



## **LATEST GP ROSTER**

Mon 19 Oct to Sun 1 Nov - locum GP, Dr Richard Fowles.

Mon 2 Nov - Sun 22 Nov - Dr Alison Lievsley

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## **MESSAGE FROM STRONSAY SURGERY STAFF.**

As we all move towards the 'new normal' all clinical staff will continue to wear PPE when seeing patients, both in the surgery and on home visits. This will include plastic aprons, gloves and masks.

It would be appreciated if patients attending the surgery would wear face masks wherever possible.

Thank you,

Stronsay Surgery.

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## **FOOD BANK REFERRALS**

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

If you are facing financial difficulty and struggling to afford food, please get in touch with us so that we can make a food bank referral for you. These are extraordinary times which nobody was prepared for so please don't feel embarrassed at asking for help, there are so many others in the same situation. To request a referral you can email the following address:

[bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk](mailto:bureau@orkneycab.casonline.org.uk)

Our service is free and confidential.

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## **TOILET AND WASHING FACILITY FOR KEY WORKERS**

Due to the current situation and all public toilets being closed (understandably) we would like to offer the use of the bathroom at Cleat Cottage (house empty) to any KEY WORKERS who have to come to Stronsay - oil deliveries, BT, etc. Soap and paper towels available. Please pass the word around.

Sheena Cooper

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## **HOW TO CONTACT THE *LIMPET***










Send an email to [editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk](mailto:editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk) (preferred method); phone Bruce Fletcher on 616297 (after 10:30am & before 9pm, please!); or write to *The Limpet*, Claremont, Stronsay, KW17 2AR.

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The next edition of the *Limpet* will be published on **Thu 26 November**. Items for inclusion in that edition should be submitted by 7pm on **Sun 22 November**. Contact details are on the back page. The Limpet's website address is <http://www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk>

# Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms



| Symptoms  | <b>Covid-19</b><br>Symptoms range from mild to severe | <b>Flu</b><br>Rapid onset of symptoms | <b>Cold</b><br>Gradual onset of symptoms |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
|  <b>Fever (37.8C or above)</b>   | Common  | Common                                | Rare                                     |
|  <b>Fatigue</b>                  | Sometimes   | Common                                | Sometimes                                |
|  <b>Cough</b>                    | Common (usually dry)                                  | Common (usually dry)                  | Mild                                     |
|  <b>Sneezing</b>                 | No  | No                                    | Common                                   |
|  <b>Aches and pains</b>        | Sometimes   | Common                                | Common                                   |
|  <b>Runny or stuffy nose</b>   | Rare  | Sometimes                             | Common                                   |
|  <b>Sore throat</b>            | Sometimes   | Sometimes                             | Common                                   |
|  <b>Diarrhea</b>               | Rare  | Sometimes (for children)              | No                                       |
|  <b>Headaches</b>              | Sometimes   | Common                                | Rare                                     |
|  <b>Shortness of breath</b>    | Sometimes   | No                                    | No                                       |
|  <b>Loss of taste or smell</b> | Common  | No                                    | Sometimes                                |

## **ORCADES PRACTICE—STRONSAY BRANCH**

In an emergency phone 01856 888000

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Please phone as usual if you require an appointment on 616321  
or email [orkney.stronsay@nhs.net](mailto:orkney.stronsay@nhs.net)

All appointment requests are being triaged by Admin through the GP who will then contact you and give you an appointment if you need a face to face consultation. These arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

### **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS** **CORONAVIRUS RISK REDUCTION**

Until further notice:

- No more paper requests to be handed in.
- Please phone 616321 or email [orkney.stronsay@nhs.net](mailto:orkney.stronsay@nhs.net) to order.
- Check one week later to see if they have arrived.
- Time slots will be given for collection.

Thank you

Dr Rosalind Fisher, Dr Mandy Fry and Dr Alison Lievesley

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## **GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON FACE COVERINGS**

WHEN TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ayxdc6>

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM WEARING FACE COVERINGS

<https://tinyurl.com/y4e7gpgu>

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## **NHS SCOTLAND—CORONAVIRUS**

NHS Scotland website for information on coronavirus is

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

If in doubt phone the surgery on 616321

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## **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK**

Five level plan to vary rules for rapid but proportionate response to COVID-19

For full details go to <https://tinyurl.com/y5ec6nlm>

# TEST & PROTECT: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Following these steps is vital to tackle coronavirus in Scotland

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| <p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>RECOGNISE SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p>A new persistent cough, fever, or loss or change in sense of taste or smell means you should immediately begin household isolation.</p>   | <p><b>2</b></p>  <p><b>REQUEST A TEST RIGHT AWAY</b></p> <p>It is important to get a test as soon as possible. Visit <a href="https://nhs.uk/nhsinform/scot/test-and-protect">NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect</a> or call 0800 028 2816 if you cannot get online.</p> | <p><b>3</b></p>  <p><b>ISOLATE</b></p> <p>Isolate for 7 days from symptom start date, longer if fever continues and 48 hours after fever ends. Others you live with should isolate for 14 days.</p>  |
| <p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>GET TESTED</b></p> <p>When isolating, you should only leave home to get tested. There are various ways of having this done.</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p>  <p><b>GET RESULTS</b></p> <p>They should be with you within 48 hours.</p>   | <p><b>6</b></p>  <p><b>PROVIDE DETAILS</b></p> <p>If you have coronavirus, NHS contact tracers will contact you to confidentially ask who you have had contact with recently. If you don't have the virus, you and your household can stop isolating.</p> |
| <p><b>7</b></p>  <p><b>NHS INFORMS CONTACTS</b></p> <p>If you have coronavirus, the NHS will contact the people you have had close contact with. Your name will not be shared unless you give permission. All data will be held safely and securely.</p> | <p><b>8</b></p>  <p><b>CLOSE CONTACTS ISOLATE</b></p> <p>They will be asked to isolate for 14 days from the last time they had contact with you.</p>  | <p><b>9</b></p>  <p><b>HOUSEHOLD OF CLOSE CONTACT</b></p> <p>If the close contact has no symptoms, others in their household don't need to isolate. If the close contact develops symptoms, they should follow this guide starting from step 1.</p>      |

If you do not have community or family support and need essential help, call the National Assistance Helpline on 0800 111 4000 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or via textphone on 0800 111 4114. The helpline is for those who cannot leave their home or get the help they need elsewhere.

