

June 2019

What's On this month in Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

- Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June**
- Rousay Accordion Weekend
 - **Friday 31st May**
 - Welcome & Session, The Crafterhub, 8pm - 11pm
 - **Saturday 1st June**
 - Workshops 1-4, various times
 - In Conversation, Rousay School, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
 - Family Dance & Supper, 8.30pm
 - **Sunday 2nd June**
 - Westness Walk & Talk, Starts at Westness Broch Car Park, 10am - 1pm
 - Workshop 5, 10am - 11.45am
 - Pop-Up Accordion Orchestra, 11.45am - 12.45pm
 - Closing Concert, The Space, 2pm - 3.30pm

- Tuesday 4th June**
- The Taversoe InnQUIZition, The Taversoe, 8pm
- Saturday 8th June**
- Peedie Lap (5K), Starts from Rousay Pier at 12pm
- Wednesday 19th June**
- REWDT's Meet & Greet, The Crafterhub, 11am - 12pm
- Saturday 22nd June**
- Spinning Workshop, The Crafterhub, 11am - 1pm **BOOK**
- Friday 28th June**
- Rousay Parent Council Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am
- Saturday 29th June**
- REW&G CC Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am
 - SWI (Visiting Branch), Drivers at Pier at 11am, Meal at 12pm
- Sunday 30th June**
- RNLI Treasure Hunt, Starts from The Taversoe, 3pm
 - RNLI Fish & Chips, The Taversoe, 4.30pm - 5.30pm **BOOK**

Weekly Activities

- Mondays**
- Coffee Morning, The Crafterhub, 11am - 1pm
 - Bridge, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
- Tuesdays**
- Yarn & Yap, The Crafterhub, 11am - 1pm
- Wednesdays**
- Triangle Club, Church Centre, 9.45am-1pm
- Thursdays**
- Coffee Morning, The Crafterhub, 10am - 11am
- Fridays**
- Rainbows & Brownies, Rousay School, 3.10pm - 4.30pm
- Sundays**
- Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am

Coming Up

- Friday 5th July**
- Book Club, The Crafterhub, 1pm - 3pm
- Monday 8th July - Friday 26th July**
- Excavations at Skail Farm, Westness
- Saturday 20th July**
- Charity Summer Fête & Dance, Rousay School
 - Sea Glass Jewellery Workshop, The Crafterhub **BOOK**
- Thursday 25th July**
- Orkney Mobile Library visits Rousay & Egilsay
- Saturday 3rd August**
- Rousay Show Entry Evening, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9pm
- Sunday 4th August**
- Rousay Show, Rousay School, Show opens 2.30pm



Treasure Hunt

on SUNDAY 30th JUNE at 3.00pm from the TAVERSOE

£5 per car
£3 per cycle



Fish & Chips

will be served from 4.30pm till 5.30pm

PLEASE BOOK in advance with Carey



Accordion Weekend

Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June

Workshop brochure sent with electronic copies of The Review.



Peedie Lap 5K

Saturday 8th June

Starts from Rousay Pier at 12 Noon

June 2019

The Taversoe

01856 821 325



Opening Hours

Monday 11am to 5pm
Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 11pm
Sunday 11am to 10.30pm



Food Service Hours

Monday 12pm to 5pm
Tuesday to Saturday 12pm to 9pm
Sunday 12pm to 8pm



The Taversoe InnQUIZition

Tuesday June 4th 8pm
Snowball Jackpot
Light Snack Supper

Last food orders 30 minutes before the kitchen closes

The summer is fast approaching and The Taversoe is getting busier everyday. With limited space in our dining room, to avoid disappointment, I would kindly ask you make a reservation should you wish to come in for a meal. Many thanks for your understanding, Cxx

We can not guarantee take-out orders made after 5pm

My Favourite Thing to Make for Dinner is a Reservation

To submit an article, or to subscribe, please contact The Editor:

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W: Howdis Meadow, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PR

Deadline for next edition: **Thursday 27th June, 5pm**

Please note: late articles are not guaranteed to be included.

