individuals

ID photographs - printing on site

Tuition

Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting

Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228

Special offers also on Stronsay Facebook page

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

### Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

Contact me on [stronsaymarkets@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaymarkets@gmail.com) and I can add you to the regular list of available produce

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES

### *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***

### SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details



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

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

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

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Phone: 01857 600 404

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

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

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

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

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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**

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.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BAG 1</b><br><b>Inert Waste</b><br><b>£125 per bag</b><br>(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><br><b>General Waste</b><br><b>£360 per bag</b><br>(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><br><b>Mixed Waste</b><br><b>£560 per bag</b><br>(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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A poster for Fishmart Cafe with a light blue background featuring a repeating pattern of various fish. The text is centered and reads: 

# 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

Below the text are four circular icons: Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, and a telephone handset.

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# FISHMART

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We will be serving up a specially crafted 2-3 course set menu, changing the menu every week to keep things exciting.

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| 30th Sep- | MEXICAN          |
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| 14th Oct- | INDIAN           |
| 21st Oct- | ITALIAN          |
| 28th Oct- | EASTERN EUROPEAN |

2 course £24 or 3 course £30

BYOB : you are more than welcome to bring your own bottle of wine, beer or favourite tippie to enjoy with your meal.

RESERVATIONS ONLY: 6PM-8PM

Spaces are limited so booking in advance is essential and must be done by the end of each monday

landline: 616401

mobile: +44 7598439058

email: [Stronsayfishmart@gmail.com](mailto:Stronsayfishmart@gmail.com)



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# The Stronsay Hotel

*A note to all our customers*

The Stronsay Hotel will be  
temporarily  
**CLOSED**  
throughout October.

 Closed from  
Monday 28th September

 Open again on   
Friday 29th October

We are taking time to move the rest  
of our belongings up from Cumbria,  
as well as visiting family.

We are also working in collaboration with  
 **Ryan at The Fishmart**  
who will be providing a restaurant-style  
service during October.

Please keep an eye on Ryan's updates  
for opening times, menus and further information.

*Thank you for your continued support,  
kindness and understanding.*

  
**Penny & Anton**  
THE STRONSAY HOTEL

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# ***Stronsay Hotel***

## ***Please note our new Operating Hours***

Monday / Tuesday ..... CLOSED

Wednesday ..... 5pm til 10pm

Thursday ..... 5pm til 10pm

Friday ..... 5pm til late

Saturday.....Lunchtime 12 until 2pm..... ..5pm til late

Sunday ..... 12 to 10pm

Food Service Weekdays between 5pm until 8pm

Food Service Saturday 12 until 2pm and from 5pm til 8pm

Food Service Sunday 12 until 8pm

Takeaway Service (pre orders only)

Available during food service hours

Contact: 01856 700152

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

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

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# Stronsay Hotel Takeaway Service

## Tasty Takeaways

- All Curries
- Pizzas
- Fish & Chips
- Scampi
- Pennys Burgers
- Chicken Goujons

## From Our Main Menu

- All Pies & Quiches
- Baked Potatoes
- Chicken Stroganoff
- Beef Goulash
- Tatti Pot
- Chicken Tagliatelle
- Stronsay Beastie (Sausages & Mash)
- All Kids Meals

## How to Order

Call us: **01856 700152**

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

## Collection Times

Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat  
& Sun from 5pm until 7pm

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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.

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

**PATRICK  
McGRATH  
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer  
Plumber**

Services include:

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



## Ebenezer Oil Heating



**Oil boiler servicing, repair and replacement**

**Oil tank inspection and installation**

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

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

**All my work is covered by the OFTEC Competent Persons Scheme**

**Why would you use anybody else?**

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

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## ***LOCAL BUSINESSES***

### **“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”**



- All mechanical work undertaken.
- Tyres
- ECU/ABS/airbag diagnostic testing
- Welding specialist
- MOT prep work
- Home start
- Towing service

MOBILE: 07723 304 260

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The logo for Bayview Transport Limited features the company name in white capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background. The background is decorated with four red gear icons at the corners. The entire logo is set against a larger orange background.