For current health advice and more information about the Test & Protect service visit [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://nhs.uk/nhsinform/scot/test-and-protect)





## **PLASTIC RECYCLING**

The Stronsay Plastic Recycling Trial inaugurated in 2019 for a twelve-month period has come to an end. The container used for recycling types 1 (PET) and 2 (HDPE) plastic has been removed from the recycling area located in Whitehall Village and there are no plans for this to be returned at the present time.

The trial was run in conjunction with Orkney Islands Council, Stronsay Development Trust and Stronsay Community Council.

The results of the trial are not yet known and residents are advised that for the time being plastic items be deposited in the household waste for collection every Tuesday.

Alternatively these can be taken to the Hatston recycling centre where containers are available for recycling plastic items.

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer  
25 September 2020

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## **RECYCLING SKIPS**

From OIC Updates on Facebook:

"Isles Residents - To help us plan and schedule skip collections, you can notify us at [recycling@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@orkney.gov.uk) when skips are nearing full and we will pass on the information to our Operations Team to arrange collection."

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## **ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND**

"There will be no Royal Bank visits until further notice.

Also we have set up 2 dedicated tel numbers

0800 051 4177 for anybody in isolation

0800 046 6734 for all NHS staff

Both lines are open 8-8

I hope you are all keeping well, and it won't be too long before I am back.

Lois"

## **RECENT BIRD SIGHTINGS**

As regards migration, this Autumn has been a bit of a flop! The east winds promised by the forecasters time after time did not materialise, and as a result, many of the smaller bird species normally recorded on the island at this time of year did not turn up. It has been a very similar Autumn to that of 1989 in this respect.

But as ever there were a few surprises and probably the best of these has been the most recent – Whooper Swans have arrived in big numbers. including a group of 40 birds on the Matpow Loch. Over 100 have been seen on the Lea Shun loch and a small number on the Meikle Water. Good numbers of duck have also arrived and the wintering waders are back in abundance in the pastureland – several hundreds of Golden Plover and Curlew – all in areas recently vacated by the Greylag Geese.

Don Peace and Julie both saw a Snowy Owl at Samsonslane/Bay on 29th September – ‘As white as my geese.’ in Don’s words. And at the other end of the spectrum a party (‘Funeral’) of Ravens developed at Gesty around the same time. There were big arrivals of Robins from the continent which are now well-distributed around the farmyards and gardens.

A mixture of finches began to arrive in early October including Siskins, Brambling and Chaffinches, and single Hawfinches were found feeding in gardens - at Cliffdale and Gesty Dishes (Clearly different birds – see photos). Amazingly single Water Rails were seen in both gardens later in the month! (See photo of Gesty Dishes bird).

Warblers were few and far between but there were half a dozen or so Yellow-broweds (See photo), and one or two Lesser Whitethroats and Chiffchaffs. A few Stonechats arrived in mid-October and 3-4 Ring Ouzels were seen – all briefly as usual! Two Red-backed Shrikes were seen – both in gardens – at Lower Millfield and Slap, but both were as ever very wary and difficult to photograph even from the confines of the car! (see photos).

Another encouraging sign has been the number of Hen Harrier sightings – daily – and at least three different birds have been present, including at least one adult male (‘grey’ bird).

Donald Omand saw a Common Crossbill at Lower Samsons in mid-October and a Little Grebe (Dabchick) and drake Pintail at the Matpow Loch on 22nd, by which time there were good numbers of thrushes arriving in the NE airflow – mostly Redwings, followed by mainly Fieldfares and Blackbirds.

And just in time - 4 Long-tailed Ducks in Mill Bay alongside the reserve on 25th!  
Thanks for all the calls. John & Sue.

*(Photographs start on next page)*



*'Hawfinch on the lawn at Cliffdale. (Brian Richings)'*



*'Hawfinch on the lawn at Gesty Dishes. (Clare Fowler-Potts)'*



*'Water Rail in the Gesty Dishes garden inspecting a Guineafowl feather (C F-P)'*



*'Red-backed Shrike at Lower Millfield.'*

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*‘Male Red-backed Shrike at Slap’*



*‘Male Stonechat in the garden at Castle’*



*‘Redstart at Holin Cottage.’*

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*'Spotted Flycatcher at Holin Cottage'*



*'Yellow-browed Warbler at Holin Cottage'*

The last three birds were photographed from inside the car  
within five minutes of each other!

# STEPHEN CLACKSON'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL PLACE (CURRENTLY WEST MANSE)

*Reporting on what your councillor is doing virtually and really as the Covid-19 crisis continues*

To keep up to date with the latest Council news and Covid-19 information as it pertains to Orkney, please check OIC's website at <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/> . Don't forget also to read *The Orcadian* and listen to *BBC Radio Orkney*.

