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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Community Newsletter

The Review

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The Rousay Cinema returns on Saturday 13th May at the school where it will be showing Fantastic Beasts, starting at 8pm prompt.



Snooker Club

Snooker club membership is now due.
The club has a new door - keys are available from Angus Firth.



RNL District Challenge

Saturday May 20th
at The Taversoe
7.30pm for 8pm start
Quiz Master - Paddy
Supper & Raffles
Teams of four

If you would like to take part in a team for your district please get in contact with any of the ladies in the committee.
It's a good laugh, so please come and watch even if you don't want to be in a team.

What's On

- Tuesday, 2nd**
→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm
- Thursday, 4th**
→ Mobile Library Van
- Tuesday, 9th**
→ SWI, Rousay School, 8pm
- Saturday, 13th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
→ Rousay Cinema ("Fantastic Beasts"), Rousay School, 8pm
- Friday, 19th**
→ Service, St. Mary's Chapel, Westness, 11.30am
- Saturday, 20th**
→ RNL District Challenge, The Taversoe, 7.30pm for 8pm start
- Sunday, 28th**
→ Service, Church Centre, 11.30am
- Every Monday**
→ Coffee Morning, The Crafhthub, 11am-1pm
- Every Tuesday**
→ Tai Chi, Rousay School, 3.15pm-4.15pm & 4.15pm-5.15pm
- Every Wednesday**
→ Triangle Club, Church Centre, 10am - 2pm
→ Art Club, The Crafhthub, 3.15pm - 4.30pm
- Every Thursday**
→ Coffee Morning, Pier Bar and Restaurant, 10am-11am

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Deadline: 27 May 2017 (5pm) - late articles are not guaranteed to be included

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From the community
For the community



Taversoe InnQUIZition



Tuesday May 2nd @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper

Advance Notices for June:

Taversoe InnQUIZition



Tuesday June 6th @ 8pm

Free Entry

Snowball Jackpot

Light Snack Supper

Summer Opening Hours

(commencing Monday May 8th)

Monday to Saturday - 11am to 11pm

Sunday - 11am to 10.30pm

Food served daily from
12pm to 9pm (Mon-Sat),
and 12pm till 7.30pm (Sun)

Booking for meals is advisable
and much appreciated



Service

Service at St. Mary's Chapel, Westness
on Friday 19 May at 11.30am.

All very welcome.

Orkney Mobile Library



Next visit:

Thursday 4th May



In addition to the published Programme, there will be a brief meeting of the SWI at the school on Tuesday 9th May to plan the forthcoming visits to the Holm Branch on Saturday 20th May, the Sandwick Branch on Saturday 3rd June, the Tea in the Park in Harray on 2nd July and the Branch's 80th Anniversary Celebrations in September. With so many different events to plan for, we look forward to seeing you there!

We also remind all those contributing to the 'Home Made in the Parish' exhibition that all produce must be at the school by 4pm on Friday 5th May.



St MAGNUS
INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL

and **the space**, Rousay

are proud to present

ALISON McNEILL, soprano

&

SASHA SAVALONI, guitar

Tuesday 20 June 7pm at **the space**

The music of Spain and France dominates this recital, bringing the Mediterranean sunshine to the outer isles. The combination of voice and guitar is a classic one for both the fiery flamenco and the more reflective, soulful ballads which are presented here.

Enjoy coffee, tea, and home bakes generously provided by local volunteers with support from the Rousay Community Association directly after the performance.

Tickets available on the door:
£1 for children, £5 for adults

ROUSAY BRIDGE CLUB



NEEDS YOU!

WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS.

Bridge is fun, sociable and good for the brain ! - SO - if you are wanting to learn from scratch, or if you've played in the past and just need a gentle push to get back into it, or just want to keep in practice over the summer...please get in touch...

The sessions we held during the winter weren't always at a suitable time for everyone. and these regular weekly sessions have now ceased for the summer when people want to be outdoors, **BUT... we could arrange to have a learning/playing session at a time convenient to YOU.**



Club members can help to get you started but once you have the basics, **Dave Higgins** (of Dounby Bridge Club) has kindly offered to come over now and then to help us improve our playing.
He's VERY good!

(By the way if you can play, there is bridge at the Triangle Club on Wednesday mornings.)

