

**TIMETABLES**[Loganair - interisland timetable 26 October to 15 February 2026](#)[Orkney Ferries—refit timetable 2026 4 Jan to 7 Mar 2026](#)[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 29 September 2025 to 2 May 2026](#)[OIC - school holidays 2025-2026](#)**BILL EMBLETON RIP**

It is with sadness that I let you know that Bill Embleton passed away on 8 January. I would like to thank Bill's friends and carers (and Nurse Helen) for helping us to have Christmas and New Year at home. Bill's wishes were that he would be cremated and that his ashes would be spread at Springwell with those of Isabel (Belle). We are hoping to arrange a memorial service for Bill when we get more details. Thank you, everyone, for your help and kindness to Bill. – Brenda

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Closing date for applications for job on the airfield	Sun 8 Feb
Mobile library van visit	Mon 16 Feb

OIC WINTER PLAN

OIC's winter plan is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/oicwinterplan>

ORKNEY FERRIES = DRAFT TIMETABLES

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

[DRAFT Inter Island Ferry Timetables – Winter 2026/27](#)**GP & COMMUNITY NURSE ROSTER**

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

<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html>**STRONSAY KIRK**

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

Contact Kirk Secretary: elsie.dennison@live.co.uk

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

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on Sat 28 Feb 2026, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.



ORKNEY
ISLANDS COUNCIL

There are TWO vacancies on Stronsay Community Council



Your
community
needs you!



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



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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Damian STOUT
Vice Chair

Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT
tel: 616258
email: damienstout@btinternet.com

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

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

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer/Clerk
27 October 2025

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

To discuss further, please contact the Democratic Services Team, Orkney Islands Council on 01856 873535 extension 2264 or email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

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

ROAD SAFETY ON STRONSAY!

As the daylight hours shorten would pedestrians please avoid wearing dark clothing and opt for high visibility or brightly coloured clothing.

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

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

Remember, twenty is plenty!

STRONSAY AND THE GREAT SCOTTISH TAPESTRY

[The Great Scottish Tapestry](#) spent two weeks on Stronsay in 2013. At the time the Stronsay Stitchers described the event in an article in the Stronsay Limpet. To read the article and see the many accompanying photographs of local folk putting in a few stitches go to page 6 of the March 2013 edition of the Limpet:
<https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/ISSUE93Mar2013.pdf>.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE SDT!

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

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

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

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Louise McQuaid Vice Chair: Damian Stout

CONSULTATION – NORDIC SEA SUMMER TIMETABLE 2026

Here is your opportunity to comment on the Nordic Sea's summer timetable 2026. A DRAFT of the proposed timetable is attached.

OIC's Service Manager – Transportation points out a three island timetable has been retained for Monday, Friday and Saturday, reducing to just two islands Tuesday – Thursday to provide a quicker and earlier sail in time. An alternative would be to reduce to a **one island operation** Tuesday – Thursday, providing each island with a dedicated service. Equally, the Tuesday – Thursday sailing could revert to a three island operation.

If you wish to comment on this please forward your response to Shane Hourston, Transport Rep by Friday 13th February.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer
29 January 2026

Draft timetable is on the next page



Orkney Ferries

Eday, Sanday and Stronsay

Additional Foot Passenger Sailings

Summer 2026

3rd May - 27th September 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Depart Kirkwall	06:15	06:15	06:15	06:15	06:15	06:15
Arrive Sanday	-	07:40	-	-	-	-
Depart Sanday	-	07:45	-	-	-	-
Arrive Eday	07:30	08:00	-	07:30	07:30	07:30
Depart Eday	07:35	08:05	-	07:35	07:35	07:35
Arrive Sanday	07:50	-	07:40	-	07:50	07:50
Depart Sanday	07:55	-	07:45	-	07:55	07:55
Arrive Stronsay	08:20	-	08:10	08:05	08:20	08:20
Depart Stronsay	08:25	-	08:15	08:10	08:25	08:25
Arrive Kirkwall	10:00	09:20	09:50	09:45	10:00	10:00
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Depart Kirkwall	14:00	14:30	14:00	14:30	13:30	13:30
Arrive Stronsay	15:35	-	15:35	15:05	15:05	15:05
Depart Stronsay	15:40	-	15:40	15:10	15:10	15:10
Arrive Sanday	16:05	-	16:05	-	15:35	15:35
Depart Sanday	16:10	-	16:10	-	15:40	15:40
Arrive Eday	16:25	15:45	-	16:40	15:55	15:55
Depart Eday	16:30	15:50	-	16:45	16:00	16:00
Arrive Sanday	-	-	16:05	-	-	-
Depart Sanday	-	-	16:10	-	-	-
Arrive Kirkwall	17:45	17:35	17:35	18:00	17:15	17:15

All sailings will be subject to forecasted weather and tidal conditions. Boarding will be at the link spans via the bow ramp of MV Nordic Sea.

Passengers wishing to use this service will need to book and make payment in advance of travel, booking is available via our website orkneyferries.co.uk or by calling our office during opening hours on 01556 872044.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why have you chosen a wooden structure?

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

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

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

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

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

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

How can we help?

- Participate in the upcoming SDT survey.

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

- Contact the SDT Board.

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

- Donate to the cause.

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

- Keep an eye out for future fundraising events.

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

A new research project looking at Stronsay place-names

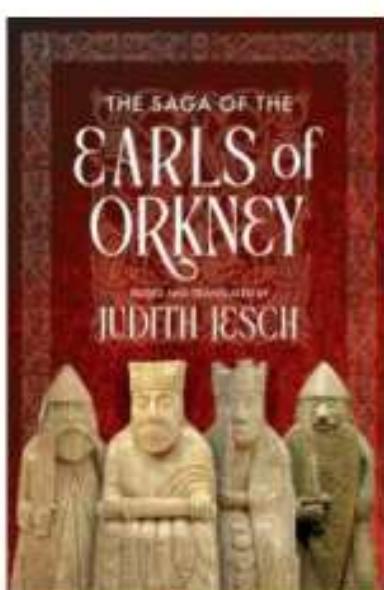


Detail from Blaeu's *Orcadum et Schetlandiae Insularum accuratissima*, 1654.

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Stronsay, Old Norse *Strjónsey*

Although a frequent visitor to Orkney, May 2026 will be my first visit to Stronsay – and my reason for coming – I am researching the place-names of the island!



