STRONSAY LIMPET

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TIMETABLES

Loganair - winter timetable (*25 October 2026 to 14 February 2027*)
Orkney Ferries - winter timetable (*28 September 2026 to 1 May 2027*)
Orkney Ferries - refit timetable (*3 January 2027 to 6 March 2027*)
Nordic Sea - winter timetable (*28 September 2026 to 31 December 2026*)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026-2027

Stronsay Small Animal Clinic at Erraid House	Wed 4 Nov
Mobile hairdresser visit	Fri 6 Nov
Bonfire night & quiz	Sat 7 Nov
Make and Mend Furniture Workshop	Sat 7 Nov
Tea and Tech Together	Thu 12 Nov
Possible mobile hairdresser visit	Fri 13 Nov
Stronsay Spinners	Sat 14 Nov
Make and Mend Christmas Sewing Workshop	Tue 17 Nov
Tea and Tech Together	Thu 19 Nov
Christmas Craft Fair	Sat 21 Nov
Tea and Tech Together	Thu 26 Nov
Stronsay Stitchers	Thu 26 Nov
Christmas tree lighting	Sat 28 Nov
Mobile library van visit	Mon 30 Nov
Hogmanay Dance	Thu 31 Dec
Orkney Ferries - refit timetable starts	Sun 3 Jan

MESSAGE FROM SHIRLEY

Thank you to everyone that has sent me cards & messages of sympathy following the loss of my dear Mum, it is very much appreciated at a very sad time x x

SHEENA'S MINI-MACMILLAN EVENT LAST MONTH

The final total paid into the bank was £977.
Thanks to everyone from Sheena, Sinead, Carrie, Anne and Jack.

The next edition of the Limpet will be published on ***Mon 30 Nov***, the deadline is 7pm on that date. Contact the Limpet via editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or "Claremont KW17 2AR".

DOMESDAY 2016 REVISITED!

Ten years ago the school produced a document illustrating life on Stronsay. It was to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the BBC's Domesday Project.

https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/DomesDay2016/DomesDay2016.pdf

The document contains lots of weel kent names, places and faces as well as a couple of pages from the school's 1986 version for the BBC's Domesday Project:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/domesday:



Stronsay School 1986

STRONSAY SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC
ERRAID STATION HOUSE

The next clinic will be on Wednesday 4th November. I will be available until the beginning of December for urgent care as well.

Please phone Northvet for an appointment on the clinic day, at other times you can use FB messenger or just find me.

Sadly this will be my last opportunity to look after Stronsay pets as I am stepping away from the profession at the end of the year. Northvet are hoping to continue to have regular clinics on Stronsay and will update you with their plans.

It has been a real pleasure to look after all your 4 legged friends but it is time for me to hang up my stethoscope.

Thanks for all the support you have given me.

Liz Askew

STRONSAY KIRK

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

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

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

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North

- 0830 Airport
- 0835 Council Houses
- 0838 Bayview
- 0841 School

South

- 0830 Sunnyside
- 0831 Blinkbonny
- 0832 Housebay Road end
- 0834 Odiness Junction
- 0836 Vat Pull in
- 0840 Holin
- 0848 Freehall
- 0852 Lower Leaquoy
- 0855 School

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I have for sale old but complete pristine 1st Class Greetings Royal Mail GB Stamp booklets. Each contains 10 valid stamps plus either 12 or 20 Greetings Labels. The price of £10 each booklet is almost half the latest cost of first-class stamps.

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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.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Damian Stout Vice Chair: Louise McQuaid

STRONSAY WAR MEMORIAL

Stronsay Community Council would like to thank the Ayre Offshore Wind Farm Community Donations Fund and Stronsay Development Trust for their generous donations towards work to clean and repaint inscriptions on the Stronsay war memorial.

Thanks are also extended to John G Corse, Funeral Directors Ltd. who will undertake the work, to be completed within the next six months.

The war memorial is an important and integral part of our community, honouring Stronsay service personnel who lost their lives in combat.

We shall remember them.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
3 September 2026

STRONSAY KIRK - HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Stronsay's Kirk held its annual Harvest Thanksgiving (aka Harvest Festival) service on Sunday 18 October. There was a magnificent display of produce and after the service the items were distributed to everyone on Stronsay over the age of 80.
(Photo by Ian Cooper)



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CONSULTATION

INTRODUCTION OF THIRD AIRCRAFT DRAFT TIMETABLES

COMMENTS INVITED

Attached are the DRAFT TIMETABLES for the third aircraft for final consideration before being presented to Committee for consideration and approval.