If you are interested in any of these options, please get in touch with

Sheena (821222), Doreen (821223) or Joyce (821377) and we'll try and get a session organised to fit in with your timetable (could be daytime or evening).



Rousay Tai Chi Chuan

Every Tuesday at the School.

1st hour Energy Exercises at 3:15

2nd hour Tai Chi Form at 4:15

£2.50 per hour,

come for one or both.

All ages and abilities welcome.



www.facebook.com/orkneytaichi



Thanks to REW DT for part funding this.



Services

Church Centre

Saturday 13th May

Roy Cordukes at 11.30am

Sunday 28th May

Roy Cordukes at 3.30pm

Everyone welcome



Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

We will be making an outreach visit to Rousay on 23rd August 2017. We will be in the Church Centre from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

We are there to advise on any issue. To make an appointment or arrange a home visit, please contact 01856 875266 no later than Thursday 17th August.

CRAFTHUB

Community Interest Company



MAY Opening times

Daily 11am to 5.30pm

New selection of handmade soaps are in and Peedie Chocs are on their way !!

we have a good selection of knitted headwear and gloves - customers have been asking for scarves - so if anyone would like to knit/crochet items for the shop we'd be delighted to have them

VOLUNTEERS

Shop cover

The tourist season has started and we are coming up to our busiest time of the year. If anyone would like to do a couple of hours now and then to help us out it would be very much appreciated. Volunteers have access to free Wi Fi, tea, coffee, biscuits and an opportunity to meet visitors from all over the world. Just pop in for a chat.

Directors

If anyone would like to join the Crafthub team as a director we'd love to hear from you.

Every Monday - Coffee Morning 11am – 1pm
Every Wednesday - Art Club - 3.15pm - 4.30pm

We are now taking bookings for the following workshops – they have limited spaces and fill up quickly so please get in touch as soon as possible to book your place.

DRAWING WORKSHOP – Joseph Hewes

6 weeks starting Saturday 6th May – 2pm – 4pm
Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments is £90
REW residents pay £18 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

ONE-DAY WATER COLOURS – Joseph Hewes

Sunday 12th May – 11am to 4pm (lunch available £5 extra)
Beginners welcome
Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments is £40 (exc lunch)
REW residents pay £8 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

CROCHET & KNITTING TECHNIQUES – Shelagh Grieve

6 weeks starting Friday 02 June (tbc) - 1pm to 3pm
Beginners & Intermediate welcome
Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments is £90
REW residents pay £18 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

AFRAYEDKNOT – Mark Cook

Handknitting - a traditional technique - an exciting new workshop to explore using rope found on Orkney beaches.
This is a half- day course planned for June (date tbc)
Cost of the course including materials and light refreshments is £36
REW residents pay £7.20 - 20% of the total cost the remaining 80% is covered by REWDT

...and for later on in the Summer

MID-WEEK WALK n' DRAW

Joseph Hewes – June dates to be confirmed

OIL PAINTING

Ingrid Grieve - dates to be confirmed

VIKING JEWELLERY

Heather Croy - dates to be confirmed

PASTEL TECHNIQUES

Diana Merrick - August - dates to be confirmed

For up to date information on opening times and workshops please visit - www.crafthuborkney.co.uk
email: crafthub@btconnect.com
phone: 01856 821455
go to our Facebook page

Look out for our new flyer and adverts in the new Craft Trail brochure and Islander magazine – 2017



Stone Chippings Scheme

The board of directors will make their decisions as to who has been successful or not in their applications for this Scheme at the board meeting on 10th May. All applicants will be informed by letter the following week of the outcome. Please do not contact the office for information until you receive your letter.

Laying of the Stone Chippings

The board would like to invite tender applications for the laying of the stone chippings under the REWDT 2017 Stone Chippings Scheme. Please provide in writing (either by e-mail to info@rewdt.org or by letter to the DT's offices) your quotes for this work. This can be either as an hourly rate or for the full cost of delivering and spreading (from the Rousay quarry by the old community hall and/or Pier locations for Egilsay & Wyre) approximately 300 tonnes of chippings to the successful applicants. You must provide your own transport and equipment and have insurance for this work.

All tenders to be received by 9 May 2017, 4pm.