For business support, telephone 01856-886666

or e-mail [business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@orkney.gov.uk) .

For Orkney Ferries information see <http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/> or ring 01856-872044. For inter-island flights see

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/T/internal-air-services.htm> or ring 01856-872494 / 873457.

NHS Orkney has information at

<https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information> .

For Covid-19 testing telephone 01856-888211. For OIC's Homelessness Service ring 01856-873535 or 07921-582962.

The Scottish Government's guidance is located at

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/> .

The "R number" represents the average number of new infections caused by a single infected individual. It is a measure of the rate of spread of an infection through a population. Importantly, the value of R depends on human behaviour, hence my recent letters to the press condemning our Council Leader's reckless statements about the Covid-19 containment policy.

Westray Golf Course may claim to have the UK's longest hole (738 yards, par 6), but here at Sanday's West Manse we have what is believed to be Scotland's shortest golf course. Appropriately (or ironically), its sole hole is dedicated to Charles Russell Clayton Ross, Baron of Biggar, who once played it whilst visiting his aunt, the late Mrs Binkie Bell of West Langamay.



*The tee to the first (and last) hole at midnight at the winter solstice*

In a seminar on Orkney's bus services, I advocated that Orkney Ferries (renamed "Transport for Orkney") take on the running of Orkney's buses as a first step towards achieving integrated transport for our islands. Although efficient integrated transport systems are normal all over the continent, it seems to be a step too far for the collective Orkney Islands Council mindset.

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Our Policy & Resources Committee (P&R) went on all day until nearly 6 pm! Reiterating my point that the North Isles Ward possesses 48% of the coastline of Orkney and therefore deserves 48% of Orkney's Crown Estate Scotland revenue funding (see July issue of my *Letter*), I did not support OIC's Climate Change Officer post being financed from this fund, but I did support £15,000 from that fund being awarded to Shapinsay Development Trust towards its Island Housing Project.

The Special General Meeting to appoint a new chief executive (for which we were suitably spaced-out in the New Phoenix Cinema) was the first meeting since "lockdown" that we have actually attended physically. It went on for even longer than the abovementioned P&R meeting—over 11 hours! And after due deliberation, we decided not to appoint any of the candidates.

It has taken two years, but at last, at the Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting, it was announced that my suggested new comments/complements/complaints card (see picture below) is soon going to be issued. I have managed to arrange that complaints will still be able to be made via e-mail without the rigmarole of registering on "My Orkney" (although this option will be available too, along with phoning and writing), and also in person (once normal times return) at the island link offices.

At a Special General Meeting about the Islands Growth Deal, I expressed my extreme concern that the proposed Orkney-specific projects disproportionately benefit the Stromness & South Isles Ward (the Council Leader's ward)—a concern that was elaborated upon further by Cllr Heddle. Unfortunately, commercial confidentiality limits what we are able to reveal publicly.

Other meetings I have attended virtually this month include: a members' session with the Chief Executive; Eday CC; Papay CC; a meeting between councillors and our senior management team; Orkney Ferries Board; Westray CC; a ward meeting of the three North Isles councillors, and Stronsay CC. I was also interviewed on BBC Radio Orkney about the Island Games.

Community council meetings coming up: North Ronaldsay; Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay; Sanday, and Shapinsay.

Congratulations to Heather Woodbridge on her election. She has usurped me as the youngest of the North Isles councillors!

Keep well and carry on,



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



You can download *Letter from School Place* from [lfsp.pbworks.com](http://lfsp.pbworks.com)

OPEN  
NOW

# STRONSAY POP UP HERITAGE CENTRE

The Stronsay Heritage Committee is pleased to announce the reopening of the pop up Heritage Centre and ask the following

- Only one family unit or "bubble" at a time within the centre
- Please use the sanitiser provided, hand washing facilities can also be found at reception if required
- Do not touch any of the displays or artifacts
- Enjoy and pass the word on



Situated in the Village of Whitehall, the centre showcases Stronsay's maritime history, specifically related to the herring industry. Stop by to see pictures of Stronsay as it was with 4,000+ people living on island. The pop up centre offers the community and visitors the opportunity to influence the permanent Stronsay Heritage Centre by providing a chance to comment and give feedback on existing displays, add ideas and offer suggestions on future displays.

#### Contact us

01857 616410

Email

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

#### For further information

Entry is free but donations towards the maintenance of the displays are greatly appreciated





# CROSSROADS ORKNEY

and



We would like to help ease the loneliness and difficulty of lockdown for Dementia sufferers and their carers at home. We have a variety of puzzles, crafts and activities which we can post or deliver. All free of charge. If you know someone who could benefit from this or wish more information please call Crossroads 870500 or Lorna Reid 781329

## Records of a bygone age

### The wreck of the Charlotte

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1883, the Bremen registered barque Charlotte left Antwerp bound for New York with a cargo of pig iron, steel wire and a large number of empty petroleum casks. The 1370 ton vessel, under the command of Ship's Master E Gutschmuths, was three days into her journey when a strong south-easterly gale blew up, with the resulting weather and sea conditions leading to poor visibility which in turn made navigation extremely difficult. Early in the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> February when, by the captain's reckoning, they should be making passage through the channel between Orkney and Fair Isle, a light was seen intermittently in the distance but it was found impossible to ascertain if this was on land or the lights of another vessel. Being unsure of his true position but suspecting that this could be Fair Isle, the captain took the fateful decision to alter course to pass this light on his starboard side. A few minutes later, land and breaking seas were seen dead ahead and, still under the impression this could be Fair Isle, (this must in all probability have been the point of Grice Ness on Stronsay, about 40 miles south west of his estimated position) the captain again altered course to port, but sadly only minutes later, around 4 o' clock in the morning, struck hard in the little bay known as the Sandy Geo on the north side of the Mill Bay, just a little south of the point of Grice Ness.