These are being circulated to the North Isles Community Councils, and around the North Isles, for feedback and comment.

Three options are presented for consideration.

- Option 1: current summer and winter timetables
- Option 2: Enhanced Service
- Option 3: Fully Enhanced Service (including a daily service to Eday)

The Transport Planner has advised that following discussions and feedback from Loganair's pilots and engineering team, Option 2 is considered the more achievable enhanced service, particularly in relation to aircraft maintenance requirements and scheduled checks.

You are invited to comment on the DRAFT TIMETABLES. Feedback should be forwarded to the Clerk, email stronsaycc@gmail.com by **SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2026.**

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk
15 October 2026

OPTION 2 **Winter Term Time proposal**

		Monday/Friday												Tuesday								
		A	B	A	A	B	A	B		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	A	B		B	A	B
Kirkwall	dep	07:35	08:25	08:35	09:20	09:30	10:15	10:30		14:20	15:00	15:10	16:10	07:35	08:25	08:35	09:20	09:30		15:00	15:10	16:10
Eday	arr									14:30												
Eday	dep									14:37												
Stronsay	arr			08:44								15:19				08:44					15:19	
Stronsay	dep			08:51								15:26				08:51					15:26	
Sanday	arr				09:33							15:31					09:33				15:31	
Sanday	dep				09:40							15:38					09:40				15:38	
Westray	arr										15:15									15:15		
Westray	dep										15:22									15:22		
Papa Westray	arr		08:40				10:30				15:24				08:40					15:24		
Papa Westray	dep		08:47				10:37				15:31				08:47					15:31		
Westray	arr					09:45												09:45				
Westray	dep					09:52												09:52				
North Ronaldsay	arr	07:52						10:47					16:27	07:52								16:27
North Ronaldsay	dep	07:59						10:52					16:34	07:59								16:34
Papa Westray	arr																					
Papa Westray	dep																					
Eday	arr		08:55																			
Eday	dep		09:02																			
Stronsay	arr																					
Stronsay	dep																					
Kirkwall	arr	08:16	09:12	09:00	09:53	10:07	10:52	11:07		14:47	15:46	15:51	16:51	08:16	09:02	09:00	09:53	10:07		15:46	15:51	16:51

		Saturday						Sunday				
		A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B
Kirkwall	dep	08:30	09:30	10:40	13:45	14:50	16:10	10:00	11:00	12:05	14:05	15:05
Stronsay	arr			10:49						12:14		
Stronsay	dep			10:56						12:21		
Sanday	arr					15:03						
Sanday	dep					15:10						
Papa Westray	arr				14:00				11:15			15:20
Papa Westray	dep				14:07				11:22			15:27
North Ronaldsay	arr	08:47					16:27	10:17			14:22	
North Ronaldsay	dep	08:54					16:34	10:24			14:29	
Eday	arr			11:01		15:15				12:26		
Eday	dep			11:08		15:22				12:33		
North Ronaldsay	arr											
North Ronaldsay	dep											
Sanday	arr			11:13						12:38		
Sanday	dep			11:20						12:45		
Westray	arr		09:45		14:09				11:24			
Westray	dep		09:52		14:16				11:31			
Papa Westray	arr		09:54									
Papa Westray	dep		10:01									
Westray	arr											
Westray	dep											
Stronsay	arr					15:27						
Stronsay	dep					15:34						
Kirkwall	arr	09:11	10:16	11:33	14:31	15:43	16:51	10:41	11:46	12:58	14:46	15:42