A fun-packed event celebrating all things Accordion and Orcadian

Rousay [★]accordion WEEKEND

Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June 2019
ROUSAY, ORKNEY



TUTORS: JAMES GRIEVE · KAREN TWEED · ELLEN GRIEVE

A musical, cultural and
historical experience based
in the unique location known
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Tickets: £80 · Ages 5 years - 12 years: £50 · Under 5 years: free

**Workshops, dance, talks, walks, sessions, New Accordion Tune Competition
Pop-Up Accordion Museum and more...**

 For more information/tickets visit us on Facebook or call 01856 877178 / 07415 456307
www.jamesgrievemusic.com/rousay-accordion-weekends

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OPEN DAILY 11am to 5.30pm
(Open @ 10am Thursdays)



ACCORDIAN WEEKEND

FRIDAY 31ST MAY 8PM TO 11PM

WELCOME & SESSION – INFORMAL SHORT CONCERT

FOLLOWED BY A GOOD OLD FASHIONED TUNE

FREE - DONATIONS APPRECIATED

WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 11AM TO 1PM (TBC)

SPINNING– MURRAY STEWART

£5 TO REW RESIDENTS (MATERIALS PROVIDED)

PLEASE PHONE OR POP IN TO BOOK – MANY THANKS

COFFEE MORNING

EVERY MONDAY 11AM TO 1PM

EVERY THURSDAY 10AM TO 11AM

YAP & YARN

EVERY TUESDAY 11AM TO 1PM

COMING UP

BOOK CLUB 5TH JULY 1PM TO 3PM

SEA GLASS JEWELLERY - MURRAY STEWART 20TH JULY

WATER BASED OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

PLEASE PHONE OR POP IN TO REGISTER INTEREST – MANY THANKS



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RNLI Fundraising Report: Bluebells

The RNLI ladies would like to thank Robert, Eivor and Emma very much for the open invitation to Westness House to see the bluebells it was a lovely afternoon and everybody enjoyed it so much.

Also thanks to all the people who came, donated monies, and bought Raffle tickets; we got £299.78 for the funds.



Thank You

We would like to thank our friends and neighbours for their help and kind wishes with the death of Gerry.

It was a terrible accident but with the aid of the First Response Ambulance Crew, the Fire Service Crew and Maggie from the Surgery, let alone the Shetland Coast Guard and our Marvellous Boat Crew getting us home and helping Billy, we are home and so grateful for everything they did for us. Thankyou!

Yours Celia, Julie, Billy and Tom - Quoy



School Fund Fundraising Report

Rousay Primary School Fund has received:

£103.30 Christmas Concert
£144.41 Christmas Tree Lighting
£100.00 Telephone Directory Sales
£48.26 Parent Council Fundraising
£65.00 Accordion Weekend Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased from us,
and to the **Rousay Parent Council** for their fundraising activities!



100% of all money raised goes directly to the Rousay School Fund
to help pay for trips and materials for the pupils

Internet Pilot

We are looking for a few households to take part in our new internet pilot. The pilot is to test our infrastructure before releasing wider services. The pilot will be free for those who take part and at the end of the pilot you can either have the equipment removed from your house, or switch to a competitively priced plan.

To find out more and to see if your property might be suitable to take part in the pilot please contact Colin on 07973 468 363.

Allotment
Association



Allotment Association

Polytunnel plots are all taken, but we still have 3 outside plots available if anyone is interested, and the equipment is still available for hire. This year's plot fees are now due (for those that have not already paid) and you will be getting an invoice in the post very shortly.

For information about the allotment plots, polytunnel plots or equipment hire, please contact Ian on 07879 496686.

We also have the following items for sale: -

★ **Tricoflex 25mm pipe @ £3.15 per metre** ★

Please ask Ian if you are interested.



From the community
For the community



Visiting Branch - St. Ola

Saturday 29th June

Meal at 12 noon
Drivers at Pier at 11am

Competitions:

Table decoration
Twiddlemuff

RCA

Rousay Community Room Bookings

Community Rooms must be booked in advance.

Failure to book may lead to the room you require being unavailable.

To book for your function, contact Laura:

Mobile: 07884 041 901

E-mail: lar.06@hotmail.co.uk

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau has an outreach visit to Rousay:

28th August 2019
11.30am to 2.30pm
Church Centre.

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 22nd August, thank you.