It was fortunate that the vessel grounded there, where the seabed was reasonably flat, and not to have taken bottom further north on the point of the promontory where jagged rocks rose steeply from the seabed and where the combination of dangerous rocks and the heavy seas running at the time would soon have caused her to break up completely, with little hope of the crew reaching safety. Having grounded at around low water, she was slowly driven further ashore as the tide rose, hammering on the rocks all the while, and by eight o' clock that morning the decision was made to cut away the foremast which, when done, carried part of the mainmast along with it. This cutting away of a mast was fairly standard practice to help stabilise the hull of a vessel which had taken shore and was aimed at reducing the risk of the ship rolling over.

With the ship in a perilous condition and in danger of breaking up at any time, the 25-

strong crew abandoned ship, all reaching shore safely, while the Captain made the decision to stay with his ship. The following evening, it was reported that the mate had decided to return to the vessel at low tide and was now back on board. Next morning, the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, he was to be seen standing on the foredeck waving a flag as if for assistance but, with a heavy sea still running, the weather was too severe for a boat to put out to him. The ship



*The Charlotte would have been a ship similar to this.*



was now rapidly breaking up, with the keel having parted from the rest of the ship and being driven well up the beach, while the rest of the ship could be seen to be cracked in three places.

By the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, the captain and mate had been taken off the vessel and, with the storm now eased, surveyors had an opportunity to inspect the Charlotte at close quarters. They noted that she was lying on rocks with seven feet of water alongside at low water, the hull was badly strained and that she was waterlogged between the fore and main masts. Their recommendation was that the vessel should be sold, as the expense to attempt to refloat and repair the ship would be more than her value. This recommendation was soon acted upon, with adverts placed in the local press offering her for sale by public auction:

**SALE OF VALUABLE WRECK**

*To be sold by auction, on Wednesday, 28th March current, at Stronsay, Orkney, the HULL and MASTS of the ship Charlotte, 1,371 tons register, and her whole MATERIAL and OUTFIT, comprising Anchors, Chains, Spars, Sails, Ropes, Canvas, Water Tanks, Stores, Donkey Engine, Furniture, Boats and Provisions; also, a large quantity Dunnage Wood.*

*Ship believed to be built of Oak and Pitch Pine, fastened with yellow metal bolts below water line, and is sheathed with yellow metal about 23 feet up.*

*Steamer Orcadia leaves Kirkwall for Stronsay a.m. on the day of Sale. For further particulars, apply P. S. Heddle, Lloyd's agent, Kirkwall.*

The 'yellow metal' referred to, an alloy of 60% copper and 40% zinc, was stronger and considerably cheaper than pure copper bolts and sheathing and was widely used in ship construction from the mid-1800s on. The fact that she was sheathed with this metal 'about 23 feet up' gives some indication of the sheer size of this vessel! Dunnage wood was apparently low value wood which was used to help store and secure the cargo in the hold or to fill any voids to help make up a full cargo.

It was reported the following week that "*The hull of the German barque 'Charlotte', wrecked at Stronsay, Orkney, was sold by the underwriters on Thursday, and purchased by Provost Reid, Kirkwall, for £480.*"

Much of the cargo had been salvaged, presumably by J&W Tait's of Kirkwall who carried out salvage work at that time and who advertised the cargo for sale:

*FOR SALE, about 150 Tons of BLACK STEEL WIRE salvaged from the "Charlotte" of Bremen, stranded at Stronsay, Orkney Islands. Said Wire is suitable for Fencing and other purposes, and will be exposed for Sale by Public Roup on Wednesday the 16th day of May current (weather permitting) at 1 o'clock P.M. in one or in such other lots as may be fixed on at the sale.*

*For further information apply to Messrs J. & W. TAIT, Merchants, Broad Street, Kirkwall; or to Mr WILLIAM COWPER, Victoria Street, there.*

With much of the farmland of Orkney still to be partitioned off into fields as we see them today, I'm left wondering just how much local demand there would have been for 150 tons of black fencing wire which had been immersed in salt water for some considerable time!

The empty petroleum barrels were also successfully salvaged but this too wasn't without its problems as, on 28<sup>th</sup> August that same year, the cargo ship SS Queen from Aberdeen, on its way to pick up the salvaged casks, grounded on a shoal close to Whitehall Pier while coming into the harbour under the guidance of a pilot. She was got off without damage, loading the next day before heading south complete with a cargo of 2000 empty barrels.

At 1370 tons, the Charlotte was a large ship, not dissimilar in size to the Edenmore which was wrecked on Papa Stronsay 26 years later but, unlike the Edenmore, there seems to be no local folklore attached to this vessel or its salvage. The only local snippet that I believe could be relevant to the Charlotte came from Ingram Shearer of Airy as related to him by the late Bill Miller. who told of his father and another local fisherman discovering a quantity of



pig iron 'in the ebb' at the back of the Village, some of which they picked up and used as ballast for their fishing boats. As there was no mention of the pig iron the Charlotte was carrying being salvaged, there is a strong possibility this could have been some of her cargo which may not have been worth the effort of salvaging at the time. We'll likely never know now, but it would be interesting to go down there some day to have a 'rake about in the ebb' to see what can be found!