OPTION 2 **Summer Term Time proposal**

		Monday/Wednesday/Friday													Tuesday/Thursday									
	LM	A	B	A	B	A	B	B		A	C	A	C	C	A	B	A	B	A	C	A	C	A	C
Kirkwall	dep	07:35	07:45	08:35	08:55	09:20	09:50	11:00		15:15	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:30	07:35	08:05	08:35	09:05	09:20	14:45	15:15	15:30	16:00	17:30
Eday	arr											16:10											16:10	
Eday	dep											16:17											16:17	
Stronsay	arr			08:44						15:24							08:44				15:24			
Stronsay	dep			08:51						15:31							08:51				15:31			
Sanday	arr				09:08						15:43							09:18				15:43		
Sanday	dep				09:15						15:50							09:25				15:50		
Westray	arr					09:35						16:25							09:35				16:25	
Westray	dep					09:42						16:32							09:42				16:32	
Papa Westray	arr		08:00				10:05						16:45			08:20				15:00				
Papa Westray	dep		08:07				10:12						16:52			08:27				15:07				
Westray	arr																							
Westray	dep																							
North Ronaldsay	arr	07:52						11:17						17:47	07:52									17:47
North Ronaldsay	dep	07:59						11:24						17:54	07:59									17:54
Papa Westray	arr																							
Papa Westray	dep																							
Eday	arr		08:15																					
Eday	dep		08:22																					
Stronsay	arr																							
Stronsay	dep																							
Kirkwall	arr	08:16	08:32	09:00	09:28	09:57	10:27	11:39		15:40	16:03	16:47	17:07	18:11	08:16	08:42	09:00	09:38	09:57	15:22	15:40	16:03	16:47	17:31

		Saturday							Sunday					
	LM	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B		B	B	B
Kirkwall	dep	08:00	09:00	10:10	13:00	14:00	15:10	16:15	10:00	11:00		14:40	16:00	17:00
Stronsay	arr			10:19								14:49		
Stronsay	dep			10:26								14:56		
Sanday	arr					14:13								
Sanday	dep					14:20								
Papa Westray	arr									11:15				
Papa Westray	dep									11:22				
North Ronaldsay	arr	08:17			13:17			16:32	10:17					17:17
North Ronaldsay	dep	08:24			13:24			16:39	10:24					17:24
Eday	arr			10:31		14:25						15:01		
Eday	dep			10:38		14:32						15:08		
North Ronaldsay	arr													
North Ronaldsay	dep													
Sanday	arr			10:43								15:13		
Sanday	dep			10:50								15:20		
Westray	arr		09:15							11:24				
Westray	dep		09:22							11:31				
Papa Westray	arr		09:24				15:25						16:15	
Papa Westray	dep		09:31				15:32						16:22	
Westray	arr						15:34							
Westray	dep						15:41							
Stronsay	arr					14:37								
Stronsay	dep					14:44								
Kirkwall	arr	08:39	09:46	11:03	13:41	14:53	15:56	16:56	10:41	11:46		15:33	16:37	17:41

Orkney Ferries

Eday, Sanday and Stronsay

Additional Foot Passenger Sailings

Winter Timetable

28th September 2026 - 31st December 2026*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Depart Kirkwall	06:15	06:15	06:15	06:15	06:15	06:15	08:00
Arrive Eday	07:30	-	07:30	-	07:30	07:30	-
Depart Eday	07:35	-	07:35	-	07:35	07:35	-
Arrive Sanday	07:50	-	07:50	-	07:50	07:50	-
Depart Sanday	07:55	-	07:55	-	07:55	07:55	-
Arrive Stronsay	08:20	07:50	08:20	07:50	08:20	08:20	09:35
Depart Stronsay	08:25	07:55	08:25	07:55	08:25	08:25	09:40
Arrive Sanday	-	08:20	-	08:20	-	-	10:05
Depart Sanday	-	08:25	-	08:25	-	-	10:10
Arrive Eday	-	08:40	-	08:40	-	-	10:25
Depart Eday	-	08:45	-	08:45	-	-	10:30
Arrive Kirkwall	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	11:45

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Depart Kirkwall	13:30	13:30	13:30	13:30	13:30		
Arrive Eday	-	14:45	-	14:45	-		
Depart Eday	-	14:50	-	14:50	-		
Arrive Sanday	-	15:05	-	15:05	-		
Depart Sanday	-	15:10	-	15:10	-		
Arrive Stronsay	15:05	15:35	15:05	15:35	15:05		
Depart Stronsay	15:10	15:40	15:10	15:40	15:10		
Arrive Sanday	15:35	-	15:35	-	15:35		
Depart Sanday	15:40	-	15:40	-	15:40		
Arrive Eday	15:55	-	15:55	-	15:55		
Depart Eday	16:00	-	16:00	-	16:00		
Arrive Kirkwall	17:15	17:15	17:15	17:15	17:15		

Passengers must be available for boarding 10 minutes before departure.

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

Passengers wishing to use this service will need to book and make payment in advance of travel, booking is available via our website orkneyferries.co.uk or by calling our office during opening hours on 01856 872044

Bicycles can be carried on this service and will be secured to the outside deck. Plese note that as there is only one passenger lounge on the Nordic Sea, dogs are not permitted except for assistance dogs - in line with our assitance dogs poicy or dogs travelling in pet carriers.