Project Updates from Gill

A snapshot of current projects 'on the go' are the Trumland Land Purchase, The Rural Housing Fund, funding discussions on behalf of the Rousay Sailing Club, and the purchase of The Pier.

A huge thank you to those who pop along to the 'Meet and Greet', the conversations are lively, and give residents the chance to put forward proposals, which are then discussed at the board meetings. The next 'meet and greet' will be held at The Craithub @ The Pier on Wednesday 19th June 11am to 12.

The new Wellbeing 100 grant scheme is up and running- this can be used towards any wellbeing event either here or on the mainland. General grants are also still available.

If anyone still requires child ferry tickets, please contact the office and we can arrange this for you.

If any resident would like further information on any of the above, just ring or email me gill@rewdt.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

BT Broadband Study - Update

Following last month's Review, I have had a limited response to the proposed study. If anyone is still interested in a community broadband project, could they please provide their details. Just phone or email me, gill@rewdt.org.

Please note this is just an initial survey, and any other potential providers will be requested to tender for this possible project.



Car Club & OIC Introduction of EV Charging Fees

With the introduction of the OIC car hire charges, the REW DT board has approved that the costs associated with charging the electric vehicle, for now, will be covered by the REW DT and not passed onto the person hiring the car. This may be subject to change in the future and car club members will be informed if this occurs.

However, OIC penalty fines will not be covered by the REW DT and will be passed onto the hirer.

OIC state that: -

There will be a penalty of £5 if a rapid charger is used for more than an hour, or if a fast-medium charger is used for more than three hours.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this information, please contact the Office.

Rousay Lap Half Marathon

The Rousay Lap Half Marathon will be on
Saturday 31st August.

We look forward to seeing you there either taking part, or as a volunteer cheering cyclists, runners and walkers over the finish line, or as a Marshal, at one of our water stations.

If you are able to be a volunteer Marshal for the Lap, please let Helen know. Thank you.



Peedie Lap 5K

Important notice to vehicle drivers

This year's Peedie Lap 5K will be on 8th June – see separate poster in the Review. We look forward to seeing you all on race day, either taking part or joining us at the finish line to cheer the participants on.

Please can residents try to avoid parking in front of the Heritage Centre where the participants will be registering and to the west of the top of the Pier Road which is the 5K Peedie Lap start line and if possible along the Pier Road from 11:30am on Saturday 8th June until after all participants have cleared the area. This will allow for a smoother start of the Rousay 5K Peedie Lap (start time 12:00 noon) and avoid any potential accidents.

Please can car drivers take care during the afternoon as there will be runners and walkers plus a few children cycling with their parents along the Rousay 5K Peedie Lap route which is along the circular road from the start line anti-clockwise up to the Fire station and back to the gates of Trumland House. The race will end at 16:00 at the latest.

Thank you for your consideration.

If anyone would like to help out at the Rousay 5K Peedie Lap, be a marshal, help with registration or on the finish line, please contact Helen at the REW DT office.

COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT

Defibrillator Volunteer Request

The Community Heartbeat Trust has contacted the REW DT to see if, as a community, we would like to operate a defibrillator scheme. This requires volunteers to make it work effectively. The volunteers would be allocated a section of Rousay (normally the area they live in) and if an emergency occurred in their area they would be required to go to the nearest defibrillator and get this to the incident scene and if needed, operate the defib until the emergency services arrive. The defibrillators also require a daily check which takes around 15 seconds to do.

If we have enough volunteers the REW DT will look at getting defibrillators installed in zones (agreed with the Community Heartbeat Trust) around Rousay and arrange for full training on the use of the defibs. The REW DT will also cover the replacement battery, pads and any other costs involved in ensuring these machines are kept in perfect condition and ready for use.

Well-being

Useful contacts from our Well-being Co-ordinator, Sarah Foulds

Arthritis Care

Tel : L Budge 874009

E-mail: 241@btinternet.com

CLAN – Cancer support for all Drop in sessions 30 Victoria Street, Kirkwall Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

Tel: 873393

E-mail: orkney@clanhouse.org

Community Mental Health Team - Tel: 888280

Crossroads – Provides information, advice ,emotional support, advocacy and training for unpaid carers

Tel: 870500

E-mail: carers@crossroadsorkney.co.uk

CRUSE Bereavement Care Orkney -Tel: 0845 600 2227

RSABI - Supporting people in Scottish Agriculture; emotional, practical and financial assistance in times of need

Tel: 0300 111 4166

E-mail rsabi@rsabi.org.uk



Sarah - Well-being coordinator for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Tel: 821 229 Wednesdays and Thursdays or e-mail sarah.foulds@rewdt.org

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LOST & FOUND

Mobile Phone found in Brinian Play Park

Please contact the Office if you think it might be your phone.