Between February 2024 and June 2025, I worked on the [Ragna's Islands project](#) looking at the place-names of *The Saga of the Earls of Orkney (Orkneyinga Saga)* and of Fair Isle, North Ronaldsay and Papay. The project concluded with a new translation of the Saga by Judith Jesch (available from the Orcadian Bookshop in Kirkwall!).

Stronsay occurs several times in the various manuscripts containing the saga, appearing as *Straumsey* *Streamsey*, *Striansey*, *Striense*, *Strionsey*, and *Strionsø*. The last element is Old Norse (ON) ey 'island', common in Orkney place-names. The first element is less clear and has seen much discussion. In 1915 Magnus Olsen, a Norwegian philologist, suggested that Norwegian place-names containing the ON element strjón may have a comparable meaning to that of Old English streon with the sense 'gain, profit, wealth'. Olsen interpreted this term as relating to a rich catch, to fishing in particular. So the island name perhaps means 'island of good/rich fishing'. For a more in-depth discussion see the Ragna's Island's [Stronsay blogpost](#).

We are lucky too, in that Stronsay and some of its place-names occur in the 1595 rental (a document concerned with estate renders owed by tenants to earls and bishops). But, there are many more names, field-names, shore-names, fishing-ground names and lost names that can tell us so much about Stronsay's past. These names are often late- or unrecorded and for such places local knowledge is vital, and this where my research comes in!

The study of place-names, many of which in Orkney may date back to the Norse period (c. 1100 CE–1468 CE) relies on early spellings found in archives like the one pictured in this early 18th century rental (ref. D14/9/5, courtesy of Orkney Archives). However, many minor place-names remain unrecorded until the late-nineteenth century, if they are recorded at all. For such places how they are pronounced by islanders can fossilise, phonetically, the elements (e.g. Green and Wall in Greenwall, perhaps from ON *grønn* 'green' and *vallr* 'pasture, meadow') that make them up and so hearing the way that they are said is key to interpreting these names.



pronunciations, then please do get in touch!

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17 May 2015	Stronsay
James of Brinsford for land of Mythen	02-08-00-00
James Balke of Stronsay for land	03-09-00-00
Robert Kirk of Conghairs	04-06-00-00
John Macmillan	06-03-00-00
Wm. Balke in his for Reddick	07-09-00-00
James Macmillan for Gott for Mythen	08-07-00-00
James Calforn	09-02-00-00
Rich. Scott of Stronsay	09-06-00-00
John Macmillan for Macmillan for Mythen	09-08-00-00
John Macmillan of Macmillan for Macmillan	09-10-00-00
John Macmillan for Macmillan	09-10-00-00
James son of Calforn for Gott	09-02-00-00
Edward Scott of Mythen for Mythen	09-02-00-00
John Calforn of Mythen for Mythen	09-02-00-00

The main purpose of this first visit to Stronsay (from the 2nd – 9th May this year) is to find out more about Stronsay's place-names from those who know them best, to talk with islanders about their places, how they are spelled and, importantly, how they are pronounced.

Looking at places in situ, particularly where the place-names that label them is uncertain, is also essential to ground-truth any interpretations that may be drawn. So you may well spot me driving about taking photos of crofts, geos, hills and nesses in early May. If you spot me, come and say hello!

If you have any queries about place-names or would like to know more about what I am up to, or think you can help (perhaps you have some old deeds or maps and plans with place-names, house-names, field-names or fishing marks on them), or, if you would like to tell me about place-name

NEWSLETTER

As we head into the new year, we'd like to thank everyone for their continued support and involvement in the Trust. From a brilliant turnout at our recent EGM to the many community projects ticking along, it's been a positive and encouraging start to the year on Stronsay.

Welcome!

Welcoming Our Newly Elected Trustees

Following a fantastic turnout at the EGM on 28 January, we're delighted to welcome our newly elected Trustees to the Stronsay Development Trust Board.

Congratulations to Molly May Allan, Viv Erdman, Craig Stout, Mick McQuaid and Louise McQuaid on their election. It's great to see such strong community involvement, and we look forward to the experience, ideas and energy they will bring to the Trust.

After the meeting, Trustees appointed office bearers. Molly May Allan has been elected as Chair, with Kevin Kent continuing in his previous role as Vice Chair. Andrew Fraser remains Treasurer, and Louise McQuaid has stepped into the role of Company Secretary.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, voted, or supported the process – your engagement helps keep the Trust active, representative, and moving forward for the benefit of Stronsay.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Board, you can contact us via office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

or directly at:
Molly@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com
Kevin@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com
Louise@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

Stronsay Men's Shed – Everyone Welcome!

One of our sub-groups, the Stronsay Men's Shed, would like to share a big thank you to Ross. Thanks to his support, the group is currently benefiting from funding raised through Porch donations and sales, which is helping to keep the Shed active, welcoming, and well resourced.

This is a friendly reminder that all Stronsay men are very welcome to pop along – whether you're hands-on, just curious, or just fancy a blether.

Saturdays 10:30am - 12 noon at the Mission Hall

There's always something going on at the Shed, including:

- Woodworking & DIY
- Repairs & upcycling
- Craft projects
- Tinkering & fixing
- Learning new skills
- Starting your own project
- Watching and chatting
- Tea, coffee & good conversation



You can join in, observe, or start something of your own – there's no pressure and no expectations. The kettle is always on.



Comments & Feedback

Our Padlet page will remain visible for reference, but it will no longer be monitored or updated now that our new website is live.

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

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 6th - 8th March,
pop the date in your diaries!

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.

Cellnex - Technology Support Workshops 'Tea and Tech'

Thanks to Cellnex funding, we'll be running technology advice sessions to help people with everyday digital needs. We are just waiting on the funds to be sent through to purchase the technology to support these sessions.

These workshops will be supported by community transport, making them accessible to as many people as possible.

>Youth Club

We've received confirmation from Orkney Islands Council that applications were received during the last recruitment round. This is great news and we hope to hear further from OIC in due course.

Heart Sewing & Mending Workshops

We're planning sewing and mending workshops funded through the OIC Circular Economy Crisis Grant. These sessions will focus on repair, reuse, and practical skills, with SDT staff working alongside the Men's Shed to deliver hands-on, friendly workshops for the community. We are looking to commence these mid February.

Community Defibrillators

THANK YOU!

Viv has kindly been volunteering to regularly check and report in relation to our Island SDT registered Defibrillator since outset. She has now handed this over to staff.

We take this opportunity to thank Viv for all her work carrying out these regular checks and records online for our community.