Brinian Play Park

If the ground does not recover within the next week, we will have to keep the play park closed until the weather improves and the ground dries out. There are toys in the play park, if the owners could remove them ASAP so they are not unavailable for collection if the play park is locked. Also, we noticed that small piles of mud have been placed in the tunnel, we understand that it is fun to play in this manner but if this can be prevented in the future it will allow the tunnel to be used safely as intended. Thank you.

2017 Summer of History Programme

Since 2015 the REW DT (and in 2016 in partnership with Rousay Heritage Trust) has put on a programme of events and activities for all REW residents and visitors to our islands. So far, we have covered Sports in 2015 (with BIG Lottery Fund & DT funding), Arts & Crafts in 2016 (with OIC Cultural Funding via RHT & DT grant support) and the Year of Learnings in 2016/17 funded entirely by the REW DT.



LOTTERY FUNDED

For 2017, Rousay Heritage Trust has been successful in being awarded funding to put on a History-themed programme for REW residents and any visitors to our islands. The RHT (soon to become the REW Heritage Trust) are working closely with the Highlands & Islands Archaeology Institute, University of Bradford Department of Archaeological Sciences, Per Kåre Nybakk (Viking-themed museum/art gallery boat) with the REW DT. The programme is currently being put together and will be advertised soon.

Ask us for more information on the following things the Trust offers:

Subsidised rate



Free lanterns



Grant Schemes

General Grants, Driving Lessons,
Educational Bursaries, and Wellbeing

Car Club

Contact
us to
join!



Allotment Association

Plots are available now and the equipment will also all be available for hire wef 01/05/17.

Membership fees are now due and are still at the same rate as last year at £5.00. This allows you to access the hiring of the various gardening equipment held at the site and to rent a plot for the year, if desired. To become a member or re-new membership please see Helen at the DT offices.

Plots are available now for both the allotments site (at £20 a year, including use of a shed) and the poly tunnel (at £10 a year). To rent a plot please see Helen (at the DT) or Hilary (821 400).

Equipment Hire available: -

Rotovator	Strimmer	Shredder	Hedge Trimmer	Lawn Mower	Trailer
We have both a large and small rotovator available: £10 per day, plus fuel	£10 per day or £2.50 per hour (if preferred), plus fuel	£10 per day	£10 per day or £2.50 per hour (if preferred)	£10 per day	(Needed for the safe transport of the large rotovator and the lawn mower): £10 per day

To book the hiring of equipment, please see Hilary (821 400).

Happy gardening.

Free Adult and Child Swim Session

The DT is offering free swim sessions for all residents at the Pickaquoy Pool in Kirkwall. If you would like to take up this offer, you must have a valid swim card. Please contact us for more information on how to get your free swim card.

Grant Applications and Education Bursaries

For a grant application form, please go to our website or contact the Office.

All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date or training event. This is to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

Board meetings planned for 2017:

Wednesday 10th May
Monday 6th November

Wednesday 21st June
Monday 4th December

Saturday 19th August

The Annual General Meeting is planned for Saturday 7th October.

Contact Us

Telephone: 01856 821 229

E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Website: www.rewdt.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rewdt



Office Drop-In Times: 10am to 12 noon (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - contact to arrange an appointment outwith these times



Free Wi-Fi access is available to use at the Trust Office during office drop-in times (plus access to a laptop and printer)

Directors: Bryan Milner (Chair); John Garson (Vice-Chair); Kayleigh Tipper (Treasurer); Hilary Byland; Chris Cox; Diana Compton; Clare Daintith; Mark Hull; Carole Maguire; Brian Noakes; Eric Shortland; Stuart Sailor

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Surgery Opening Times (Tel.: 821265)

GP present on Monday and Friday until 11AM, and all day Wednesdays.

The times below are the hours when the office is staffed.

Monday	9:00-13:00	
Tuesday		14:00-18:00
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	16:00-18:00
Thursday	11:00-15:00	
Friday	9:00-11:00	16:00-18:00

If you require medical assistance in an emergency, please phone **999**. If you require urgent medical advice, and cannot wait until the surgery is open, please contact the Balfour switchboard on **888000** and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.

The Surgery will be CLOSED on Monday 1st May

Prescriptions

We have recently been advised that Sutherland's will no longer accept faxed prescriptions except in a genuine emergency. Boots may well follow suit in the near future. This makes it all the more important to order your medication AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE YOU WILL NEED IT. Running out of repeat medication will often not be considered an emergency.