Free Wi-Fi access

(plus access to a laptop and printer):

Monday: 10am to 3pm

Tuesday: 10am to 3pm

Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

If you need to use the Wi-Fi and/or the laptop and printer outwith these times, you will need to make an appointment with staff, who will be as accommodating as possible.



Regular help with a range of household tasks, at a rate subsidised by the Trust.

Contact Gillian at
Age Scotland Orkney direct:

01856 872438

gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk

Car Club

Hire our electric car from as little as £2.50 for 1 hour, or for as long as you need (e.g. 24 hours costs £18).



Book the car online or via the Office.

Car Club FAQs and T&Cs are available online.

Shredded Paper for Composting

We occasionally have bags of shredded paper available for composting. If anyone would like a bag, please contact the Office.



SECOND ROUSAY 5K PEEDIE LAP

8th JUNE 2019

ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME!



Run or walk from the top of the

Pier Road to the Fire Station and back

Under 12s permitted to cycle if accompanied by an adult

PLUS...ROUSAY FIRE STATION OPEN DAY!



Have a look around the Rousay Fire Station
and see the fire engine!



FREE ENTRY - DONATION TO RNLI

STARTS 12 NOON

REGISTRATION 10:00 – 11:45

To book a ferry in advance, phone 01856 751360

Tingwall to Rousay - 8:40 & 10:40

Rousay to Tingwall - last boat at 17:30

Further information and entry forms email info@rewdt.org or phone 01856 821229



Meeting our current and future needs

Part Time Turbine Responder

A part-time position has arisen for a 'Turbine Responder' post for REWIRED Ltd, the community wind turbine generator on the Island of Rousay. Duties will include computerised operational monitoring, rapid responding to simple faults/issues, basic site management and maintenance. Suitable candidates will be resident on Rousay as out of normal office hours work will be required.

Certificates for Manual Handling and Working at Heights Awareness will be an advantage but are not essential. Work with and around electrical equipment will be required. Necessary training will be provided, you will be expected to attend and achieve a pass level.

A retention payment will be paid for a 2 week on / 2 week off rota; assuming 26 weeks/yr duty. The retainer rate is currently £60 per week. Holidays may be taken or time off in lieu will be paid. Routine contact time will be required for 2 hrs each week at £12.50/hr and a £15/hr call out rate (min call out 1 hr) will apply.

For more information and an Application Form please either call the REWDT/REWIRED Ltd offices on 821 229 or email rewired@rewdt.org.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **5pm on Thursday 13th June 2019.**



Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

Director Vacancies

HSO Ltd has a vacancy on their Board of Directors.

Do you want to make a difference to your community?

If you would like to be involved in the moving forward, running & management of this exciting HSO project (using the curtailed power from the Community 900kW turbine to reduce fuel poverty on our isles), we would be happy to hear from you.

The board usually meets around 4 or 5 times a year and only when necessary.

If you want more information, please feel free to contact the staff who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Closing date is Friday 28 June 2019 at 5 p.m.

Registered Office: The Manse, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PR.

Telephone: 01856 821229. E-mail: info@rewdt.org

Our Current Grant Schemes

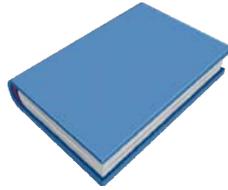


Well Being 100 Fund

Apply for 100% of the cost of well being activities, including Active Islands/Life memberships.



A maximum of £100 per person, up to 31st March 2020.
Open to adults & children.



Educational Bursary

Apply for up to 100% of the cost of a nationally-recognised qualification.



A maximum of £500 (adults) & £100 (children in primary/secondary education).



Driving Lessons

Apply for up to £500 towards the cost of your driving lessons with a qualified instructor.