Regular checks will now be shared between staff, with records updated on the national Heartbeat system, helping ensure defibs are always ready when needed.

SOAP Outdoor Activities

SDT continues to support SOAP outdoor activities, which have been well attended so far. Sadly we had to cancel the last one because of weather and ferry cancellations.

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

Pop the dates in your diaries and keep an eye out for our booking posters.

North Isles Wellbeing - Exploring a New Project

While Stronsay doesn't currently have a dedicated Wellbeing project, we're exploring whether a joint North Isles approach could work. This could lead to a long-term wellbeing project, potentially funded through the National Lottery, bringing coordinated support across several islands. This is at an exploratory stage.

HiTrans - Active Travel & Cycling (Grant Awarded)

Great news - SDT has secured a small grant fund from HiTrans to support local cycling and active travel. A full back-office system will be purchased using the HiTrans grant, making it easier to run and sustain cycling opportunities on the island for our community members and visitors utilising our EV bike.

Island Mobility & Climate Action

SDT is finalising the Island Mobility Transport Report for submission to CES ECOP. We're also continuing work on our Climate Action reporting, expanding this to include farming and fish farm activity, helping ensure island realities are reflected in climate planning.

£1,500 Grant Boost for Community Health Support

We are delighted to share that a £1,500 grant has been awarded by Orkney Heart Support Group to support Geramount Surgery in purchasing equipment that will directly benefit our community. The funding will enable the Surgery to invest in items that enhance local health provision and support the wellbeing of residents on Stronsay. Dr Wassim is currently working on developing a list of equipment to be purchased, ensuring that the funding is used where it will have the greatest impact for patients. We are extremely grateful to the team at Orkney Heart Support Group for their generosity and continued commitment to improving health outcomes across Orkney's communities. Their support highlights the importance of partnership working in sustaining vital local services in our island communities. We look forward to sharing updates once the items have been purchased and are in use.

For more details on individual projects contact Shani@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com, Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com or call the office on 01857 615410

Recycling & Transport

We are pleased to announce we have added an extra shift to our community bus run and will now operate between 9:00 and 12:00 on Monday along with our Tuesday and Thursday service.

Please book all journeys up to 30 minutes in advance.

To book the community bus, contact

Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com, 07398 627742

Journeys are charged at £2 per journey

£1 for concessionary fares

(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 see our community grants scheme page.

Community Bus News



9
Passengers
Carried



16
Journeys
Made



This month we have carried passengers to various destinations including the shops; doctors; ferry and airport.

Monday
09:00 to 12:00

Book for general errands like the shops; doctors etc.

Tuesday
08:00 to 18:30

Book for ferry pickup/collection; airport runs and everything in between.

Thursday
08:00 to 18:30

Book for ferry pickup/collection; airport runs and everything in between.



To book the bus: Call or Text (texting preferred) 07398 627742

RECYCLING NEWS

Stronsay Development Trust - Community Update



229 kWh
Electricity Used

674 Logs
Produced

21 Boxes & 9 Sacks
Sold (£184 Sales)



INFORMATION & CONTACT



Email: neil@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com



Phone: 01857 616410 or 07398 627742



Visit: Pop by the Recycling Centre for information or to drop off your cardboard.



WORKING HOURS

Monday: 9:00 – 14:30*

Tuesday: 9:00 – 18:00*

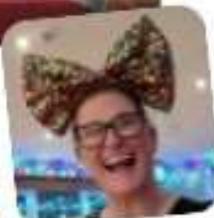
Thursday: 9:00 – 18:00*

*Times may vary due to community bus commitments.

Community Grants

In December, the Stronsay Development Trust awarded a grant to help support the Heritage committee with the Santa Float Event

From the Heritage Committee - "The Stronsay Heritage Society wants to thank all who helped with our recent Santa Float fundraiser. Over £450 toward the Heritage Centre Project was raised in just a few hours, thanks to your generosity. Thank you to the hotel staff for all the yummy food, and a big thank you to the Stronsay Development Trust for funding the float. You all helped make the evening a fun community event"



Since the start of the Scheme in the summer of 2025,
£17,825.05

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

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

Grants Awarded for the current financial year - September 2025-August 2026

Place Plan Initiatives £9,958.91

Education & Training £486.20

Entertainment £2,983.74

Young persons Travel £0.00

We're pleased to share that the Young Persons Travel Grant has been extended to offer a free bus pass for the young folk of Stronsay up to and including the age of 22.

If your child attends Stronsay School, then application forms will be available there and help will be given to fill these in.

For anyone outside of the School and under 23 years of age, please send your details to either Neil@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com or Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com and we will issue you with your Island travel card.

With the half term holidays coming up, this is a great opportunity for our young people to get out and about, visit friends, enjoy time together or head off for lunch and a catch-up using the free service.

We hope this helps make travel easier, more affordable, and encourages young people to stay connected and social.

What a grand couple of nights at the community hall for the Hansel & Gretel Stronsay Pantomime

Oh yes it was!

The Stronsay Development Trust were proud to award grants to the Stronsay Drama Committee over the course of the year to assist with hall costs for rehearsals along with money towards a new spot lamp and Ice-cream machine.

A massive thanks to cast and crew for a wonderful weekend!



For more details, visit the community Grants page on 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 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 an 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

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: Mondays, 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

Finance: Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

Community Grants: Vicki@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com

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STRONSAY MEN'S SHED – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Roger Neville-Smith 07773 889 334

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



GERAMOUNT SURGERY

Changes to Surgery opening hours!

Just a quick update on Surgery reception opening hours.

These changes will be taking effect starting on 15th September

Appointments are to be booked during these times.

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

TO URGENTLY CONTACT THE DOCTOR OUTWITH RECEPTION TIMES,

PLEASE CALL THE BALFOUR HOSPITAL ON

01856 888 000

AND THEY WILL CONTACT THE DOCTOR FOR YOU.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

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

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



For more information & bookings contact Anne-Maree Carter email
annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.

Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.

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

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

Overview

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

Key Changes

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

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

Importance of the Change

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

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

Notification Process

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

What You Can Do Now

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

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

Be Cautious

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

Additional Resources

For more information about the transition, visit:

[Openreach All-IP Programme](#)

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

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

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

What is the digital phone switchover?

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and January 2027 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones, telecare and health devices will need to be compatible.

How will it affect me/what do I need to do?

The good news is – your landline isn't going anywhere and for most consumers and businesses, this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to fibre broadband.

