



TIMETABLES

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

[Orkney Ferries - winter timetable 29 September 2025 to 2 May 2026](#)

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026

Orkney Ferries summer timetable starts	Sun 3 May
Bank visit	Thu 7 May
Spring Craft Fair	Sat 16 May
Stronsay Community Council—public meeting to elect 2 councillors	Mon 18 May
Citizens Advice Bureau visit	Wed 20 May
Bank visit	Thu 28 May
Stronsay Stitches	Thu 28 May
North Isles Sports Day followed by a dance	Sat 20 Jun
Stronsay’s Massive Weekend!	14/15/16 Aug
Craft Fair	Sun 16 Aug
Deal or No Deal	Sat 19 Sep
Bingo	Sat 3 Oct
Bonfire night & quiz	Sat 7 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 21 Nov
Christmas tree lighting	Sat 28 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Thu 31 Dec

THANK YOU!

Just a huge thank you to all those wonderful people who rallied round and helped out when I fell and broke my hip recently. From the doctor and nurse to the generous Stronsay First Responders and the amazing SCAA (Scottish Charity Air Ambulance) crew (*Ed: See SCAA fundraiser below*). On returning home I was very touched by the kindness of friends who provided meals, company and encouragement to get on my feet again. Special thanks to Ruth, Louise, Elsie and Doris and to all the members of the Stronsay Homecare team who have supported me. I am so fortunate!

Carole

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on **Sun May 31 2026**, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact details for the Limpet are on the back page of every edition.

Kenneth Thomson (Butch) 1946-2026



Flora would like to thank everyone on Stronsay for the cards and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Butch earlier this month; also to thank all the medical staff at Balfour for making his journey home possible. She also thanks the Stronsay medical team, first responders and home carers involved in his care.

Butch is being cremated on Thursday 7th May at 2.30pm at Mortonhall Crematorium in Edinburgh.



A public meeting will be held at
7pm on Monday, **18th May 2026**
at Stronsay Community Centre to elect to **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 more information on the public meeting procedure and/or the role
of a community councillor, please contact Democratic Services, OIC on
(01856) 873535 ext 2264 or email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

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!

Even though daylight hours are now lengthening and we are in British Summer Time, 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 produces a **monthly newsletter** to keep everyone informed about their projects, events, and community news. The April 2026 edition of the SDT newsletter is now available online at:

https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/SDT_Apr_2026.pdf

You can also **download a copy** from stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com. If you'd prefer a printed or emailed copy, please **contact the office** on **01857 616410** or send an email to admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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Damian STOUT Vice Chair	Linksness, Stronsay, KW17 2AT tel: 616258 email: damiienstout@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: stronsaycc@gmail.com

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer/Clerk
27 October 2025

GP ROSTER

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

Stronsay Spring Craft Fair



Saturday 16th May 2026
Stronsay Community Hall
1 pm ■ 4pm, free entry

Local hand-made candles, soaps, jewel-
lery, wildlife paintings, woven scarves,
island-grown plants, crafts charity stall
and more

Refreshments & bakes





ORKNEY Citizens Advice Bureau



Outreach Visits to

STRONSAY



Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 19th August

At Stronsay Development Trust Unit 1, Woods Yard



Free Advice & Support



Private Appointments



Free WiFi

Helping you find a way forward.

STRONSAY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FIELDWALKING 2026

It was great to have archaeologist Ben Elliot from the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) Archaeology Institute, together with volunteers from Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology (ORCA) visit Stronsay over the weekend beginning Friday 10th April.

This was aimed at continuing the fieldwalking project to add to the information gleaned from the work of the 2007 Stronsay Archaeological Survey and the 2024 fieldwalking project which were undertaken to evaluate the archaeological history of Stronsay and to attempt to form a clearer picture of Stronsay past.