A maximum of £500 per applicant.



Child Ferry Tickets

Apply for one book of 50 ferry tickets for children (5-18, in full-time education).

General Grants

Looking for funding which doesn't fit into one of our specific grant funds?
Individuals and groups are also welcome to apply for funding from our 'General Grants' fund.

Ready to apply?

To obtain an application form, please ring or call into the office. Completed forms can be sent in either on paper, or electronically to grants@rewdt.org

All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the training/event/payment due date, whichever is earliest, as well as a minimum of **two weeks** before the planned Board meeting date, to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for Wednesday 5th June & Wednesday 17th July 2019.

Does Your Organisation or Community Group Need Financial Support?

Why not let REW DT support you in finding external funding opportunities and then help you with your grant application. If you would like to speak to staff about this offer, please contact the office. Alternatively, Megan McEwen from VAO in Kirkwall also offers to support community groups with finding funding opportunities.

Opening Hours

Monday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Tuesday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Wednesday	10am-3pm (<i>drop-in</i>)
Thursday	<i>By appointment only</i>
Friday	<i>By appointment only</i>

Please feel free to call in with any queries, advice, or grant applications during drop-in times.

Occasionally, all of the staff are away from the office on DT business, so if you wish to speak to us, it is always better to phone first, to make an appointment.



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ROUSAY, EGILSAY, WYRE & GAIRSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Inter Island Ticket books

All requests for inter island ticket books need to be made to the clerk by the last day of each month whereby all requests will be collated and sent through to Tingwall office. Tickets will then be made available shortly afterwards.

Please send your emails to rewgclerk@gmail.com to request your tickets including the type of tickets needed, address and name.

Repairs to Scockness Kirkyard Gate

Tenders are welcomed to replace the gate at Scockness Kirkyard, Sourin.

Please send your tender information to rewgclerk@gmail.com by the 8th June 2019

Scrap Car Scheme

This scheme is still running, anyone wanting uplift of their scrap vehicles at no cost to you please ensure you have your V5 available and send an email request to rewgclerk@gmail.com with car details along with an address and contact number and it'll be sent on to the haulier.

Next meeting dates and financial requests

The next meeting is 29th June 2019 at 10:15 Rousay School followed by 24th August and 9th November. All financial requests need to be in to the clerk 10 days before the date of the meeting.

Archaeology Placements for Rousay Residents this summer

Join the UHI Archaeology Institute team excavating at Skail Farm, Westness for a chance to learn some new skills, meet new people and work as part of the team. This year we are excavating trenches around the ruined farm buildings to discover previous farmsteads from the medieval and Norse periods. There are 4 places available. No previous experience required. Excavations run from 8-26 July – join for the odd day or the whole time, it's up to you. Contact Dan Lee on Daniel.Lee@uhi.ac.uk to book a place.



Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Reporting on the exploits of your councillor in Orkney and beyond

May 2019

Among all the bad news we have had recently, a possible piece of good news is that Elgar's enigma might at last have been solved. Edward Elgar wrote his fourteen *Enigma Variations* in 1898-99, of which *Variation No.9, Nimrod* is probably the most famous, although my favourites are the romantic *No.1*, the graciously nostalgic *No.8* and the melancholy *No.13*. Each *Variation* is based on the same hidden musical theme, which Elgar stated was a well-known tune. However, nobody correctly guessed it in his lifetime, and the answer went with him to his grave. Now composer Ed Newton-Rex claims to have solved the enigma, his solution being Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*. What do you think?

Stabat Mater
Stabat Mater I Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

Grave

Orgue à tuyaux



Is this the solution to Elgar's enigma?

However, a bigger (as yet unsolved) enigma is Govt. Scotland's attitude towards local democracy. The Scottish Government's Planning & Environmental Appeals Division has just overturned two planning decisions made by elected OIC councillors to reject major windfarm developments with significant landscape implications at Costa and Hesta. Whatever you feel about the decisions made by the council, OIC is the democratic body elected locally, with local knowledge to deal with local matters for the benefit of our locality. It's a sad fact that devolution stopped at Holyrood, and that relentless centralisation to that assembly is reducing local government to a state of powerless make-belief.