If anyone has any further information about the 'Charlotte' I would be delighted to hear of it, either by giving me a phone on 01857 616322 or emailing [ian.cooper56@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cooper56@gmail.com)  
Ian Cooper  
October 2020

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## **SCOTTISH BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME (SBVS).**

The SBVS will ensure that every address in Scotland has the ability to access a superfast broadband connection by the end of 2021, regardless of whether or not it will ultimately receive a superfast connection through the other two strands of activity.

This webpage has details of the scheme:

<https://scotlandsuperfast.com/how-can-i-get-it/voucher-scheme>

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## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Orkney Islands Council is advising that special collections for the non-linked Islands of Orkney will begin again after being suspended due to the pandemic. The collection dates for Stronsay are week commencing 2 November 2020, 7 December 2020 and 15 February 2021.

Special collections include items such as furniture, household electrical appliances such as white goods, rugs, garden furniture, bicycles and other portable household items.

By using My Orkney, island residents can book and pay for a collection online, or alternatively special collections can be made by contacting customer services on 01856 873535 ext 2903.

Payment for collection is required prior to uplift and only items that are on the request form will be collected by the contractor.

The council would like to thank the public for their patience as we continue to seek ways to re-establish services due to the challenges faced during these unprecedented times. For more information go to:

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>

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## **COMMUNITY WELLBEING COORDINATOR**

Appointments can be made to meet with the Community Wellbeing Coordinator on 12 November and 24 November, from 9-12 am. All social distancing guidelines will be followed. Please call 410 to make an appointment or email [sdtwellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:sdtwellbeing@gmail.com).



## FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

### THANK YOU

#### Coffee at Cleat 2020

Absolutely delighted to say the final total is £626.30, this will be split between Macmillan cancer relief (Orkney) and RNLI. Many thanks to everyone who supported this in any way, maybe next year will be back to normal !

Sheena and Sinead

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### THANK YOU

Many thanks to SSE (mainland and Stronsay staff) and to Orkney Ferries (crew & pier staff) for arranging the midnight delivery of a generator which then enabled the island to receive an electricity supply without having to wait until the fault was traced and repaired.

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### WANTED

I am looking to come to Stronsay in Feb/March 2021 to stay for a year. I hope to rent a one or two bedroom place and wondered if anywhere was available.

Feel free to contact me directly for further information.

[mike.hannam@rediffmail.com](mailto:mike.hannam@rediffmail.com)

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### WANTED

Hi there, I just wondered if rental property with land is available on the island at all? Looking for a place on the islands for myself my five year old daughter and our animals. We are looking at properties to buy too but should we be able to rent that would speed up our progress. I work from home so can live anywhere but a rural place with plenty of space and some land around it is what we are looking for. I am registered with agents but there seems very little available.

Many thanks.

Anna Holland ([annacholland@icloud.com](mailto:annacholland@icloud.com), Scottish Borders)

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# FOR SALE, WANTED, THANK YOU, etc

## BUILDING PLOTS FOR SALE

2 Building plots, Whitehall Village, Stronsay, Orkney

£35K each. Planning in principle for 2/3 bed bungalow plus 2 parking spaces. Electricity and water supplies are on site.

The plots are behind the village street making a secluded location but within easy walking distance of the shop, ferry, cafe and hotel.

The tried and tested practice on the Orkney isles for building is to buy a house kit and either have it erected by the supplier or our island contractor Castlehill Construction (who can also do the ground works)

For information about Stronsay, our lifestyle, its good school and other facilities please visit [www.visitstronsay.com](http://www.visitstronsay.com)

For further information about the sites please contact

- Sharon at Orkney Property Centre, Kirkwall on 01856 877866 or
- Dianne & Paul on 07785111126 or
- email [drileymoore@hotmail.com](mailto:drileymoore@hotmail.com)

Planning ref: 18/038/PIP on Orkney Islands Council planning web site



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# Fishmart Christmas Dinner

Come and join us for the winter holiday festivities

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Tables available from 12pm- 4.30pm booking essential

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Two courses £15.00 Adult / £8.00 Child under 10

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## LOCAL BUSINESSES



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## **LOCAL BUSINESSES**

### **STRONSAY HOTEL**

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- Tues, Bar closed
- Wed, Bar closed
- Thurs, Bar closed Takeaway available from 5pm.to 7pm
- Fri, Bar closed, Takeaway available from 5pm to 7pm
- Sat, Bar closed Takeaway available 5pm to 7pm
- Sun, Bar closed Takeaway available 5pm to 7pm

We know this is very drastic but it is a drastic time, hopefully it will not last too long.

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|---|-------|
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| Breaded wholetail scampi + chips . . . . .    | £6.50 |
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| 2 fish fingers + chips . . . . .              | £2.80 |
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| “Stronsay cheese beast burger + fries . . . . | £5.00 |
| Portion of chips . . . . .                    | £1.30 |
| Half portion of chips . . . . .               | £0.80 |
| Portion of cheesey chips . . . . .            | £2.10 |
| Half portion of cheesey chips . . . . .       | £1.10 |
| Portion of onion rings . . . . .              | £1.20 |
| Half cheesey chips = minus 20p                |       |
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### **HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

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Olivebank [m.williamson1@btconnect.com](mailto:m.williamson1@btconnect.com)

Stronsay Hotel [cjdbuk@gmail.com](mailto:cjdbuk@gmail.com)

Fishmart café [fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com](mailto:fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com)

For telephone numbers see the back page of this edition.

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

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

Mass times are as follows:-

- Sunday: 10.30am
- Tuesday: 8.00am
- All other days: 11.20am

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### **GOLGOTHA MONASTERY, PAPA STRONSAY** **DAILY STREAMING BROADCAST**

There is a daily streaming broadcast from Golgotha Monastery, Papa Stronsay.