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and website - orkneyferries.co.uk

Timetables are subject to change dependent on the operational needs of the lifeline service.

*Orkney Ferries does not operate on 25th & 26th December or 1st & 2nd January

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Have you ever been invited for breast screening?

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



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

Who can take part?

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

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

What would taking part involve?

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

Your choice and confidentiality

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

What is the study for?

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

Interested? Please get in touch

Email: hlkjon13@liverpool.ac.uk
Researcher: Kirsti Jones, Advanced Health Protection Nurse Specialist (NHS Orkney)
Version 1.1 26th May 2026


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or email Donna on
hello@salonbythesea.co.uk


Digital Support
With traditional telephone services moving to digital technology, Orkney Island's Council are keen to ensure Orkney's communities have clear information and support for any concerns. This could include discussing how digital phone services work, what happens during a power cut, support for vulnerable residents, and mobile and broadband coverage#.
How digital phone services work
What happens during a power cut
Support for vulnerable residents
Mobile and broadband coverage#
If you have any questions of concerns, please get in touch by
Friday 6th November
and we can forward these on to the Digital and Connectivity Officer within the council.
theresa@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com
ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL
ORKNEY Islands Council



Scotland's National Islands Plan

Empowering our Island Communities



Vision

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



Objectives

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



Approach

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

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

info@islandsteam.scot

www.gov.scot/islands

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Damian Stout Vice Chair: Louise McQuaid

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

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

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

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

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

Colin McAlpine
Island Link Officer/Clerk
25 August 2026

ISLAND LINK OFFICE

The Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart, will be open every Wednesday between 10am and noon.
A range of services are available, including the collection of black bin bags, photocopying at 10p a copy, collect a form for Stronsay Community Council financial assistance, or a form for the scrap car scheme (still open for applications), raise issues or concerns that Stronsay Community Council may be able to address and even contact officers at OIC.
I look forward to seeing you, but if you are not able to call into the office I can be contacted by email at stronsaycc@gmail.com
Colin McAlpine
Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

BLACK BIN BAGS

Black bin bags issued by Orkney Islands Council can be collected from the Stronsay Island Link Office, located in the Fish Mart. The office is open every Wednesday between 10am and noon. If you are not able to call into the office, a request for bags can be made by email to stronsaycc@gmail.com.

Colin McAlpine, Stronsay Island Link Officer/Clerk

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2026
AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER DETAILS

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PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE Mr. Colin McAlpine	The Hill, Stronsay, KW17 2AT e: stronsaycc@gmail.com
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Ms Maya Bar-Tor Bennicuml, Stronsay, KW17 2AJ
e: mayabartor@gmail.com

Mr. Jack Holland Hunton, Stronsay, KW17 2AE
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e: peediejack@gmail.com

STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy on Stronsay Community Council

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

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

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

ORKNEY
ISLANDS COUNCIL

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

YOUTH CLUB—COMMUNITY HALL

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

Monday's 4.40- - 5.50 Juniors

Tuesday's 5.00 - 6.30 Seniors

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

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

Ian Pollard, Senior Youth Worker





STRONSAY MEN'S SHED – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Roger Neville-Smith 07773 889 334

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





GERAMOUNT SURGERY

Changes to Surgery opening hours!

Just a quick update on Surgery reception opening hours.

These changes will be taking effect starting on 15th September

Appointments are to be booked during these times.

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

TO URGENTLY CONTACT THE DOCTOR OUTWITH RECEPTION TIMES,

PLEASE CALL THE BALFOUR HOSPITAL ON

01856 888 000

AND THEY WILL CONTACT THE DOCTOR FOR YOU.

STRONSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

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



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

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

Rooms for hire from only £2 per hour plus hydro charge.
Adult supervision (over 18) must be present during hire.
Find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/hallcommittee

STRONSAY STITCHERS



Thursday 26th November 2026
7.00pm-9.00-pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments available

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

STRONSAY SPINNERS



Saturday 14th November 2026
2pm-4pm, Church Hall, £2.00/person, refreshments available

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

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN VISITS 2026

30 November

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

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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

Records of a Bygone Age
Stronsay Lifeboat Station 1952 - 1972
Part 7: The Station closes

Last month's article concentrated on the tragic loss of the eight crewmen aboard Longhope's *TGB* lifeboat when she capsized, and of the Stronsay Lifeboat's role in searching for the missing boat.