Female GP

Our female GP, Dr Mimi Thomas, is currently on sick leave. If you would prefer to see a female GP, please contact the surgery and reception staff will do their best to help.

Practice Meetings

The surgery staff has a meeting on the first Wednesday of every month, between 10 and 11AM. This means the phones will not be answered during this time. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as we can. If it is an emergency, please follow the instructions above for paging the Nurse Practitioner.

Collecting Prescriptions

Whenever possible, please try to collect these during scheduled opening hours, when Dispensers/ Reception staff are in the office. If you are unable to come during opening hours, please let us know, and we will make other arrangements.

If you use our advance ordering system, please note that we would prefer that you phone ahead so that we can have your prescriptions ready, as we may be busy when you arrive.

Annual Reviews

We are moving to a system of reviewing people annually in the month of their birth. We are working our way through reviews of people who are overdue, but if you have a long-term medical condition (for example Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, etc.), and think it may have been more than a year since you were reviewed, please contact the surgery. This applies even if your birthday is months away.

Hospital stays

Please remember to contact the surgery when you are released from hospital. We are not usually told by the hospitals, so we rely on patients letting us know themselves. If you have been given a letter, please bring it along, or ask someone to do it for you. This is especially important if any changes have been made to your medication during your stay. Thank you.

Aberdeen flights

Flybe/Loganair has decided not to offer the 10:40 flight over the summer months. This means that the only flights available for getting to Aberdeen are at 07:30, 14:40 and 17:20. Please bear this in mind when making or rearranging hospital appointments.

Islands
View
Surgery

Pier Bar and Restaurant

Opening Hours From 6th May

Monday 11am – 11pm

Tuesday 11am – 11pm

Wednesday – 11am – 8pm

Thursday 10am – 1am

Friday 11am – 1am

Saturday 11am – 1am

Sunday 11am – 8pm

Specials this Month

Sunday 30nd April – Roast Dinner – Sittings available at 4.30pm and 6.30pm. 2 Courses £10, Vegetarian dish available.

Please ring to book.

Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th – Coffee Morning, 10am – 11am.

Home baked cake and a hot drink. £3 each.

Sunday 4th June – Roast Dinner – As above.

New Summer Menu from 6th May

Hot food served daily - Kitchen Closes at 8pm

Contact Sarah on 01856 821359

Rousay Stores

*Informally Known as –
Big Al's*

Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11am – 5.30pm

Sunday – 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday – Closed

- Lots of fresh and frozen products available three days a week.

- Order and delivery service available.

- Save yourself the ferry and transport costs come and see me.

- Always Happy To Help -

Contact Alan direct – 01856 821365, Mob / Text - 07415411834, or

Follow us on Face Book.



Job Advert

Do you have experience of livestock management? We are seeking a competent individual to provide relief cover for a small herd of Shetland cattle on our Onziebust reserve on the island of Egilsay on Orkney.

Onziebust is a lowland farmland reserve which supports an incredible array of wildlife. Breeding waders, corncrake and great yellow bumblebee are the priority species. Cattle will be managed in line with habitat requirements for key species and our existing agri-environment contract.

We are looking for someone who can provide cover for the livestock manager when they are off the island; we expect this to be around 40 days a year. You will be responsible for all aspects of animal husbandry, movement and care.

Accommodation will be provided on the island for the duration of cover periods. The successful applicant will need to be able to work on their own and as part of a small team and will have the relevant livestock handling skills and experience.

If you are interested in this post please do not hesitate to get in touch to have an informal conversation in the first instance.

Please visit our website, <http://www.rspb.org.uk/about-the-rspb/about-us/job-vacancies/> to download an application form or contact Kate Thomson on 01856 850176 or kate.thomson@rspb.org.uk for more information.

This post is subject to the confirmation of external funding.