Your telecoms provider (for example, Vodafone or BT) should contact you before the switchover to check in and discuss what you need to do to make sure any reliant services you may have aren't affected. However, we're encouraging everyone to know what to expect.

The change may be as simple as plugging your phone into a broadband router rather than the phone socket on the wall, or you may be given a new router to do this.

Please note that your provider will move you to a digital service before January 2027. If you care for a vulnerable person, please keep an eye out for correspondence notifying of a switch over date.



If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your telecoms provider directly.



Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and/or use a telecare device connected to a phone line?

If yes, then please contact the Telecare Team at Orkney Islands Council.

Tel: 01856 873 535. Extension 2635

The Digital Phone Switchover



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What you need to know

Other Devices

If you have other devices connected to your phone line that you may have purchased, such as alarm systems, you might need to upgrade your device to make sure it is compatible.

If you are unsure about how a device in your home or business might be affected, it is recommended you contact the equipment supplier or device manufacturer to find out whether it will remain functional on a digital phone line.

People who use health monitoring or telecare devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work.

Key Points To Remember

If you have any queries or have no means of making emergency calls you need to **contact your communications provider**.

If you have a telecare alarm please contact the telecare team at Orkney Islands Council: 01856 873 535 Extension: 2635

Check with the appropriate equipment manufacturers if you have any other devices supported by your existing telephone line (such as intruder alarms) to check it will work digitally.

Most telecare alarm providers will have upgrade plans, if your phone line has or is due to be upgraded by your communication provider let them know.

In a Power Outage

Digital landlines cannot carry an electrical power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. If you have a mobile phone this can still be used, but if you've no other means of calling the emergency services your telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

You should tell your telecoms provider now if you have no other way of making emergency calls.

Scams

There have been incidents reported of scammers contacting vulnerable users in relation to digital migration.

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

Contact is usually by letter and charges are only applied to normal invoices. If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a caller, just hang up and call your communications or telecare provider to report the incident, using a trusted phone number, such as the one on the bill.



27th January 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOB VACANCY—STRONSAY AIRFIELD

Relief Airfield Attendant, Rescue and Fire Fighting Crew

Hours are offered on an as and when required basis. £15.03/£15.45 per hour (including Distant Islands Allowance). A shift allowance will be paid for unsocial hours worked where appropriate. Closing date Sun 8 Feb.

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/orkney-islands-council/jobs/relief-airfield-attendant-rescue-and-fire-fighter-457568>

SCHOOL SPORTS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Stronsay Jr High School - Naomi Bremner



(Photo from The Orcadian)

VAN AVAILABLE FOR CHARITY WORK

The Pomona Prefect logo peedie red van is available for charity work on the island if anyone needs a man and a van and wants to help the island reach the target. Saturdays service and cost for this is suggested as £10 per hour min donation for half hour units. All to the Stronsay Defib fund. No live animals, persons transported or dirty, sloppy stuff carried. Limited load and not a taxi service. This is a temporary thing to raise money and not a challenge to any services on the island. Call Mick for all taxi work and Sinclair Haulage for freight!

Also, if anyone needs their car karcher jet washed and vaccuming and then can do at Ellerslie as you pass for a donation to same Defib Fund. Cost is £10 per basic body wash and wheels rinsed and boot/inside vacced. Limited to cars. No monster trucks, panel vans, lorries or camper vans sorry.

This charity service will be hopefully available until there are enough defib machines in position with the people trained to cover us all 24/7. Availability is limited to Saturdays.

Any questions and to book give me a call.

Nicandro J. Porcelli, Ellerslie. Telephone or text to - 07732 276046

ISLAND LINK OFFICE

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

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

I look forward to seeing you, but if you are not able to call into the office I can be telephoned on 616446 or by email to stronsaycc@gmail.com

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
12 February 2025

If you see something in the Limpet that is inaccurate or no longer valid
please drop a line to "*The Editor, Claremont KW17 2AR*"
or email editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk

Records of a Bygone Age
Stronsay's Side Schools
Part 8 – A new chapter at the North

In last month's article we left the island mourning the sudden death in 1908 of teacher Margaret Tolmie. Mrs Tolmie had been the sole teacher at the North School since it opened in 1878 and had become something of an island institution during that time.

Following Mrs Tolmie's death Miss Margaret Cooper from Tifmaka, a Pupil Teacher at the Central, stepped in to teach at the North until a new appointment could be made. For this temporary appointment she was paid at a rate of 12/- (60p) per week plus another 1/- (5p) for cleaning the school.

The vacant post was advertised at a salary of £55 but, with no suitable applicants, was readvertised a few weeks later at an increased salary of £75 for a certificated teacher.

WANTED, for STRONSAY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL, a FEMALE TEACHER. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum, if certificated; or if provisionally certificated under Art. 60 or 79 of the Code of 1906, £70 per annum, with free house and garden. Applications, with testimonials, to be lodged with the Clerk before 1st April next. To commence duties as soon thereafter as possible.

Mrs Helen Flett, a 36 year old widow from Fyvie in Aberdeenshire, was later appointed to the post, moving into the schoolhouse with her 5 year old son Eric.



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This photo of the North School pupils with their teacher Mrs Helen Flett is thought to date from around 1910. Names are:

Back Row: Billo Williamson, Robert Miller (Hunton), Tom Heddle, Jim Caithness, Jim Miller (Hunton) Oliver Corse, Eric Flett, Mrs Flett (Teacher) 2nd Row: Patty Williamson, Jim Leslie, John Norquoy, Robert Leslie, Andrew Burghes (Smiddy), Willie Heddle. 3rd Row: Teenie Norquoy, Lilia Watt, Mary Corse, Maggie Shearer, Georgina Shearer, Bessie Reid, Nannie Reid. 4th Row: Maggie Reid, Andrina Laird, Beenie Fiddler, Tina Reid, Georgina Liddle, Jeannie Swanney. There are eight boys in the back row but sadly we only have seven names so can't identify which is which. Can anyone help?

In September 1909 Mr Reid of Viewfield was appointed as cleaner at the North School at a rate of £5 per year, a considerable increase on Miss Cooper's 1/- (5p) per week! His duties were listed as: sweep the school every day; light fires each day in season; wash out the school floors not less than every 3 months; wash seats and woodwork at least once a year and clean the offices.