This tragedy must still have been fresh in the minds of the crew of the Stronsay Lifeboat when she was called out to respond to a Mayday call the following year. With a heavy swell running and a south-westerly gale whipping up large waves, conditions were particularly challenging.

This is the story of that particular search as still vividly recalled by a member of the crew 56 years later.

Although not a regular member of the crew, John Fiddler was one of the pool of volunteers available to crew the lifeboat if the need arose. He recounted this particular callout which took place in December 1970 when the regular lifeboat, the *John Gellatly Hyndman*, was away on refit and a relief boat, *The Princess Royal,* was stationed in Stronsay. This boat had been built pre-war and had recently been re-engined with diesels replacing her original petrol engines. These engines were considerably heavier than the originals which had the effect of making her 'light in the head' and, John said, not a very good sea boat.

HM Coastguards had earlier received a faint Mayday call, with the position given placing the ship apparently in distress about 30 miles east of Stronsay. The lifeboat was launched in a strong south-westerly gale while the cargo ship *Islander,* making her way from Sanday, also headed to the scene, along with the Aberdeen trawler *Grampian Glen* which had been fishing east of Auskerry. Also involved in the search was a Nimrod aircraft, the first time this aircraft had been used in that role. On the lifeboat's outward voyage, John and another crewman were sent to the foc'sle to add some extra weight to the bow to try to hold her head in the water!

After an extended search in the area, which was confused by a report of white flares in the general area and a further report of some objects spotted in the water by the search aircraft, nothing was found and the Stronsay lifeboat was instructed to head back to station.

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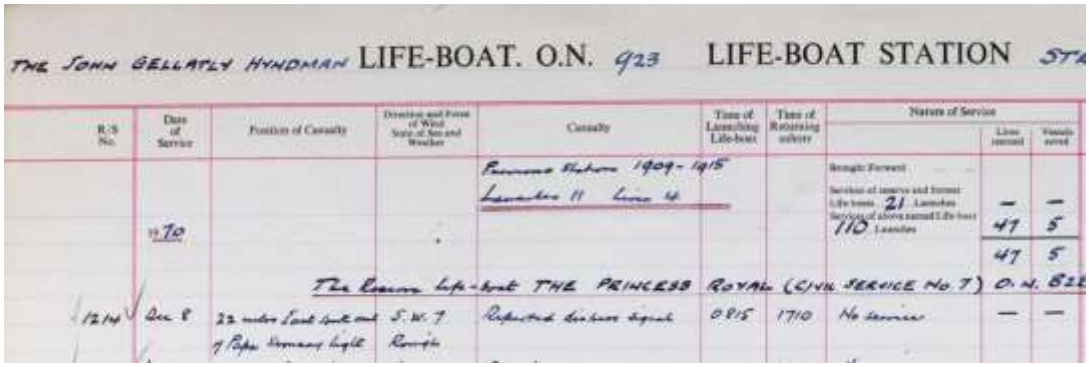
The Aberdeen trawler Grampian Glen which escorted the Stronsay lifeboat into more sheltered waters

Sea conditions were very poor, with a huge westerly sea running against an opposing tide and, with the loss of the Longhope lifeboat the year before, the Fraserburgh lifeboat earlier that year and being in wild seas in a boat they were unfamiliar with the crew were extremely concerned for their own safety.

With the boat being light in the head, John told how on numerous occasions they climbed a larger than normal wave and could only hope that she crested the wave and made it down the other side. These concerns were relayed to Kirkwall Coastguard, along with a message that they should perhaps never have been called out on what was looking very like a hoax call.

The Coastguard responded by asking the Grampian Glen, a vessel more than twice the length of the lifeboat and well able to withstand such sea conditions, to escort them back to Stronsay and this they did, with some great seamanship keeping them in position on the weather side of the lifeboat for some considerable time until they reached calmer water. To try to make the best they could of sea conditions and tide they had finished up off Auskerry but eventually made it to the shelter of Odiness Bay, at which point the trawler left them.

Now in calmer waters, they made their way back to Stronsay pier, arriving about 11 hours after they had left. It transpired that the call had indeed been a hoax and the call sign given was that of a boat thought to be in Hong Kong!