This started in glorious weather on Friday afternoon in a 12 acre field at Midgarth, opposite the end of the road to Oddie. This whole field had previously been marked off, using GPS technology, into a grid of 10 metre squares, with the resulting straight lines of little red flags indicating the areas to be searched.

With this completed Ben and his team, ably assisted by a group of enthusiastic local volunteers, then began the actual fieldwalking. This involved walking slowly along the previously set transects searching for anything unusual that could only have been deposited over the millennia by the hand of man, with anything spotted being picked up, bagged and left beside the next red flag so that the finds could later be collected and the location accurately logged.

Among these finds were numerous bits of pottery and quite a number of pieces of worked and unworked flint, these found mainly on the side of the field nearest Linksness.

One of the highlight of the day for everyone was going to have a closer look at a fairly large stone built into the dyke nearby. This stone had been spotted by a sharp eyed Isaac Erdman a few years ago and, it was thought, could be an early example of 'Rock Art'. (in archaeology, rock art apparently refers to human-made markings formed on natural surfaces, typically vertical stone surfaces.) Following detailed visual and 'hands on' examination of this stone it now seems almost certain that this was made by human hand and not naturally formed indentations.



The large stone set into the dyke which, with apparent pick marks identified in the indentations, seems almost certain to be an early form of 'Rock Art'

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With the field completed and the positions of the finds all logged, they were taken back to GHQ (the polytunnel!) to be cleaned, re-bagged and recorded the next day.

A monsoon on Saturday put an end to any thoughts of fieldwalking for that day but we retired to the polytunnel to look at some of the finds from 2024 and to be informed and entertained by some of the visitors who explained what some of the finds were and how they would have been used.

We were also able to examine the previous day's finds and were shown how to wash or clean the items while ensuring that they never strayed far from the bag with their identification and location number on it!

Sunday again dawned bright and fair, although a bit windier than we would have wished for, and attention turned to an 11 acre field at Odiness which, although not quite as forthcoming as the Midgarth field in quantity of finds, still provided some interesting items including pottery, a few flints and what looked like two little 'shell middens', where a quantity of old and very fragile limpet and whelk shells were found.

With the ferry leaving early because of a poor forecast the visitors had to leave before scheduled on Sunday but Ben will be compiling a report analysing the finds and what they mean, and we look forward to his return in a few months' time to tell us all about it.

Some photos from the weekend, courtesy of Ben Elliot, are shown below



A beautiful day for walking the fields

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Some of the flints found



Another nice bit of flint on the left, then sheltering from the rain in the polytunnel. This was a very interesting session, with information being shared on previous and current finds, followed by a very informative session on cleaning, washing, bagging and recording the finds. (The old Orcadians were on the table to try to keep the items dry!)

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Some of the volunteers involved in the fieldwalking

ISLAND LINK OFFICE

The Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart, will be open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.

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

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

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

BANK VISITS

Bank visits are due on 7 May and 28 May

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.

Stonsay 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/stonsay-community-association>

Why not hire the Stonsay 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>

Records of a Bygone Age
Stronsay Lifeboat Station 1952 - 1972
Part 1 The Station reopens

I would like to begin this article by expressing my thanks to the terrific RNLi Lifeboat Heritage Team, to the ever-helpful Orkney Library and Archives staff and to the locals who have provided information, anecdotes and photos about the Stronsay lifeboats and crew. Their help and support has been invaluable.

Stronsay has twice had the privilege of being selected as a Lifeboat Station for the North Isles of Orkney and played host to lifeboats of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

An article in the *Limpet* away back in 2022 told the story of that first lifeboat, the *John Ryburn*, which was put on station in 1909. By 1915, with the 1st World War in progress and many of Stronsay's finest called away to help in the war effort, it was found increasingly difficult to guarantee a crew to man the lifeboat. Sadly, this meant the station was no longer sustainable and, on 12th June 1915, the Stronsay Station was closed - supposedly a temporary measure - and the *John Ryburn* moved to station at Peterhead.