**BAYVIEW TRANSPORT  
LIMITED**

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



**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.

**An Ocean of Opportunity Awaits.**

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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 times . . . Monday – Saturday 8.30am - 5.00pm Sunday - closed  
 Post collection times . . . . . Ebenezer post box 7.30am Monday - Saturday  
 Bank (RBS) . . . . . (when advised) Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm (Lunch 12.00pm - 1.00pm)  
 Community Council . . . . . [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)  
 OIC special collection . . . . . Week commencing 26 Oct 2026, 30 Nov 2026 and 8 Feb 2027  
 Stronsay Island Link Office . . Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00pm [stronsaycc@gmail.com](mailto:stronsaycc@gmail.com)  
 Kirk Sunday Service . . . . . Every Sunday 11.00am <https://tinyurl.com/strkirk>  
 Our Lady's Chapel pier head . Mass: Sunday & holidays 11am, Tuesday 8am, other days 11.20am  
 Mobile library van next visit . Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
 Weekly rubbish collection . . . Thursday – bags to be out by 8.00am but NOT the night before  
 Recycling skips nearly full? . Inform OIC by email to [recycling@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@orkney.gov.uk)  
 Stronsay's Facebook page . . . <https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488>  
 Geramont Surgery . . . . . <https://orcadesspractise.co.uk/stronsay>  
 Limpet Editor . . . . . [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) or Claremont KW17 2AR  
 SDT Office . . . . . [office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com) or Unit 1, Woods Yard KW17 2AR

**Emergency? POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE, COASTGUARD – phone 999**

### MEDICAL EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS?

**Phone the BALFOUR HOSPITAL on 01856 888000 who will contact the island doctor on duty.**

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| <b>Police (non-urgent)</b>                                                                            | 101                     | <b>Water Problems (24/7)</b>                  | 0800 778 778                                    |
| <b>Electricity:</b>                                                                                   |                         | <b>Geramont Doctors Surgery</b>               | 01857 616321                                    |
| General enquiries<br>Mon-Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm)                                                         | 0800 048 3516           | Problems<br>Power cut                         | 0800 300 999<br>105                             |
| <b>Dentists:</b>                                                                                      |                         | <b>Vets:</b>                                  |                                                 |
| Daisybank Clinic                                                                                      | 01856 870 547           | Flett and Carmichael                          | 01856 872 859                                   |
| Community Dental Service                                                                              | 01856 888 258           | Northvet                                      | 01856 873 403                                   |
| Orkney Dental                                                                                         | 01856 872 030           | Orkney Library and Archive                    | 01856 873 166                                   |
| <b><i>The following Stronsay numbers usually begin with 01857</i></b>                                 |                         |                                               |                                                 |
| Airy Fairy                                                                                            | 616231                  | Neil's On Wheels                              | 07723 304 260                                   |
| Bank (RBS)                                                                                            | 616262                  | Olivebank                                     | 616255                                          |
| Bayview Transport – Taxi,<br>School, Mechanic                                                         | 616376<br>07508 884 024 | Orkney Island Council                         | 01856 873535                                    |
| Castle Hill Construction                                                                              | 616469<br>07741 778 750 | Red House Plants                              | 616377                                          |
| Community Bus (SDT)                                                                                   | 07398 627 742           | Scottish Fuels                                | 01856 873 105                                   |
| Ebenezer Oil Heating                                                                                  | 616207<br>07500 682 867 | Silver Darlings                               | 616412                                          |
| Ebenezer Stores                                                                                       | 616339                  | Sinclair Haulage                              | 600404                                          |
| Fishmart Cafe                                                                                         | 07598 439 058           | Star Island Soap                              | 07847 111 506                                   |
| Golgotha Monastery<br><a href="mailto:contact@the-sons.org">contact@the-sons.org</a>                  | 616210                  | Stranded Seals and Marine<br>Life             | 07721 073 868<br>01856 831 463<br>01825 765 546 |
| Hall bookings<br><a href="mailto:annemaree.carter@btinternet.com">annemaree.carter@btinternet.com</a> | 616263                  | Stronsay Band                                 | 616345                                          |
| Highland fuels                                                                                        | 01856 873766            | Stronsay Development Trust                    | 616410                                          |
| Island Link Office/Officer                                                                            | 616446/616475           | Stronsay Hotel and Pub                        | 01856 700 152                                   |
| Kirk Secretary                                                                                        | 616238                  | Stronsay Junior High School                   | 616246                                          |
| Limpet Editor                                                                                         | 616297                  | Stronsay Markets and<br>Stronsay Photographic | 616228                                          |
| Marion Miller Jewellery                                                                               | 07919 550 943           | Stronsay Swimming Private<br>Hire             | 616238                                          |