The HMI report of May 1914 was again very satisfactory, with the inspector noting '*This school, as far as discipline and instruction are concerned, is in good order. Reading, especially in the lower classes, requires more attention to secure some fluency and phrasing, and I read your response to what is desirable. Writing and arithmetic are well taught, and the written composition of the top class is worthy of a special mention.*' The report also noted that the flooring was quite done and should be renewed and cleaned more frequently and also that a stove in one end of the school wasn't sufficient to heat the building. The report the following year noted that the school continued to be well taught and that there was an improvement in reading and oral subjects generally. The inadequate heating of the building was again brought to the School Board's attention.

At a Board meeting in 1915 it was noted that the United Free Church had for some time been given free use of the North, South and Rothiesholm Schools for use as Sabbath Schools and it was agreed that in future the janitor of each school should be paid 10/- (50p) per year for the extra work involved with this.

[Mrs Flett, who had been teacher at the North School since the death of Mrs Tolmie in 1908, resigned her post in May 1917 to move back south.](#)

A pleasing and interesting ceremony took place at the North School, Stronsay, last week, when the pupils presented their teacher, Mrs Flett with a silver entrée dish on behalf of the past and present pupils who had received instruction at her hands. The occasion was in consequence of the early departure of Mrs Flett from the island. Miss Barbara Corse and Miss Lena Swanney made the presentation on behalf of the subscribers, and in a few well-chosen remarks expressed their high appreciation of Mrs Flett's pains-taking efforts on their behalf.

Before Mrs Flett left the island she was presented with a silver entrée dish on behalf of past and present pupils, as noted in the Orkney Herald at the time.

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Mrs Flett was followed in post by Miss Adaline Foubister, but more of her later.

The Orkney Library and Archives holds a log book from Stronsay's North School covering the period from 2nd June 1905, at which time Mrs Margaret Tolmie would have been headmistress with a roll of around 30, until 12th October 1933, by which time Miss Frances Drever was in charge and the roll had fallen to just 8. I found this to be a very interesting record of the school and times of that period and much of the following information has been extracted from it.

A feature of the log was the importance given to attendance levels, marked each morning and afternoon, with those absent with no reasonable excuse quickly being identified and their parents spoken to. The main absences were weather related and illness related, where any significant illness had to be ratified by a medical certificate. The school appears to have been visited at least once a fortnight by the local 'School Board Officer', later called an 'Attendance Officer', with the first of those whose name appeared in the log being one Alex Chalmers, followed later in the log records by William Clyne and then Peter Twatt. The main duty of this officer appeared to be to view the attendance record and check if any pupils were absent without a valid excuse, recording this and reporting back to the School Board at their regular meetings. The school was also visited, seemingly once a term, by the School Board Clerk who at that time was Robert Miller.

The school, like all others receiving State educational grants, was also visited regularly by His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools and the first such inspection recorded in the log took place in October 1905. This seemed to be a very satisfactory report, recorded as '*The school is taught with painstaking kindness and the general progress has been satisfactory. Reading is fairly fluent, much suitable poetry has been learned and the answering in Geography is accurate and full. The oral work of the junior pupils is very promising, and might with advantage be extended to include more continuous narration. Exercise books have been carefully examined and corrected, but sum setting and writing are both somewhat lacking in neatness and will require attention. Singing and Drill are good. The demeanour and conduct of the children leave a pleasing impression.*'

As recorded earlier, headmistress Margaret Tolmie had died very suddenly in February 1908 and the school was closed for a week as a mark of respect. It reopened under the guidance of Pupil Teacher Margaret Cooper until a new teacher was found in the shape of Mrs Helen Flett.

To compensate for lost attendances due to Mrs Tolmie's passing and previous closures due to bad weather the school opened on Saturdays throughout May, a move which probably failed to find favour with the 28 pupils on the roll at that time.

Epidemics of many sorts which led to school closures were an ongoing theme in that log book, with scarlet fever in 1907, German measles, followed soon after by typhoid in 1909, mumps in 1911, influenza in 1912 and whooping cough in 1914.

Particularly severe and long lasting snowstorms in the winter of 1908/09 and again in 1909/10 affected attendance very badly, with the school opening on some Saturdays once more to help compensate for missed school time.

19th May 1910 saw the school closed as part of a day of National Mourning following the passing of King Edward VII and later that year attendances were again recorded as very low due to '*pupils kept home to help with fishing and taking up tatties*'.

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By May 1913 the school roll was hovering around the 40 mark, seemingly the highest it had been for some time, and still being taught by one teacher. The log book entry for 9th May 1913 records that the two highest classes, 23 pupils in all, had left for the Central School and that in future no Standard IV would be taught in the North School. (I think this Standard IV would have been 10 and eleven year-olds.) Despite this transfer, with the intake of new pupils to the school the roll still stood at 33.

While on the subject of numbers on the school roll, it's worth recording an anecdote related by Caroline Fotheringham (nee Fiddler). Her father John Fiddler, she recalled, lived at Rose Cottage in the Lower Station and started his school career at the North School around 1904. On arrival for his first day of school there was no desk available for him so he spent the day sitting on a sheet of cardboard on top of the coal bucket! Needless to say, his parents were not best pleased with this and the following day he went to the Central School, never to return to the North.

Another visit by His Majesty's Inspector of Schools on 27th May 1914 produced the following report:

'This school, as far as discipline and instruction are concerned, is in good order. Reading, especially in the lower classes, requires more attention to secure some fluency and phrasing, and a readier response in oral work is desirable. Writing and arithmetic are well taught, and the written composition of the top class is worthy of special mention. A stove in one end of the school does not sufficiently heat it. The flooring is quite done; it should be renewed and scrubbed more frequently.'

Another HMI inspection was carried out in May 1915 and commented that 'The school continues to be well taught. There is an improvement in Reading and oral subjects generally.' It went on to state that 'The attention of the Board is again called to the inadequate heating and to the necessity of washing the floors etc. every month rather than three times a year.' This seems to have had the desired effect as the floor was replaced and the interior painted during the 1915 summer holidays, although there is no record of any improvement to the heating.

Scarlet Fever hit the island once more in the spring of 1916 where the log entry for 25th April reports that all children from the Station from Ebenezer down were excluded due to the epidemic. By 6th May this had extended to all the Stronsay schools being closed, reopening on the 22nd after being thoroughly disinfected. Numbers attending were low due to ongoing fears of the fever and the schools were all closed again on 5th June. Although the other schools all reopened on 19th June, the North School remained shut for a further week, with the school summer holidays being reduced by a month to help compensate for lost attendance. Attendance was affected badly once more in December that year, this time because of measles.