The naming ceremony of Stronsay's first lifeboat, the John Ryburn, on 28th September 1909 which was held at the Corn Slip in Kirkwall

This temporary measure dragged on until 1922, when the closure was reviewed by the authorities and, to local frustration and disappointment, they concluded that there were still insufficient volunteers available to guarantee a crew.

After a gap of about 36 years and with the lack of lifeboat cover around the North Isles of Orkney increasingly a cause for concern, matters were brought to a head by the tragic loss of an Icelandic ship on 11th February 1952.

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This was the converted trawler *Eyfirdingur*, heading from Reykjavik to Antwerp with a cargo of scrap metal when she ran aground on Lashy Skerry, near the Calf of Eday. The Stromness lifeboat had been called to the scene but, after a four hour journey, was too late to help the stricken vessel and all seven of her crew were lost. The body of one of the crewmen, 25 year old Gudmundur Gestsson, was later washed up on Stronsay and is buried in the Lady Cemetery here.

It was felt that a lifeboat based in Stronsay, less than 10 miles from the scene of the tragedy, could possibly have saved the crew and this led to the RNLI again evaluating the situation and reviewing the possibility of basing a lifeboat in the North Isles. With strong local support, spearheaded by the persistent efforts of local Harbour Master Capt. E. H. Clements of Harbour House (later Helmsley), it was found that there were sufficient volunteers to form a crew and the RNLI agreed to re-open the Station at Stronsay.

Captain Clements D.S.C. was a seafarer who learned the ways of the sea apprenticed 'afore the mast' in sailing ships, A seaman for most of his life, he was very proud of the fact that he had rounded the Horn 5 times under sail and a further 11 times under steam! He had then commanded minesweepers during the first World War, was Kings Harbourmaster at Kirkwall in the second World War and, excluding those war years, was harbour master in Stronsay from 1934 until his retiral in 1958. This experience and enthusiasm saw him appointed as Honorary Secretary of the Stronsay Station, a post he was to hold for the next 19 years.

Very soon after the decision had been made to re-open the Stronsay Station a lifeboat that was operating in the relief fleet, the *Edward Z Dresden*, was assigned to take up station at Stronsay.

The *Edward Z Dresden* had been built in 1929 with a legacy left by Edmond Dresden of London, with the new lifeboat bearing his late father's name. On completion, this 45½ feet Watson class lifeboat was immediately placed on station at Clacton-on-Sea in Essex, where she gave sterling service until being added to the RNLI relief fleet in 1952. With twin 40hp engines capable of propelling her at in excess of eight knots and fitted with radio telephone, loud hailer, searchlight and a line throwing pistol, she was still a first class lifeboat despite the 23 years under her belt.



The Edward Z Dresden lying comfortably at anchor in her new home

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Before taking up her new post at Stronsay, she was refitted at a boatyard at Oulton Broad in Norfolk and it was to there that the lifeboat's new coxswain Tom Carter, together with some of the other Stronsay men who were to be crewing her, went to bring her home.

Under the overall command of the Lifeboat Inspector for Scotland, Lieutenant E D Stogdon, she made a number of stops to refuel on her way north, including Montrose, Fraserburgh and Wick, arriving in Stronsay on 30th October 1952.

With the lifeboat slip having reverted to the landowner in 1938 and the lifeboat shed on top of it demolished and sold a few years later, a new home had to be found for the lifeboat and it was agreed that she should be anchored offshore in Whitehall Village. This new mooring consisted of 3 anchors, each with a chain attached to a single ring, then a heavy chain from that ring to the lifeboat. On arrival, the *Edward Z Dresden* made fast to her new moorings which lay between the two piers and this was to be the lifeboat's permanent anchorage for the next twenty years.



The Edward Z Dresden at anchor between the piers at Stronsay with her crew fully kitted out and standing to attention.