Job Title: Relief Livestock Person

Location: Egilsay

Salary: £22,073- £29,430 per annum (pro-rata)

Basis: Fixed Term Contract (May 2017-Jan 2019)

Closing Date: 21 May 2017

Interview Date: 24 May 2017

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

This year, Saint Magnus' Day (16th April) fell on Easter Sunday, and 2017 has been chosen to commemorate the 900th anniversary of his martyrdom. The *Magnus 900* commemorations commenced the day before, on Easter Saturday, on Eglisay, the place where he was murdered. I was there (as Vice-Chair of Education, Leisure & Housing) playing a small role as Holdbodi, a free and honourable farmer from the Hebrides. Holdbodi had come to stay with Earl Magnus for a while because he admired him. He was generally considered a wise man (typecasting?), and Earl Magnus had on several occasions asked his advice. He was now with Earl Magnus in Egilsay to advise him in the peace negotiations with Earl Hákon. The re-enactment (arranged by Dr Ragnhild Ljosland of our Centre for Nordic Studies) was a moving event, a sombre mood being set by the haunting 13th century melody of the St Magnus hymn, "Nobilis Humilis", sung by the Mayfield Singers.



The folk of Egilsay served us refreshments (including, appropriately, "burstin lumps") at the Community Hall, which was decorated with stained-glass-window artwork, produced by the pupils of Rousay Community School, depicting scenes from the Saint Magnus story. The School had also kindly made images of the artwork available as souvenir key fobs and fridge magnets. This was followed by "Viking games" outside, and fortunately we were blessed with good weather. OIC's Arts Officer, Antony Mottershead is to be commended for the smooth running of the occasion.

On Saint Magnus' Day itself, my wife, Ute, and I attended the Easter Sunday service at Saint Magnus' Cathedral, in which the impressive "Sails of St Magnus" are on show. Meanwhile, the Orkney Flag was hoist at home at the West Manse in Sanday.

It is good to see the effort we put in at the Magnus 900 Working Group meetings now coming to fruition. Details of the *Magnus 900* events can be found at magnus900.co.uk

This month I have attended community council meetings on Westray, Eday, Sanday and Rousay, and also been to a meeting of Westray Parent Council. Westray Junior High School will be offering an S5 class in the forthcoming academic year.

In the course of canvassing for the election, I visited nine of the thirteen inhabited islands of the North Isles ward before the postal ballot forms were delivered. (I offer my apologies to the folk of Auskerry, Gairsay, Papa Stronsay and Wyre.) Out on the campaign trail, from time to time I encountered other candidates, and such meetings were generally good natured (apart from when one candidate told me not to sit near him on the ferry!), which is important, for, whichever three of us are elected, they will have to work (and sit) together at School Place if they are to be of maximum benefit to the North Isles.

During the last 5 years, the only inhabited island in the ward I have not set foot on is Auskerry. I have even been to the only-sometimes-inhabited Eynhallow. (However, Mama Westray and neighbouring Grampa Westray have always somehow eluded me. Are they actually in my ward?)

Before polling day on the 4th May, my last OIC duty shall be to attend a meeting of the Highlands & Islands Science Skills Academy Leadership Board. I hope this will not be my last ever OIC duty, nor this my final "Letter from School Place".

This issue and back numbers of "Letter from School Place" are available at clackson4northisles.pbworks.com along with my 2017 manifesto.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday
stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk



"Cloak" courtesy of Sanday Community School



**THE 2017 ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE!**



The new telephone directory is now available for purchase at the School, the Shop, the Post Office and the Egilsay & Wyre Post Offices for £2.50 per copy.

All proceeds go towards the Rousay School Fund



Triangle Club



Welcome for teas and coffee on Wednesday every week (10am-2pm in the Church Centre).

Feel free just to drop in for chat and join in one of our many different games being played.



Any window cleaners out there?

Please phone 821 286.

For Sale

- Lawn mower, 5hp Honda, self-propelled; old but in working condition £50
- Electric Chipper £30
- Strimmer, 2-stroke motor £25
- Toughened glass shower partition, as new £30
- Shower cubicle with 700x800mm tray £25

Ed Firth, Nedyar, 821 477



Looking for work?

If you would be interested in working at The Taversoe I am looking for new staff.

Anything from one shift per week to full time over the summer is available.

Please drop in or give me a call for a quick chat to find out more.

Carey 821 325

Wanted

Looking to borrow a little corner of Rousay for a negotiable fee so that I could rear a little flock of some home grown Turkeys. A little shelter and little grazing. Nothing major. Lovely meat when matured. 🍴🍷

Please contact me (Trish) 821 487.