THE JOHN GELLATLY HYNDMAN LIFE-BOAT. O.N. 923 LIFE-BOAT STATION STR

R.S. No.	Date of Service	Position of Casualty	Direction and Force of Wind State of Sea and Weather	Casualty	Time of Launching Life-boat	Time of Returning ashore	Nature of Service	Lives rescued	Vessels saved
				Previous Station 1909-1915 Launches 11 Lives 4			Brought Forward	—	—
							Services of reserve and former Life boats 21 Launches	47	5
	1910						Services of above named Life boat 110 Launches	47	5
				The Previous Life-boat THE PRINCESS ROYAL (C/H No. 7) O.N. 822					
1214	Dec 8	22 miles East East and 7 Pilot Stronsay light	S.W. 7 Rough	Reported distress signal	0915	1710	No service	—	—

The search as recorded briefly in the Stronsay Station logbook, with no hint as to thestrange details of the Mayday and ensuing search nor the concerns expressed.

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Other services provided by the lifeboat in 1970 included going to the aid of the 299 ton Danish cargo vessel *MV Pedersen* on 15th March. The vessel had lost power four miles north of Westray's Noup Head and was drifting toward the Papa Westray shore when the lifeboat arrived and managed to get a line aboard, towing her to the safety of Pierowall in Westray .

Then, on 4th November, she went to the rescue of the 149 ton Danish fishing boat *Silver Star*, aground on Helliar Holm near Shapinsay. The lifeboat, with the assistance of two local boats, managed to tow the boat off the shore relatively undamaged.

Captain Edward (Ted) Clements, who had been the driving force behind getting the Stronsay lifeboat station reopened in 1952 and had served as Honorary Secretary of the Station from that time, reached a personal milestone in 1971. This was his 85th birthday and, in October that year, he decided it was time for him to retire from the post. Andrew Burghes of the Smiddy in the Village then took over his role as Hon Secretary, serving for only a few months until the Station was to close on 30th May 1972.

On 19th October 1971, around the same time as Captain Clements' retiral, the 228 ton trawler *Glen Isla* ran hard aground in high seas on the submerged Bow Rock at the entrance to Stronsay's Mill Bay. The *John Gellatly Hyndman* was called to her rescue and, with Bow little more than a couple of miles from her moorings, was soon in attendance. The lifeboat was able to manoeuvre close enough to get a rope aboard the *Glenisla* and pass the rope to two other trawlers, the *Mount Everest* and the *Admiral Frobisher,* who together were able to get her pulled off with very little damage.



The Glenisla, given assistance by the John Gellatly Hyndman to get off the Bow Rock at the entrance to the Mill Bay.

Less than 3 weeks later, on 5th November, the lifeboat was again called to the assistance of a trawler, this time even closer to home, when the Vera Grace (later renamed the Norseman's Bride) ran aground at the entrance to Whitehall Harbour, just a few hundred yards from where the lifeboat was moored. Little assistance was needed from the lifeboat this time as Jimmy Stout, returning from a fishing trip in his own seine-netter Ocean's Gift, was able to pull the trawler off undamaged. This was to be the JGH's last call to a ship in distress.

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The Vera Grace, later renamed the Norseman's Bride, was the last vessel that the John Gellatly Hyndman was called to assist. The little trawler was later wrecked on Fair Isle.

A new lifeboat station was opened at Kirkwall in 1968, with the 70-foot (21-metre) lifeboat *Grace Paterson Ritchie* taking up station there. Its arrival prompted a review of lifeboat provision throughout Orkney and, much to the dismay of the Stronsay crew, the local committee and many residents of the outer North Isles, the RNLI concluded that the Stronsay station was no longer required. The decision was therefore taken to close the station and withdraw its lifeboat, with 30th May 1972 set as the final day of operations.

Just two days before the *JGH* was withdrawn she carried out her last service, a mercy mission carrying a sick man from Stronsay to hospital in Kirkwall.



Stronsay Lifeboat's last mission of mercy was on 28th May 1972, only two days before she was withdrawn from service, where she carried local farmer Tom Stevenson in to hospital in Kirkwall with a suspected fractured skull. Fortunately he made a full recovery.

This is the patient being taken to the waiting ambulance at Kirkwall Pier, helped by crew members John Fiddler, John Stevenson, Jimmy Stout and Garry Swanney on the lifeboat with Bill Peace (with the hat) on the steps. The others are unknown.

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Great concern and disappointment had already been expressed by the people of Stronsay and the other North Isles at the prospect of losing their lifeboat service. This particular rescue operation was widely cited as a compelling example of the invaluable role a locally stationed lifeboat could play, demonstrating both the speed of response and the local knowledge that only an island-based crew could provide.

While there was considerable regret at the loss of a service that had become an important part of island life, the changing circumstances of the time made the decision increasingly difficult to resist.