*Left to right are: Coxswain Tom Carter, Sammy Reid, John Dennison, Sydney Swanney,
Jim Reid (Ping), Johnno Miller, Jimmy Stout and Ernie Fiddler.*

The *Edward Z Dresden*, as you may recall, was Clacton-on-Sea's lifeboat from 1929 until 1952. At the end of May 1940 she and her crew answered the call to help with the evacuation of our troops from Dunkirk and spent several days ferrying soldiers from the beaches and harbour of Dunkirk out to the larger vessels lying offshore in deep water. As well as the usual scuffs and scrapes that would be expected in this type of operation, there were also a number of bullet holes in her hull where she had been strafed by an enemy plane on her way back across the channel! 19 lifeboats had answered the call to help with the evacuation but a number of these were never to return to station.

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The Edward Z Dresden on the slip undergoing repair. This included filling up the bullet holes, smoothing out the scrapes and scuffs and giving her a new coat of paint after her rescue mission to assist with the Dunkirk evacuation in May 1940.

Around the time of the Lifeboat Station being reopened in 1952, what had been WP Drever's house and shop was leased by the RNLI as a muster room and store, with the first floor being earmarked as accommodation for the lifeboat mechanic.

It was in an ideal location, being just across the road from the West Pier and with adequate room on the ground floor for the crew to assemble and to store oilskins, boots, lifejackets and all the gear needed for maintaining and operating the lifeboat. This became known as the 'Lifeboat Hoose', with Sydney Swanney, the newly appointed lifeboat mechanic, living in the accommodation on the first floor along with his wife and daughter.

When the Lifeboat Station was eventually closed, the house was sold, with the new owners renaming it Cardinham House.

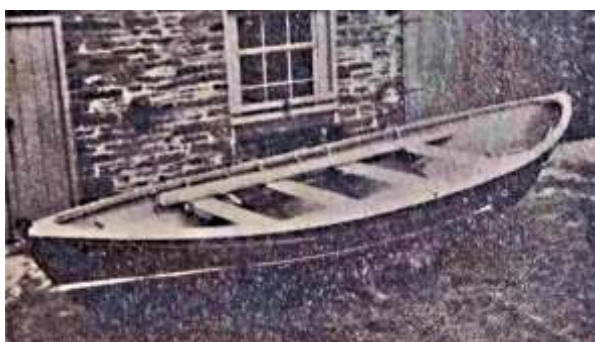


On the left is an old picture of what was WP Drever's shop and house, with WP Drever himself standing in the doorway. On the right is what is the same building, now a family home after it was no longer needed by the RNLI.

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Around the same time the RNLI commissioned the building of a new ‘landing boat’ for conveying the crew from the pier out to the lifeboat. This new 19’ (5.7m) boat had a beam of 6ft while only drawing about 1ft of water and was of the traditional Shetland skiff design, built of mahogany on oak beams in just 6 weeks by Stromness boat-builder James Anderson. The boat was painted in the RNLI colours and designed to take the crew of eight from the shore to the lifeboat where she lay at her moorings.

The landing boat, although of a good traditional design, was apparently not a particularly good sea boat and John Fiddler recalls one instance when wind and tide took the boat and, for safety, caused the crew to come ashore below the Fish Mart on the east pier instead of below the lifeboat house at the west pier. This boat was always hauled up over the shore and across the road to lie at the side of the Lifeboat Hoose when not needed but, despite the use of purpose made wood and metal rollers, she was also very heavy and difficult to launch and recover, particularly when the tide was out and the sea some considerable distance from the top of the beach.



The original landing boat, specially built for Stronsay Station. This was apparently a very big and heavy vessel and not a particularly good sea boat.



A smaller and lighter dinghy was later put into service as a landing boat. This photo shows her very heavily laden on a calm day.

Bill Peace recalls that, because she was such a heavy brute of a boat, two or three of the crew would often take one of the smaller dinghies berthed at the pier or hauled up on the foreshore out to the lifeboat moorings, then take the lifeboat back into the pier to pick up the rest of the crew. The original landing boat was eventually disposed of and a smaller square sterned boat used in its stead.