As noted previously Mrs Helen Flett, who had been teacher at the North School since the death of Mrs Tolmie in 1908, resigned her post and was to leave the island In May 1917. All schools in the island were granted a half-day holiday on 28th April to allow teachers and pupils to attend the sale of Mrs Flett's furniture and goods at the North Schoolhouse.

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The vacant post was advertised in June 1917 at a salary of £70, together with a free house and £5 War Bonus. With no suitable applicants responding to this, the salary offered was later increased to £80. This enhanced salary must have been more attractive, with 24 year old teacher Miss Adaline Foubister from Kirkwall taking up the post in August.

Part 9 will be in next month's Limpet
Ian Cooper
January 2026

STRONSAY HERITAGE SOCIETY

We would like to express our thanks to Ross for providing space in the Ebenezer Stores porch for the Charity Shelves – it is such a great asset to the island in helping to support local good causes. Also, of course, a huge thanks to the fantastic group of ladies who keep everything organised, tidy, and make sure the cash donations received get passed on to our local charities.

The Heritage Society has been really grateful for the use of the shelves over the past few months and are delighted to announce that we've now received the landmark figure of £1,000 in donations!

Thanks so much to everyone who continues to donate items for the shelves, and to those who buy them. Your support means a lot and makes a real difference.

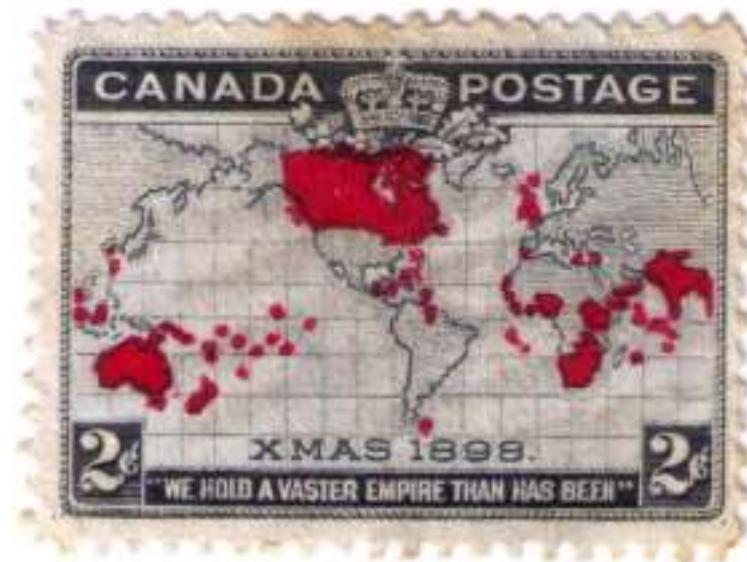
Future funds raised from the Charity Shelves will now be going to another brilliant local project at the Stronsay Men's Shed.



Donations of surplus new items or good, clean used items of any kind are always very much appreciated and if you see anything you fancy on the shelves just pop a donation in the red cash box and take it home with you!

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A report from your councillor at the start of an uncertain year.



Above is shewn (enlarged) the world's first Christmas postage stamp, issued by Canada in 1898 to inaugurate the Imperial Penny Post. It would cost you one penny (1d), or 2 cents in Canada, to send a Christmas card or letter (up to ½ oz) to most of the British Empire (but Australia & New Zealand had to wait until 1905), which is marked in red on the world map illustrated on the stamp. Today, the cheapest you can send a letter within the UK amounts to 208.8 times this figure; a multiple of 792 will get your Christmas card to Canada at the international economy rate, and you will be stung with a hefty factor of 816 to send it to anywhere in Europe! The penny post was discontinued in 1918, shortly before the British Empire reached its vastest.

2026 is the 250th anniversary of when thirteen British colonies on the east coast of North America took the decision to exit the British Empire. How wise that decision was (especially considering current events) can be judged by comparison with the control scenario to the north, where the colonies remained loyal and retained their ties with the United Kingdom (and still share our head of state, King Charles III). Now, where would you rather live right now, the USA or Canada? Forget the MAGA madness, sensible US citizens should be getting behind MAGBA (Make America Great Britain Again)!

Closer to home, 2026 is the year of the Scottish Parliament elections, which will take place on Thursday 7th May. (Why are elections always held on a Thursday?) To be eligible to vote in this election you need to be either a British or Irish citizen, or other foreign national permitted to enter or stay in the UK, and have reached the age of 16 on the day of the election. You also need to be registered to vote, so make sure you are on the Orkney Islands Area Register of Electors. If in doubt, you can contact our Electoral Registration Office by telephoning 01856-876222 or by e-mailing ero@orkney.gov.uk. You can also register on-line at <https://www.mygov.scot/voting-in-elections-in-scotland/register-to-vote>. Don't forget that there are no polling stations in the North Isles, so unless you are able and willing to travel into Kirkwall on the day, you'll need a postal vote.

On the council front, 2026 started quietly, beginning with a meeting of the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group, at which I asked about ensuring that Orkney College's rodent management courses (an essential requirement if you wish to purchase professional-use rodenticides) are accessible to Isles residents. (For information, please e-mail ocshortcourses@uhi.ac.uk.) Other meetings I've attended recently include a seminar on the use of mobile digital devices in schools, a screening of the Scottish Government's budget announcement, an internal transport forum (with island transport reps), and a seminar by Places for People in relation to our Strategic Housing Investment Plan.

The Scottish Government's proposed budget (if approved) will be good news for our ferry replacement plans, with another £8,000,000 in the offing which we can put towards our Phase 1 (ships for Eday, Sanday, Stronsay & Westray) procurement. You can find full details at <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/latest-news/behind-the-headlines-ferry-replacement-programme/>.



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available on-line at clackson.info



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“IMPROVING THE CANCER JOURNEY” (ICJ) SERVICE

NHS ORKNEY

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

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

Non-clinical concerns may include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: ork.icj@nhs.scot

Phone: 01856 888084 (Public Health Department)

Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) Service

Improving the Cancer Journey is here to support anyone living in Orkney that has been affected by cancer, with their non-clinical needs.

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



01856 888084 (Public Health Department)



ork.icj@nhs.scot

THE FLETCHER SAGA

Bruce Fletcher

22 years ago today (31 Jan 2004) Maureen and I set out on our journey north from North Yorkshire to Orkney. I wrote an account of our journey and the first seven years of our stay on Stronsay and named it “The Fletcher Saga”. You can read it on my web page www.claremontstronsay.co.uk.