<http://www.papastronsay.com/live>

The broadcast runs from 4pm – 7pm (the times shown are approximate):

- 4pm Short talk by one of the priests.
- 4:30pm Recitation of the Rosary.
- 5pm Mass.
- 6pm Further prayers and office of the day.

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# Scavenger Hunt



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

2PM – 4PM

**Start time 2pm at the Stronsay Fish Mart Café**

*Entry Fee: Donation of canned/package goods for the Orkney Foodbank*

**Teams of your 'bubble', no more than 4 adults on a team.**

**Social distancing in place; there will be just your team in your car.**

**You will need a vehicle & something to take pictures with ie smartphone**

**A bonus point for team fancy dress!**

**The rules and instructions will be given at the start 😊**

**£4 bacon and coffee deal from the Fishmart 1pm – 5pm**

**Normal menu available too!**



**Prizes for the winning team kindly donated from:  
The Fishmart, £45 voucher from Ebenezer Stores,  
Stronsay Hotel and Tropic Skincare with Sarah**

**Any questions or queries please ring Vicki  
07873 982648 or [vickicoats1975@gmail.com](mailto:vickicoats1975@gmail.com)**

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### **STRONSAY LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR**

Thank you so much to everyone who's taking part in Stronsay's first 'living' advent calendar. We hope to cheer up a covid Christmas by having a new Festive or winter themed 'window' display revealed every day during December. The windows or displays will be at various locations around the island. You will be able to drive around to see them all and hopefully enjoy a few extra surprises along the way! Some of these displays may have a wee extra feature - take your iPhone or iPad just in case!

A full list of dates and places will be published before the 1st Of December—watch this space!

Thanks again everyone, Hazel

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### **HEALTH WALK**

Stronsay Community Led Wellbeing would like to start up a Health Walk on Tuesdays at 10 am. To adhere to current guidelines it will need to be a small group, but hopefully will be able to grow as we continue out of lockdown. Is anyone interested?

Please be in touch via Facebook messenger or by calling 616495.

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**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**Ready for a bit of  
normality?**

Come along and see the bonfire and  
fireworks display up at the  
Community hall!

Why not bring along your fantastic  
Neepy lanterns for everyone to see?

**FREE FOR EVERYONE!**  
There will be a donation box at the hall  
We would be so grateful for any donations  
- Thank You! -



**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**FROM 7PM**

The community hall will not be open but please  
maintain social distancing throughout



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## STRONSAY CRAFTS CHRISTMAS 2020

We are sorry to announce that we will not be holding our Stronsay Christmas Craft Fair this year.

Instead, we would like to invite you to keep a watch out for regular posts on the Facebook pages listed below where we will be displaying and selling our products for the festive season.

We do hope you'll enjoy our best efforts to provide a local gift shopping opportunity.  
With all best wishes from the Stronsay Crafters.

Airy Fairy - <https://www.facebook.com/HazelAiryFairy>

All Things Heathen - <https://www.facebook.com/allthingsheathen>

Selkie Glass - <https://www.facebook.com/Selkie-Glass-1880517338873851>

The Wyrd Weaver - <https://www.facebook.com/orkneywyrdweaver>

Marion Miller Jewellery - <https://www.facebook.com/marionmillerjewellery>

Aurora Waves - <https://www.facebook.com/AuroraWavesOrkney/>

Star Island Soap & Textiles - <https://www.facebook.com/orkney.star.island.soap>

Stronsay Craft Trail - <https://www.facebook.com/Stronsay.Craft.Trail>

Craftship Enterprise - <https://www.facebook.com/craftshipenterprise>



## ***GROUPS, CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS***

### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Chair: Ian Cooper      Vice Chair: Shirley Whiteman

At the General Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held on Monday 19 October 2020, the attached list details the names and contact details of the Community Council office bearers for 2020/21, in addition to details of the other Community Council members.

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

The Chairman is elected from the members of their council on an annual basis and has responsibility to ensure the meetings of the council are properly conducted and for seeing that matters are decided so that subsequent action can be taken on the Community Council's instructions.

Community Councils are asked to establish a Transport Representative and a Planning Representative.

The Transport Representative represents the views of fellow residents and Community Council members at the Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forums which meet regularly with representatives from Orkney Islands Council and the North Isles Community Councils.

The Planning Representative is authorised to consult directly with the Planning Authority to obtain further information on applications for their area which they consider may be contentious, and once this information has been received, consult with other members of the Community Council.

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

The post of Island Link Officer operates under the auspices of Orkney Islands Council's Empowering Communities Project, to assist in the delivery and management of council services at a local level.

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

Colin McAlpine

ILO 24 October 2020

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### **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2020 AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER DETAILS**

| <b><u>POST</u></b>  | <b><u>CONTACT DETAILS</u></b>                                |
|---|--|
| <b><u>Chair</u></b><br>Mr. Ian Cooper   | Steenysheed,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AT.<br>tel: 616322        |
| <b><u>Vice Chair</u></b><br>Mrs Shirley Whiteman                              | St. John's Cottage,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AT.<br>tel: 616438 |
| <b><u>Planning Representative</u></b><br>Mr. Colin McAlpine                   | The Hill,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AT.<br>tel: 616446           |
| <b><u>Transport Representative</u></b><br>Mr Paul Riley                       | Tullimentan<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AE.<br>tel: 616416         |
| <b><u>Stronsay Development Trust Co-opted Director</u></b><br>Mr James Seaton | Thorfin,<br>Stronsay,<br>KW17 2AS<br>tel: 07470111871        |

Mr Cameron Fraser    Housebay, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ    tel: 616328

Mr. Damian Stout    Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT    tel: 616258

Mr Steve Weaver    The Old Manse, Stronsay, KW17 2AT    tel: 616375

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## **STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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### **ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.      Robert Laurence Binyon (1869 – 1943)

This year's Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

It is important the day will be marked, but the recommendation from Environmental Health is that only those laying a wreath should attend unless guidelines and the legislation changes.