Part 2 will be in next month's Limpet
Ian Cooper
May 2026

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A reliable analogue report on what your councillor is doing on your behalf in a dubiously digital world.

On the 16th March, folk in six of Orkney's North Isles discovered just how vulnerable new technology has made them, when damage to the subsea cable between Evie and Westray cut off their Internet connection. Anyone who had migrated to fibre broadband suddenly found themselves disconnected, and this included their home telephone if they had opted for a "Voice over Internet Protocol" (VoIP) or "Digital Voice" service. (Those whose landline was still attached to the trusty old copper-wire network were spared, and they are probably very glad they'd not made the change yet!) This outage (or "outrage" as I branded it in *The Orcadian* of 26th March, page 6) has affected telecare, web-based registrations, tax submissions, remote working, on-line study, card-payment systems, Internet banking ... We have all been lured into becoming so reliant on digital services. With proper strategic resilience planning this outage would never have happened. A single point of failure is not acceptable for a service on which we all now depend so much. The Orkney Local Emergency Co-Ordination Group (OLECG) met from time to time to co-ordinate the response and recovery, although this primarily concerned Council facilities such as schools and Kalisgarth, and GP surgeries. I am disappointed they were unable to do more to assist the residents and households affected. I am also unhappy that they did not engage better with our community councils, who are our elected community representatives. In the vacuum created, our Island development trusts must be congratulated for stepping up to the crease. The photograph immediately below shows me able to carry on my council work thanks to Sanday Development Trust's NorseNet wireless Internet connection at Heilsa Fjold. The broadband service was eventually fully restored on the 20th April, but it's come to my attention that during this lengthy outage, BT has nonetheless been billing affected customers for their broadband packages as if their service had never been interrupted. As your ward councillor, I have been in touch with BT about this and have also asked about compensation, but they tell me they require every customer to contact them individually. To save time and frustration hanging on the telephone, you can contact them by e-mail at consumer-resolutions@bt.com



Owing to the Easter break, there have not been too many Council meetings this month, so I have taken the opportunity to get out and about engaging with other organisations: For example, I was invited to attend an evening meal with Scottish Government representatives from the National Planning Hub, and I received a warm reception at Warmworks to discuss constituent concerns. I also arranged a meeting with station commanders at Kirkwall Fire Station to talk about bolstering recruitment to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) in the Isles, and how I might assist. Almost all the islands (most notably Eday, as recently reported in the press) need more on-call firefighters to boost resilience. Remember, this is a paid position, so not only will you be doing your bit for your community, your bank balance will benefit too. More information can be found at <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/careers/on-call-firefighter/> or speak to a member of your local crew.

At the Meeting of the Education, Communities & Housing Committee, I noted how in 5 of the last 7 years, the National 5 examination pass rate in our Isles junior high schools has not only exceeded the pass rate in our two senior high schools, but also exceeded the Scottish average. I asked what our island schools are doing right. Although a clear explanation was not forthcoming, long may it continue! We were presented with the draft budget for UHI Orkney (formerly Orkney College), which can only be balanced by means of loans from OIC, thus incurring the additional cost of interest for the College. Given we agreed as a council to take responsibility for our college (the only council-owned partner left in the UHI), I proposed it is time we look into a deficit funding model along the lines of how OIC supports Orkney Ferries. I brought this up again at the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, and we have been promised a report on alternative funding models.

Other meetings I have attended at School Place include: a seminar on the mid-term review of our Council Plan 2023-2028 and our Delivery Plan 2023-2028; a confidential members' briefing; and a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee.

In the Isles, I've been along in person to meetings of Shapinsay Community Council and the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council. Whilst in Rousay, I was kindly given a tour of "The Space". The photograph below shows me sitting in a first-class railway carriage compartment installed there by the previous owner, the inimitable "John Shuttleworth".

