

# NEWSLETTER

While it may have seemed like a quieter month across our projects, the Trust team have been working steadily behind the scenes progressing funding applications and preparing for the year ahead.

Ongoing support continues for the Stronsay Hotel leaseholders to ensure the smooth operation of this important community asset.

As we look towards the growing season, renewal letters have also been issued to current Community Greenhouse plot holders, helping us plan ahead and prepare for another productive year within the polytunnel.

As always, we welcome ideas, feedback and involvement from the community. If you would like to get involved in any of our projects or have suggestions for future initiatives, please do get in touch.

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

## **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

### SOAP Outdoor Activities

SDT continues to support SOAP outdoor activities, which have been well attended so far.

There are only two sessions left!

**The next dates will be 14th - 15th March and 28th - 29th March.**

Keep an eye out for our booking posters.



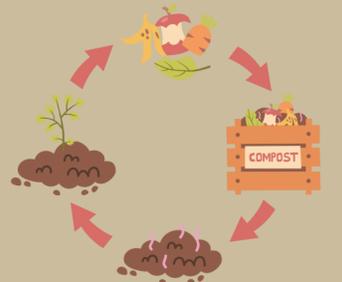
### **British Science Week** **"Waste to Warmth to Growth"**

SDT has been awarded a small grant by British Science Week to deliver a project called "Waste to Warmth to Growth".

**Taking place 7th - 8th March,**

The project shows how waste cardboard becomes fuel, ash becomes compost, and compost supports growing - a full circular economy story, right here on Stronsay.

We will share news of all the activities we will be holding for all residents shortly.



For more details on individual projects contact [Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)  
or call the office on 01857 616410

# Community Transport

Our community bus operates on a Tuesday and Thursday between 8:00 and 18:30

Please book all journeys up to 30 minutes in advance.

To book, contact Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com, 07398 627742

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

Travel passes are available through the Community Grants Scheme for the Islands young folk up to and including 22 years old.  
For more details visit the Community Bus page on StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

## COMMUNITY BUS NEWSLETTER for 26.02.26



**BUS AVAILABILITY:**

**TUESDAY:** 08:00 to 18:30  
**THURSDAY:** 08:00 to 18:30

**20 PASSENGERS CARRIED**

**21 TOTAL JOURNEYS**

**TO BOOK:**  
CALL OR TEXT  
07398 627742

★ Islanders under 23 travel free of charge

# Cardboard Logs

## From Waste to Fuel: The Benefits of Cardboard Briquettes



**Shredding & Pulping**



**Compression & Drying**

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS



**WASTE REDUCTION:**  
Diverts significant volume from landfills, reducing methane emissions.



**CLEANER COMBUSTION:**  
Burns cleaner than many traditional solid fuels, with fewer particulates.



**RENEWABLE ENERGY:**  
Utilizes wood fiber from a renewable resource, creating a sustainable fuel source.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS



**COST SAVINGS:**  
Provides a lower-cost alternative to purchased wood or coal for heating.



**REVENUE POTENTIAL:**  
Small-scale production can generate income through local sales.

PRACTICAL BENEFITS



**HIGH ENERGY DENSITY:**  
More compact than loose cardboard, offering efficient energy storage.



**LONG BURN TIME:**  
The dense structure allows for a sustained, long-lasting burn.



**EASY STORAGE:**  
Uniform shape and high density make them easy to stack, store, and transport.

## Cardboard Briquetting: What It Means for Our Island Community

On our small island, every waste decision matters. Cardboard briquetting helps us reduce waste, save money, and take care of the land and sea.

### What Are Briquettes?

- Compressed blocks made from our cardboard waste
- Take up very little space
- Easy to store and transport
- Can be used as a renewable fuel source

### Why This Helps Us:

- Reduces waste volume by up to 90%
- Fewer collections around the island
- Lower transport costs and emissions
- Keeps cardboard out of landfills
- Cleaner burning and better for the environment

### Community Benefits:

- Shows responsible waste management
- Builds trust through transparency
- Helps protect our environment for future generations
- Supports island self-sufficiency

**A Simple, Local, Sustainable Solution:** Briquetting turns something we already have—waste cardboard—into a useful resource that benefits everyone in our community

Our logs are available to buy in the local shops.

We also keep a supply in the porch at the Woods Yard office for your convenience.

Cash payments can be left in the post box, or you can use the QR code on the office door to pay online.

**Clean, dry cardboard (free from tape) can be left in the bins outside Unit 2.**

Our Cardboard Processing Officer works on Tuesdays and Thursdays, fitting this around community bus bookings.

If you have a larger load of cardboard to drop off, or would like to speak with him directly, please call or email Neil on 07398 627742

Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com  
to arrange a suitable time.

# Community Grants

The Community Grants Scheme is designed to support the local community, its aim is to empower individuals, groups, and organisations to carry out projects that benefit the island's development, sustainability, and well-being

Since the start of the Scheme in the summer of 2025,

**£18,535.05**

has been granted to the community from the Stronsay Development Trust Grant scheme

Recent awards include a training grant to the Stronsay Community Association to go towards hall staff obtaining their personal licence



The Young persons travel pass scheme started in February. All of the Stronsay school children have been added to the system and are entitled to free transport on the community bus.

If you are under 23 and wish to apply please visit the Community Bus page on [StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](http://StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) for links to the QR code and on-line form



## Grants Available

### Supporting Place Plan Initiatives

Applications are welcomed from groups that can bring match funding to the table, whether through in-kind contributions, fundraising, or other sources. However, we will also look favourably on projects that strongly align with our objectives and the aspirations set out in the Place Plan — particularly those that help reduce isolation, support participation for all, and address the impacts of poverty on the island



### Education & Training Grant

**Funding of up to £1000, to fund a maximum of 50% of the course fees.**

Available for Stronsay residents to assist with course fees for any kind of training or educational course.

### Entertainment Grant

**Funding of up to £500 per event.**

Available to help groups host one-off events on Stronsay, the funding can be used to cover expenses such as travel and accommodation for visiting performers, freight for equipment, decorations, catering, or venue hire



### Young Persons Travel Grant

**Funding of up to £200 per person per year.**

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



For more details, visit the community Grants page on [StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](http://StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com) website where you will find QR codes and links to the application forms and more details on each of the available grants. Alternatively, contact [Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Vicki@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



## 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.

## Associate

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

No Problem, become and associate member

## 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.

### Associate Member



## 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

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

Contact the office on 01857 616410

### Full Membership



### Opening Hours (from January 2026)

**Office:** Monday 9:00-11:30

**Recycling:** Access is available during office hours.

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

### Address

Stronsay Development Trust  
Unit 1 Woods Yard  
Stronsay  
KW17 2AR

### Office:

01857 616410,  
07904 578120

### Transport, Recycling

### & Bike Hire:

07398 627742

### Email

**Development:** [Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

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**Chair:** [Molly@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com](mailto:Molly@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com)

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