Arrangements are in hand for wreaths to be laid by representatives from our community and the school.

Colin McAlpine  
Stronsay Island Link Officer  
15 October 2020

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### **Kirk Corner**

Dear all,

This month I would like to extend an invitation to communion. As many things nowadays, it will be an online Lord's Supper. We hope you can join us for it.

Other than that, we are already beginning to think about Christmas! Yikes! There is no doubt it will be a very different Christmas from what we know. However, we will try and make it as festive and memorable as possible.

To this end we are promoting, through this publication, the Orkney Presbytery's Malawi Christmas Gift Card Appeal. Please do read more about it and consider taking part.

As it is highly unlikely we are going to be able to gather for our usual services, we are hoping to create a Facebook Advent calendar whereby each day (apart from Sundays which will have the joint Kirkwall Council of Churches - plus Stronsay and Shapinsay! - services) a member of any of the three congregations worshipping together during the pandemic (Kirkwall East, Shapinsay and Stronsay) will share a video of a piece of music, a poem or a message on the theme of Advent or Christmas. If you would like to take part in that, please let me know and I will create a rota to make sure that every day sees something special prepared for it. Those Advent 'windows' will be published on the Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay Facebook page.

Have a blessed November meantime!

Rev Julia Meason, Interim Moderator (01856 874789, [jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jmeason@churchofscotland.org.uk)) |

Invitation to Communion

**On Sunday 22 November 2020**

A Communion Service will be held online at our Facebook page 'Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay' and the YouTube channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg\\_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA)

Please join us to share in the Lord's Supper

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at this table.

If you have a friend or family member who would like to receive communion please extend this invitation to them. They do not have to be a member of Stronsay or of any other church.

(you will receive communion in your home in bread and wine/juice which you had prepared)

*Then Jesus declared,*

*"I am the bread of life.*

*Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty".*

*St John 6:35*

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The Church of Scotland  
Presbytery of Orkney  
Malawi Partnership



Update for congregations - October 2020  
from the World Mission Committee

## REAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS, NOT VIRTUAL

This year's Christmas gift card appeal is now launched and the form is overleaf. The project is now in its twelfth year and has raised over £50,000 since 2009 to support frontline projects in Malawi. For those who it's new to, the concept is very simple and gives you the chance to send someone a "gift voucher" card, which will support our partner congregations in the Thyolo Highlands of Malawi. Simply choose how much you'd like to donate, fill in the form and we will send you a lovely Christmas card / certificate acknowledging the donation so you can gift it to a friend. Alternatively, we can post it directly to them saying that the donation has been made by you on their behalf. All forms must be received by Wednesday 9th December and cards will be posted on Thursday 10th December (two weeks prior to Christmas) unless you request them earlier, in which case we will send as soon as possible (from early November). If you wish to send outwith the UK please ask for the card to be delivered to yourself. If you want it to be sent to different people it would help if you could complete a separate form for each one (copies are fine) or make the instructions very clear. Please just call the number on the back of the form if you've any queries ... and, as always - thank you very much for your continued support. That's the Christmas shopping done!



### Orkney - Malawi Partnership



A donation has been made on your behalf by

**Betty & Jeemie Smith**

to support the work of our Malawi partner in the Thyolo Highlands Presbytery

Projects prioritised by our Malawi partners over the past year have included:  
distribution of PPE and other health education materials  
purchase of equipment for a new maize mill at Nakoma  
emergency food supplies following severe damage at Nakoma  
donation of computer hardware at Kasalagoda Primary School, Chitima, Handara and Namwala  
distribution of seedlings and tools to support community vegetable growing

**zikomo kwambiri**  
thank you very much

## SINCE LAST ISSUE



Joyous faces (above) to mark the community handover of Nthale borehole.

Ordination and induction of Rev. Feyner Bakali at the now partially roofed Makwasa Church. (right)



Solar power installed (above, right) in Matumbo Manse, which amongst other things saves the minister a 20km round trip to charge her phone.



(right) The newly completed borehole at Kasalagoda (Chitsime). This was paid for by funds raised across several Orkney congregations by June Freeth, including a recent donation from the East Kirk (Kirkwall)'s Fairtrade Group.



Presbytery's World Mission Committee currently comprises Sally Bartlowick, June Freeth, Iain MacDonald (Convener), Catriona Matheson, Liz McVicar and James Watson as well as the Moderator, Clerk and Business Convener. For details about the World Mission Committee or how to donate to any project please speak to any of the above or contact Iain: [imacdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:imacdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk) / 01857-677357.



If you'd like to support this year's Malawi Christmas Gift project  
(details overleaf) please complete this form  
(one for each person you wish the gift card to be sent to)  
and post or e-mail to the address below by **9th December**.

Your name : .....Your address:.....

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.....Postcode: .....

Your phone number (in case we need to contact you about this) : .....  
your details won't be shared with anyone else.

Amount you wish to donate (in whole pounds) : £ .....  
cheques should be made out to "Presbytery of Orkney"

Name of person you wish the card to be sent to : .....  
just write "self" if you want it sent to you at the above address

Address you wish the card to be sent to : .....  
If different from the address above

.....