Stephen

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Letter from School Place is also
available on-line at clackson.info

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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.



YOU ARE AN ORCADIAN IF...

- You park your car facing into the wind to prevent door damage when you get out.
- You take it as a personal insult if you have to show a card when writing a cheque.
- You refuse to acknowledge the existence of a Shetland version of Strip the Willow.
- Ferry journeys should be spent reading a book or sitting on a comfy seat rather than freezing outside.
- You understand that “*cla thee hole*” can be an affectionate tribute to your wit.
- “*Reed cans*” contain McEwan's Export.
- Scotland is not the mainland.
- You understand the merit of choosing your words carefully, then not saying them just to be on the safe side.
- You know there is no difference between a “*ruckle o stones*” and “*archaeological evidence of ritual practice*”.
- You eat Kettle Chips because the way they hurt your gums reminds you of Orkney Crisps.
- You find trees fascinating and stare at them in amazement.
- You feel faintly uncomfortable when there are no kye in ear-shot.
- 30-second pauses in the midst of a conversation are normal.
- You can hold a conversation for well over an hour consisting only of 30-second pauses and the words and phrases: *aye, u-uh, weel, beuy, this is it, just so, and graund day fir it.*
- Whisky is Grouse or HP.
- You know exactly what "3rd cousin, once removed, on my mother's side" means, and exactly to whom it refers.
- You are reduced to an incoherent, spitting rage by Gaelic language television.

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>

“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](#).

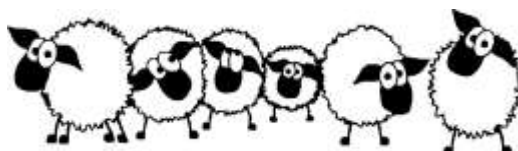
The referral forms can be filled in online and sent to the ICJ email address – ork.icj@nhs.scot.

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)

STRONSAY STITCHERS



Thursday 28th May 2026
7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments

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

STRONSAY CRAFT FAIRS 2026

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

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

15 Jun, 10 Aug, 5 Oct, 30 Nov

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

ORKNEY FERRIES = DRAFT TIMETABLES

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES

DONNA BLYTH EDUCATION SERVICES

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

Email: donnablyth@outlook.com 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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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.

Sheena Cooper is going to attempt 100 miles in May to raise money for SCAA. To support her go to this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheena-cooper-3>



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) VISITS

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

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

Upcoming Outreach Dates:

- Wednesday 20 May
- Wednesday 19 August

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

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

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

Any queries please do contact me at Shani@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com

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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LOCAL BUSINESSES


SINCLAIR HAULAGE LTD

Now introducing Skip Bags!

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

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

All shipping and waste disposal costs included in the price.



SKIP BAGS

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

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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**FISHMART
CAFE**

Opening Hours

From Monday 2nd February

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

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



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The Stronsay Hotel

"Spring Bar Opening Hours"

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

FOOD SERVED DAILY



Lunchtime: 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Evening: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Sunday: 12 noon - 6:30pm



~ Takeaway Service Available ~

Contact: 01856 700152

Email: thestransayhotel@hotmail.com

Website: www.thestransayhotel.co.uk

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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Happy
Feet
Foot & Ear
Care 

happyfeetorkney@outlook.com

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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- ★ Handmade Quilts, cushions & clothes ★
- ★ Beautiful, bespoke & personalised gifts ★
- ★ Handmade especially for you ★
- ★ Makower fabrics in stock £10 per metre ★
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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

Cooke
SCOTLAND

Fresh Salmon From Stronsay to the World

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

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

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

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

An Ocean of Opportunity Awaits.

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cookescotland.com/careers

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

Holmsgarth Crafts



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



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



Traditionally hand-crafted in Stronsay—soaps, solid shampoo bars, conditioner bars and balms. Hand-spun and hand-dyed yarns from Orkney fleeces, woven throws, wall-hangings and more.