Patient Advice & Support Service

Use your rights
Know your responsibilities
Share your experience
Make a difference

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau
Anchor Buildings
6 Bridge Street
KIRKWALL
KW15 1HR
01856 875266



Do you have any feedback or comments, concerns or complaints about NHS Scotland?

We can help

www.pass-scotland.org.uk

The **Patient Advice & Support Service** provides information, advice and support to patients, their carers and families about NHS Scotland healthcare. It is an independent service which is free, accessible and confidential.



More information and resources at
www.pass-scotland.org.uk



Call us on
0800 917 2127



Contact us via email
www.pass-scotland.org.uk/contact/



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



Right Care Right Place

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

To check your symptoms visit:
nhsinform.scot

NHS inform  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Check your symptomsFind local services and opening timesHealth advice to help you stay well	NHS 24 Online App  <ul style="list-style-type: none">A handy app to help you check your symptoms and find your nearest service	Mental Wellbeing  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Help for mental wellbeing: nhsinform.scot/mind-to-mindBreathing Space: 0800 83 85 87For urgent mental healthcare call NHS 24 on 111	Pharmacist  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coughs, colds, and sore throatsAches, pains and UTIsDiarrhoea or constipationHelp if you run out of your repeat prescription	Optometrist  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Red and/or sticky eyeBlurred or reduced visionFlashes and floaters	Dentist  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Injury to mouth or teethSwelling in mouthToothache and general dental advice	GP Practice  <ul style="list-style-type: none">A range of clinicians, including doctors and nurses, to help you with both physical and mental health issues	Minor Injuries  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cuts and minor burnsSprains and strainsSuspected broken bones and fractures	999 or A&E  <ul style="list-style-type: none">For emergencies including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suspected heart attack or strokeSevere breathing difficultiesSevere bleeding
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Isles residents concessionary travel scheme



Are you?

- Age 65 +
- Disabled
(must meet disabled person criteria)

You may be entitled to 24 free ferry journeys per year

Who do I contact for further information?

Transportation Service
Marine Services and Transportation
Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration
Orkney Islands Council
School Place
KIRKWALL
KW15 1NY

Tel: (01856) 873535

E-mail: ferryvouchers@orkney.gov.uk

Web: www.orkney.gov.uk



TRANSPORT LINKS

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The concessionary card holder is the only person permitted to use the Ferry Services Concessionary SmartCard. It is not transferable. Allowing someone else to use the card to access free travel is fraud and your entitlement to free concessionary trips on board Orkney Ferries may be withdrawn.

For full terms and conditions please visit:
www.orkney.gov.uk/transport

Please note that your personal details will not be used for any purpose other than for the local concessionary travel scheme operated by Orkney Islands Council and Orkney Ferries Ltd.

A large print black and white version of this leaflet is available on request from Orkney Islands Council.



ISLES RESIDENTS CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME



www.orkney.gov.uk/transport

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R100 BROADBAND EVALUATION



The Scottish Government is assessing the success of **R100**, a government funded programme which is **extending access to faster broadband across Scotland**.

To inform this, we are surveying households and organisations who:

- Are **scheduled to receive faster broadband access**
- Have been **provided with faster broadband access and have taken up the connection**
- Have been **provided with faster broadband access but have not taken up the connection**



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot



To determine if your property is impacted by the programme, and complete a survey, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation> or scan the QR code below:



The deadline for all responses is 3 March 2025

Please email R100Evaluation@stantec.com if you have any further questions.

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

Quit Your Way Orkney Stop Smoking Service



Quit Your Way Orkney is your free, friendly, local NHS stop smoking service.

Support from Quit Your Way Orkney includes:

- Help to develop a personal 12-week quit plan
- Support to develop plans to change your habits and control cravings
- Regular contact with a specialist stop smoking advisor
- Encouragement and advice on maintaining your quit
- Advice on correctly using stop smoking medications
- Free access to a range of stop smoking medication
- Telephone or video call appointments (using NHS Near Me)

Get started today

Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800

0356344 (Freephone number)

Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot

Online: scan the QR code below



You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

Have you been supported by Quit Your Way Orkney before?

If you have used our service before and returned to smoking we will support you again, without judgement, to quit your way.



Let's talk about smoking Stopping smoking saves money



The savings below are based on a 20 a day smoker quitting in 2023



Get support to quit and save from Quit Your Way Orkney:

Email: ork.quityourway@nhs.scot

Phone: 01856 888084 or 0800 0356344 (Freephone)

Online: scan the QR code using your phone camera



You can also visit your local **community pharmacy** or **GP Practice** for free stop smoking support

BAYVIEW TRANSPORT LTD

Summer Timetable effective from Tuesday 22 April

South

- 8:35 Russland
- 8:37 Sunnyside
- 8:38 Blinkbonny
- 8:42 Odiness junction
- 8:44 Vat

North

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

SAVE OUR SCREEN MACHINE!

Without urgent investment, the Screen Machine mobile cinema service will end.

Please donate to our fundraising campaign to secure its future at:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/save-our-screen-machine

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

[Frequently asked questions](#)

SCAA - SCOTTISH CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE

Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance responds, on average, to two time-critical emergency call outs every single day. We are a national charity and receive no statutory government funding, so rely 100% on donations from the public to fuel our life-saving flights across Scotland.



MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

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

For further information go to web page <https://orkneylibrary.org.uk/mobile-library>,
send an email to library@orkney.gov.uk or telephone 01856 873166.

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

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY - LIFEGUARD TRAINING

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you

SWIMMING POOL - OPENING TIMES

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsaypool>

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

To book a private hire phone Elsie on 616238.

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

SWIMMING POOL—OVERSEERS WANTED!

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

HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

<https://tinyurl.com/stronsayhlc>

LOCAL BUSINESSES

SINCLAIR HAULAGE LIMITED

Contact Details



General Enquiries: info@sinclairhaulage.com

Accounts Enquiries: accounts@sinclairhaulage.com

Livestock Bookings: livestock@sinclairhaulage.com

Phone: 01857 600 404

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

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

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

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

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SINCLAIR HAULAGE LTD

Now introducing Skip Bags!

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

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

All shipping and waste disposal costs included in the price.