The introduction of the larger, faster and more modern Kirkwall lifeboat had marked a significant development in the provision of lifeboat cover for the northern isles. This, together with the commencement of a regular air service to the isles using Loganair's eight-seater Islander aircraft, with its capacity to undertake speedy air ambulance and mercy flights, completely altered the pattern of rescue and medical provision across the islands.

Though many felt the loss of the local lifeboat service keenly, the inevitable had to be accepted and, on 30th May 1972, the curtain fell on this chapter of Stronsay's seafaring history.

For two decades the station had provided not only a lifesaving service but also a source of reassurance to all living in the North Isles or sailing its seas, its closure marking the end of an era.

Part 8 will be in next month's Limpet
Ian Cooper
October 2026

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE SDT!

The Stronsay Development Trust's newsletter for October 2026 is available at
https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/SDT2026Oct.pdf
If you would prefer a printed or emailed copy please phone 616410 or email
admin@StronsayDevelopmentTrust.com.

GERAMOUNT SURGERY

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

The website for Geramount surgery is https://orcadespractice.co.uk/stronsay.
The roster for the island's GP is regularly updated online at
https://stronsaylimpet.co.uk/RosterGPandNurse.html

STRONSAY'S FINAL CRAFT FAIR 2026

Christmas— Saturday 21 November

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Reporting on the exploits of your councillor both at home and away.



I was in Glasgow for a meeting of the Scottish Councils' Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS) on which I represent OIC. Since May 2025 these meetings have been held in the opulent City Chambers on George Square (named after King George III), which during this time has been boarded up for renovation. Now the work is nearing completion, allowing me to capture this view (see above) of the City Chambers across the square. Also appearing in the picture are the Glasgow Cenotaph, Sir Walter Scott atop a column (the first public monument dedicated to him) and an equestrian statue of the young Queen Victoria (one of only two equestrian statues of her and the first equestrian statue of a woman in Britain). Just to remind everybody, if you discover something suspected to be radioactive, for example on the beach or in a deceased relative's attic, please leave it alone and contact OIC's Environmental Health team, who will be able to alert the appropriate agency. Telephone 01856-873535 and ask for Environmental Health, or e-mail environmental.health@orkney.gov.uk .

At the Monitoring & Audit Committee meeting we learnt that in the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, OIC received 140 complaints (7% fewer than in the previous year) and 315 compliments. That is 2¼ times as many compliments as complaints! Given that people are more likely to register a complaint than to go to the trouble of making a compliment, I think we can be reassured that the Council is fulfilling its role to the satisfaction of most people in Orkney. One disturbing aspect, however, is that there has been a notable increase in the receipt of complaints which appear to have utilised AI assistance in their generation. Such complaints are often voluminous, not always clear as to the outcome sought by the complainant and contain multiple associated issues ancillary to the main focus of the complaint, which just wastes everybody's time and effort in trying to decipher and interpret them. If you wish to complain about any council service, please write it yourself in your own words.

Other meetings I attended before the councillors' autumn recess included a meeting of the Housing Market Partnership, a Special Policy & Resources Committee meeting dedicated to transport services, and a General Meeting.

Looking ahead, there will be ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Training) courses taking place in Kirkwall from 2nd to 3rd November and next year from 9th to 10th February (the latter being specifically for the agricultural community). Anyone can attend the training. It is particularly useful for people who support others, whether through their work, volunteering, or personal relationships. As these are 2-day courses lasting full working days, financial assistance is being offered towards accommodation and travel for participants from the outer isles. Find out more by e-mailing admin@somaslight.co.uk .

Isles' community council transport reps will be circulating proposals for inter-island air timetables utilising the new third plane. Do please engage with them and make your views known so that the best balance can be struck between all requirements.

I spent the councillors' autumn recess in Germany. Below is a picture of me dressed as a member of the ill-fated Roman XIXth Legion at the Römermuseum in Haltern am See. (Is that Brutus I see behind me?) In my library I have the many volumes of Edward Gibbon's "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire". It is probably time I started reading my way through them, as they might help me gain some insight into what is going on in modern-day Scotland. A mere six months before the council elections next year (6th May 2027) and the Scottish Government has decided to confront the world with its radical "Proposal for Reform of Local Governance". To safely navigate Orkney through the ensuing uncertain political waters we are going to need proven councillors with a significant track record. By then, I will have been your councillor for 15 years.



Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

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

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*****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)

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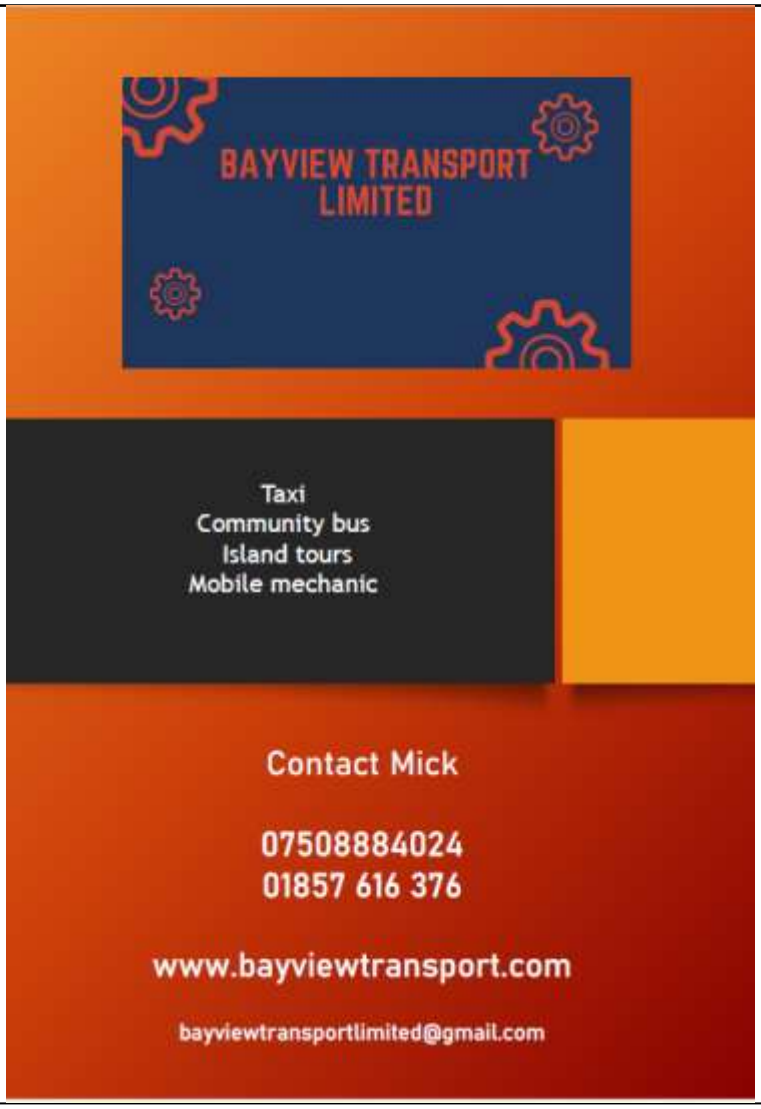
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Contact Kirk Secretary:
elsie.dennison@live.co.uk

Stronsay kirk's Facebook page:
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Red House plants	616377

Contact details for all OIC Councillors:
https://www.orkney.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-meetings/councillors

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

Mass times are as follows:-
Sunday & holidays: 11am. Tuesday: 8.00am. All other days: 11.20am

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STRONSAY ON YOUTUBE

- Bicycle tour of Stronsay in August 2022 (poor audio quality)
- 59º 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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Community Council	stronsaycc@gmail.com
OIC special collection	Week commencing 30 Nov 2026 and 8 Feb 2027
Stronsay Island Link Office .	Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00pm stronsaycc@gmail.com
Kirk Sunday Service	Every Sunday 11.00am https://tinyurl.com/strkirk
Our Lady's Chapel pier head .	Mass: Sunday & holidays 11am, Tuesday 8am, other days 11.20am
Mobile library van next visit .	Monday 30th November
Weekly rubbish collection . .	Thursday – bags to be out by 8.00am but NOT the night before
Recycling skips nearly full? .	Inform OIC by email to recycling@orkney.gov.uk
Stronsay's Facebook page . .	https://www.facebook.com/groups/476168409207488
Geramount Surgery	https://orcadespractice.co.uk/stronsay
Limpet Editor	editor@stronsaylimpet.co.uk or Claremont KW17 2AR
SDT Office	office@stronsaydevelopmenttrust.com or Unit 1,Woods Yard KW17 2AR

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

MEDICAL EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS?
Phone the BALFOUR HOSPITAL on 01856 888000 who will contact the island doctor on duty.

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