.....Postcode: .....

Tick box if you want us to state the value of your gift on the card?

☐

Please tick as appropriate:

I wish the card to be sent as soon as possible ☐

Or

I wish the card to be sent on Thursday 10th December ☐

I have enclosed a cheque made out to "Presbytery of Orkney" for the amount above ☐

I am a UK tax payer and I wish this donation to be treated as Gift Aid ☐



Signature : .....Date : .....  
If giving by Gift Aid If giving by Gift Aid

send to The Manse, Hilldavale, Westray, Orkney KW17 2DW.  
Further details from Iain on 01857-677357 or [imacdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:imacdonald@churchofscotland.org.uk)  
**Remember - deadline for forms is strictly 9th December**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Presbytery of Orkney is a charity registered in Scotland 50014056

## HARVEST OF THANKSGIVING

Moncur Memorial Church is having an alternative Harvest thanksgiving this year.

We asked people to let us know what they are thankful for, and my thanks to everyone who responded. I think that they all show that despite these difficult times, we all have a huge amount to thank God for, and to be grateful for.

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I am thankful because:

I live on a beautiful, peaceful island where the houses are built to withstand the extremes of weather.

I live in a community where people are willing to help one another.

I can order goods via email from the island's well-stocked shops and pay via BACS after the goods are delivered to my door – I am particularly thankful for this as I've been "shielding" during coronavirus.

I have good neighbours who collect my prescriptions and give me lifts to/from the ferry when necessary.

The medical team at Geramount make house calls and always go the extra mile in handling problems with my long-term illnesses.

Specialists at Balfour Hospital provide advice and treatment as necessary.

Orkney Ferries provide me with safe transport to/from mainland.

Craigie's taxis provide me with a reliable service between the ferry and Balfour Hospital.

Castlehill Construction will turn out at all hours and in all weathers to deal with emergencies such as a burst water tank or a blocked drain.

SSE will make every effort to provide a continuous supply of electricity, carrying out repairs in all sorts of weather and providing generators if supply interruptions are lengthy.

I am sure that I have missed out other things for which I should be thankful but I think that is a representative list.

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We are grateful for the way Viv kept the shop going. That she continued to keep as much stock as possible - even though we know there were shortages. The orders were made up promptly - despite the fact that payment was delayed. She went the extra mile.

To Jim for keeping things going - bringing in goods so we could fill our time. We know he had precious little time in Kirkwall and that everything was a rush

To Tara and John for making, and delivering, meals to those that were shielding.

And, of course, to the posties, the first responders, to everyone who's played a part in keeping things as 'normal' as possible - in these extraordinary times.

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It's been a different sort of year with Covid 19 restrictions being a major feature. Of course, the rest of the natural world is taking no notice and the seasons come and pass regardless. I have enjoyed working with nature growing vegetables and being able to supply several individuals and the Peedie Larder project. Ironically, where the economy is taking a terrible hit, my plants have grown well and, in many cases, better than predicted. I retired from NHS work in April so have had much more time to get soil under my nails and gradually expand my growing area. I am very grateful for a good season where  
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plants thrived as well as my health to continue my love affair with growing food. It is a great time of year to reflect on the summer's produce but mindful that the winter produce is on its way and will need some attention too.

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I am thankful for family, friends, sports, living on a farm, having pets, our house, living in Stronsay, my clothes, food, the community, living near beaches and music.

I am thankful for Santa being able to get here, family, sports, living on a farm, having pets, being able to get food from my garden, food and Christmas.

I am thankful for those days with such gorgeous light that you feel that you can see every blade of grass in the field and every crack and rock in the cliffs.

For the amazing sunrises that are there to welcome us when we wake up these days and the earlier sunsets that signal winter is coming and the cozy nights in by the fire to come...and Halloween, and bonfire night, and Christmas!

Most of all I am grateful for every laugh I hear and smile I see.

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Things that I am grateful for.

I have so much to be thankful for.

Thank you for Stronsay, for the scenery, for the weather, both good and bad, for the sea, for the wildlife and the big skies. But mostly for the community and the amazing diverse people that live here.

Over the last few months we have demonstrated how strong that community spirit is, by the way that the elderly and vulnerable have been cared for. Thanks for the covid meals and veg. boxes and for deliveries of shopping.

Thanks for our two shops who willingly delivered groceries and didn't run out of pasta and toilet paper!

Thanks for our Doctors and Nurses, our Ambulance drivers and airfield staff who react so quickly and cheerfully when they are needed.

Thanks for the carers, both aid and unpaid, who allow our elderly folk to remain at home.

Thanks to Jim and Murdo who carried on going into Kirkwall to make sure we all had what we needed during lock down

Thanks for our pier workers, who have enabled our ferries to keep sailing.

Thanks to our Posties & Neil who deliver our mail and parcels in all weathers.

Thanks for the teachers and parents who have continued to teach our children, even when school was shut.

Thanks for the Hotel, Storehouse and the Fishmart who have kept going despite difficult restrictions.

Thanks to the Development Trust who have sourced various grants to help us.

Thanks to everyone else in the community who have kept going, kept cheerful, and encouraged each other.

We have so much to be thankful for!

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I am thankful for being able to live on such a beautiful island with large, empty beaches and big skies and weather that no two days are the same!

I am thankful for the community we live in where people care for and help each other, where people trust each other and doors are left unlocked and keys are left in cars.

I am thankful for the doctors and nurses, the fire brigade and first responders, and all the other services on the island which we depend on but often take for granted.

But most of all I am thankful for Jesus who loves us, cares for us and died for us.

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