For Sale

Table

£30

Phone 311

Wanted

Do you have a carpet cleaning machine that I could hire please?



It is such a hassle to have to go over to Kirkwall with the car twice to hire it from OTE etc. Just wondered if anyone on Rousay has one they would hire out for me to clean a carpet please?

Contact Joyce on 821 377.

In case you were still wondering...
 Here's how HEAT SMART ORKNEY's
free heating equipment works along with
 your home's current heating system:

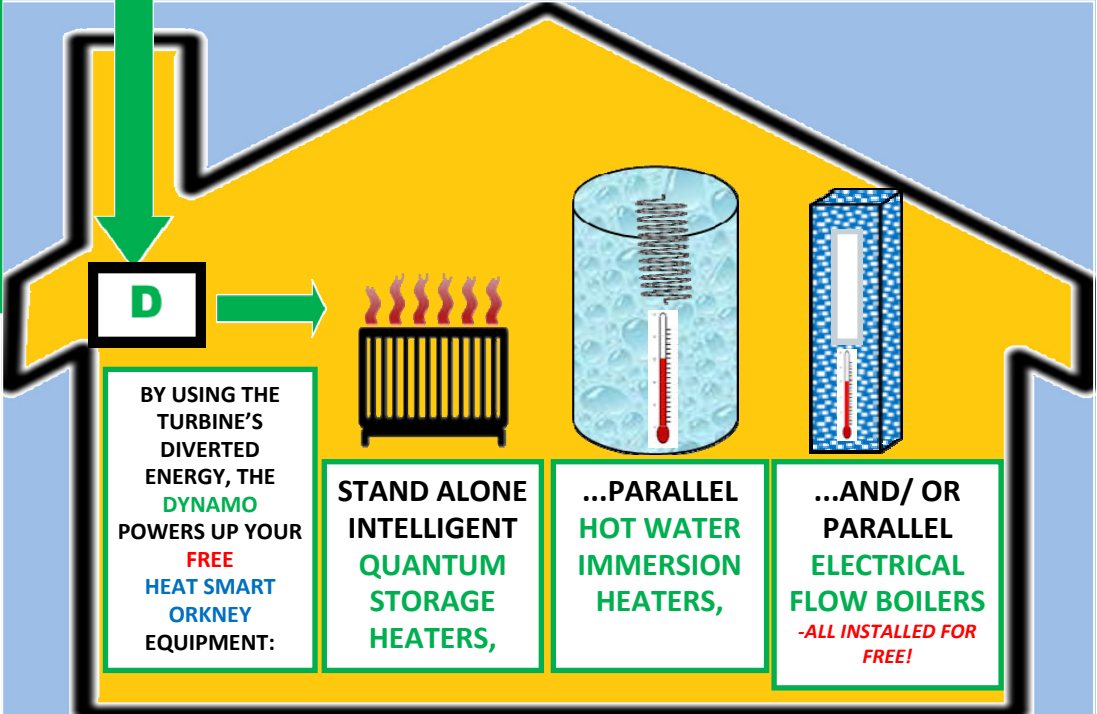


WHICH SENDS A SIGNAL
 TO A "DYNAMO" WE
 INSTALL IN YOUR HOME.

DIVERTING UNUSED RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO AFFORDABLE HEATING



ROUSAY'S TURBINE
 SENDS A SIGNAL TO A
 "CLOUD-BASED
 CONTROL PLATFORM"
 RIGHT BEFORE IT
 IS SET TO POWER
 DOWN DUE TO TOO
 MUCH ENERGY BEING
 GENERATED...



The project is now finalising the list and completing the technical surveys of properties in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre.

If you still want a chance to learn about the Heat Smart Orkney trial, and whether it can help you with your heating bills:

To learn more, please contact us by phone, email, Facebook, or in person and we will post you an information pack:

- Phone us on: **01856 821 277** to book an appointment to visit us
- You can contact us via email at: info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk
- Our website is: www.rewdt.org/HSO
- Find us on Facebook: **search Heat Smart Orkney to learn about the progress of the project**

The Heat Smart Orkney Team: Kira Hoffmann and Julie Morgan, Project Assistants and Diana Compton, Project Officer.

Heat Smart Orkney is a subsidiary of the REW Development Trust and is partnered with



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