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

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

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

To order:

Email info@sinclairhaulage.com

Or call **01857 600404**

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Livestock Bookings

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

livestock@sinclairhaulage.com

OR calling:

01857 600404

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

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

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FISHMART CAFE

Opening Hours

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

Find us on socials @Fishmartcafe

call- +44 7549 009107



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FISHMART CAFE

BREAKFAST

MENU

FILLED ROLLS

Bacon	£3.50
Sausage	£3.50
Fried egg	£3.50

TOAST

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

PANCAKES

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

BAGELS

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

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

FULL BREAKFAST

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

STRONSAY MASSIVE BREAKFAST

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

Additional items 50p each

Available 8am-12 Daily

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FISHMART CAFE MENU

MEAL DEALS

Kids lunch plate £5.50

Includes a sandwich with any 2 fillings, a snack (options available) and any soft drink.

Panini meal £8.50

Includes a sandwich with any 2 fillings, a side salad or bag of crisps, and any drink.

Sandwich meal £6.00

Includes a panini with any 2 fillings, a side salad or bag of crisps, and any drink.

BAKED TATTIE

Baked Tattie £8.50

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

OTHER

Chicken Burger £8.50

Chicken burger in a roll with mayonaise & lettuce. With a side salad and chips.

Chicken wrap £8.50

Chicken, mayo, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce. With a side salad & chips.

Sausage & chips £8.50

Sausages and chips with a side of beans or peas.

Chips £2.50

Cheesy chips £3.50

SANDWICHES/PANINIS

Sandwich £4.00

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

Toastie £4.50

Toasted white, brown, or seed bread with a choice of 2 fillings.

Panini £6.00

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

SOUP OF THE DAY

Soup & a Roll £5.50

Soup of the day with a bread roll and butter.

Soup & sandwich £7.50

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

Soup & panini £8.50

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

KIDS SPECIALS

Mini panini £5.50

Miniature panini with a choice of 2 fillings and a bag of crisps.

Chicken strips £6.00

Chicken strips with chips and a portion of peas or beans.

Sausages £6.00

Sausages & chips with peas or beans.

Available daily 11-2.30

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FISHMART CAFE **DRINKS**

COFFEE

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

TEA

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

MILKSHAKES

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

Thick milkshake with squirty cream and sprinkles

Chocolate, Strawberry, & Banana

SEASONAL SPECIALS

See specials board

SOFT DRINKS

All cans	£1.40
See drinks fridge for available options.	
Carton	£1.20
Orange, Apple, Ribena.	

J20	£1.50
Apple & Mango, orange & passion fruit, apple & raspberry.	
Orange &	
Apple juice	£2.50
Falkington's glass bottle	

ICED COFFEE

Caramel	£3.00
vanilla	£3.00
Available Decaff	

HOT CHOCOLATE

Standard	£3.00
luxury	£3.50

Available Daily

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Stronsay Hotel

"Winter Bar Opening Hours"

Lunchtime

Evening

Monday.....	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Tuesday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Wednesday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Thursday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 10:30pm
Friday	12noon to 2:30pm	5pm to usually 1am
Saturday	12noon to 2.30pm	5pm to usually 1am
Sunday	12noon to usually 10:30pm	

We serve food every day

Takeaway Service Available

Lunchtimes 12:00 to 2.30pm

Evenings 5:00pm until 8:00pm

Sunday Open from 12 Noon to 6:30pm

Contact: 07585 907314

Email: thestrongsayhotel@hotmail.com

Website: www.thestrongsayhotel.co.uk

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Happy Feet Foot & Ear Care



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

Happy Feet Foot and Ear Care

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Tel: 01857 616 469 Mob: 07741 778 750

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

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

Contact Craig or Christine for more information.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



REDHOUSE PLANTS MARKET GARDEN

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

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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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
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**An Ocean of
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Awaits.**

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DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES

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

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



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

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

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

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

GTCS, DBS and PVG Scheme registered.

Valid, current Safeguarding and Prevent certification (updated 12.08.25)

References available.

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

Reviews

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Holmsgarth Crafts



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



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

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Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarislandsoap.co.uk

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES



**Taxi
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Island tours
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Contact Mick

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01857 616 376**

www.bayviewtransport.com

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

<https://www.bayviewtransport.com>

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for

Portraits - groups and individuals
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See Stronsay Markets on YouTube https://youtu.be/8e6sz_Z2eQU

Roger at Stronsay Markets



Local seasonal soft fruit and vegetables

Grown naturally without artificial fertilisers, pesticides or weed killer

Cropped same day (usually)

Check out Facebook "Stronsay Markets"

Contact me on stronsaymarkets@gmail.com and I can add you to the regular list of
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Gas Safe Registered Engineer Plumber

Services include:

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- Landlords gas safety checks
- Bathroom fitting
- Bathroom supply
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Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



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Oil boiler servicing, repair and replacement

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

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

All my work is covered by the OFTEC Competent Persons Scheme

Why would you use anybody else?

Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email ebenezer@stronsay.org

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



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

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STRONSAY KIRK

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

Contact Kirk Secretary:
elsie.dennison@live.co.uk

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

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS:

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

Contact details for all OIC Councillors:

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

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

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

Mass times are as follows:-

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

STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

- [Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 \(poor audio quality\)](#)
- [59° North](#)
- [Links House, Stronsay: Finding the Mesolithic in Orkney](#)
- [Stronsay, Orkney](#)
- [The mystery of the Stronsay Monster](#)
- [Orkney—living and working](#)
- [1930's stone crushing machine in action on Stronsay](#)
- [Stronsay harbour \(taken from inside the harbour\)](#)
- [Five reasons to visit Stronsay](#)

STRONSAY CHESS CLUB

Meets from 12 to 2pm every Friday in the Fishmart Café
Chess sets provided

USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
Post collection times Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
Bank (RBS) Thursday 9:30am to 3pm (closed 12-1 lunch), phone 616262
OIC Special collection. . . . Mon 9 Feb 2026
Stronsay Island Link Office. . . . Wed 10am-noon, tel 616446, email stronsaycc@gmail.com
SDT Office Wood's Yard 10am - 11am Mon-Fri. Phone 616410
Sunday service at the Kirk Every week at 11am, see website <https://tinyurl.com/strkirk>
Our Lady's Chapel, pier head Mass: Sun & holidays 11am, Tue 8am, other days 11.20am
Next mobile library van visit Mon 16 Feb 2026. <https://tinyurl.com/orkmobilib>
Weekly rubbish collection Every Thursday, bags to be out before 8am, NOT night before
Recycling skips nearly full? Send email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
Forward scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk
Stronsay's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488>

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

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