Orkney Star Island Soap, Isles View, Stronsay, Orkney, KW17 2AG.

Tel: (+44) 01857 616 281

Email: info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk

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

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES



Taxi
Community bus
Island tours
Mobile mechanic

Contact Mick

07508884024

01857 616 376

www.bayviewtransport.com

bayviewtransportlimited@gmail.com

<https://www.bayviewtransport.com>

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Roger at Stronsay Photographic

Available for
Portraits - groups and individuals
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Tuition
Special commissions

Cozy studio with professional lighting
Home visits



Contact via Stronsay Photographic Facebook page and Facebook or tel 616228
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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
available produce

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**PATRICK
McGRATH
LTD**



**Gas Safe Registered Engineer
Plumber**

Services include:

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

Call Patrick on **07933 488283**

Email: patrickmcgrathltd@gmail.com



Ebenezer Oil Heating



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

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Why would you use anybody else?

Tel 01857 616207 Mob 07500682867 Email ebenezer@stronsay.org

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“NEIL’S ON WHEELS”



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

MOBILE: 07723 304 260



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LOCAL BUSINESSES



Livestock Bookings

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

livestock@sinclairhaulage.com

OR calling:

[01857 600404](tel:01857600404)

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

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1553904828107651>

HANDY EMAIL ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS:

Ebenezer Stores stronsaystores@gmail.com	616339
Olivebank m.williamson1@btconnect.com	616255
Fishmart café fishmartcafehostel@gmail.com	616401
Hotel & pub thestransayhotel@hotmail.com	01856 700152
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](#)
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STRONSAY CHESS CLUB

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

USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office opening hours . . .	Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 5:00pm. Sunday closed all day
Post collection times	Ebenezer post box 7:30am, Monday to Saturday
Bank (RBS)	Thursday 9:30am to 3pm phone 616262
OIC Special collection.	11 May and 3 August
Stronsay Island Link Office. .	Wed 10am-noon, tel 616446, email stromsaycc@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 15 Jun 2026. https://tinyurl.com/orkmoblib
Weekly rubbish collection	Every Thursday, bags to be out before 8am but 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

Stronsay phone numbers usually begin with 01857

Airy Fairy	616231	Silver Darlings	616412
Bank (<i>Thursday only</i>) . .	616262	Sinclair Haulage	600404
Community bus	07398 627742	Star Island Soap	616281
Community council	616446	Stranded seals, etc	616207/206/498
Companions Club	616438	Stronsay Band	616345
Craftship Enterprise	0778 511 1126	Stronsay Pub & Hotel . . .	01856 700152
Doctor	616321	Stronsay school	616246
Ebenezer Stores	616339	Stronsay taxi, school	616376 <i>or</i>
Ebenezer Oil Heating . . .	616207	transport, mechanic	07508 884 024
	<i>or</i> 07500 682 867	diagnostics & repairs	
Fish Mart	616401	Stronsay surgery	616321
Golgotha monastery. . . .	616210	Balfour hospital (24/7). .	01856 888000
	<i>or</i> contact@the-sons.org	Water problems (24/7) .	0800 0778 778
Hall bookings	616263	Electricity:	
	<i>or</i> annemaree.carter@btinternet.com	general enquiries	0800 048 3516
Highland Fuels	01856 873766	(lines open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)	
Island Link Officer	616475	problems (24/7) . . .	0800 300 999
Kirk secretary	616238	power cut (24/7). . .	105
Limpet editor	616297	Police (non urgent) (24/7)	101
Medical emergency	616321	Kirkwall Library	01856 873166
Neil's on Wheels	07723 304 260	Dentists:	
Manse	616284	Daisybank Clinic . .	01856 870547
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
Red House Plants	616377	Northvet	01856 873403
Scottish Fuels	01856 873105		
SDT office	616410 <i>or</i>		
	07904 578120 <i>or</i>		
Email Office@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com			

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