Meanwhile, OIC has announced "Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project". Two sites for potential community wind farms are being investigated: at Quanterness in St Ola and the other on Faray (in the Eday Community Council area). The intention is for the profits to stay in Orkney, thus "enabling the Council to preserve and enhance key services that local people value and depend upon and providing a foundation for communities to drive transformational projects of their own." Such developments would also make a significant contribution to the "needs case" for a new interconnector for Orkney, with all the economic and employment benefits it is hoped a new cable could bring to the county. Public engagement events have been taking place in the areas which would potentially be most impacted.

At the Policy & Resources Committee meeting, we received the detailed revenue budgets for 2019/20, and it is worth noting that we will be spending £10,301,000 out of our strategic reserve fund. Another thing worth noting, this time from our "Workforce Plan", is that at the end of 2018 there were 2,701 people working for Orkney Islands Council in one capacity or another, making OIC Orkney's major employer by far. Half of OIC's work force is aged over 45, which reflects our local population demographics.

I attended a meeting of The Council of The Society of The Friends of St Magnus Cathedral (as one of the four OIC members). With the help of The Friends, a new mason, Meredith Macbeth has now been appointed for the Cathedral. The Friends have sent a letter from St Magnus Cathedral (founded 1137) to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris (founded 1160) to express sympathy for the devastating fire they suffered.

It was good to be back in Sanday for the Sanday School leavers' assembly. (My younger daughter is one of those leaving.) It was a celebration of the leavers' achievements, and they set a glowing example to all those pupils following them up through the school. The event also marked the beginning of the reign of Sanday School's new headmaster, Stewart McPhail, whom I would like to welcome. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jonathon McCabe to the headship of Eday School.

On the May Bank Holiday, I spectated at the Longhope Swimming Gala at the Picky (the last my aforementioned daughter will be swimming at). Congratulations to Westray for coming first and for winning the Loganair Cup (despite such speedy opponents from Sanday!).

The "mid-term reshuffle" at the Special General and Policy & Resources Committee meetings saw me reappointed to the same jobs I've been doing for the past 2 years. I remain on the Policy & Resources, Education Leisure & Housing, Orkney Health & Care and Monitoring & Audit committees. I'm still OIC's rep on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances and the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, a director of Orkney Ferries Ltd, a member of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board and of The Council of The Society of The Friends of St Magnus Cathedral; and I will continue to serve on the (renamed) Constitutional Reform Consultative Group, the (renamed) Digital Strategy Consultative Group and the Empowering Communities Steering Group. Other appointments will be made at forthcoming committee meetings.

This month, in Kirkwall, I have also attended a (normal) General Meeting, marine planning training, a session on the Islands Deal, and a members' session. I met with officials to discuss child poverty in the North Isles and explore reasons why it is so high compared to the rest of Orkney. In the Isles, I went to a meeting of the Sanday School Parent Council, a public consultation event in Sanday on the Scottish Govt's "National Islands Plan" (which wouldn't exist had it not been for the OIC-initiated "Our Islands, Our Future" initiative!), and a meeting of Stronsay Community Council. On the 30th May (flights permitting), I shall be at the meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council.

Ward constituents have asked me about the recycling of plastics. The Council has produced a handy leaflet "Plastic Recycling-Isles" outlining the current situation from the OIC perspective. In the meantime, there is a plastics recycling initiative being trialled in Stronsay. I would appreciate the public's comments on both this trial and what it says in the Council's leaflet.

Like some other local authorities, OIC has "declared a climate emergency", which, as it stands, in the grand scheme of things, is just a puff of CO₂-laden hot air. In an attempt to make **our** declaration more meaningful and helpful in mitigating the immediate impacts of climate change on Orkney, I proposed we add the pledge that OIC will "commit to take the necessary measures, where we can, to protect our communities from the ongoing effects of climate change." My proposal didn't even find a seconder!



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

You can download "Letter from School Place" from lfsp.pbworks.com





Plastics Recycling – Isles

Here are a number of reasons as to why Orkney Islands Council (OIC) doesn't support the collection of communal plastic recycling skips on the outer isles at the moment. This document was put together by the Waste Team in the Council to help residents better understand this position and particularly in light of the pressure placed upon the council by residents since Blue Planet II and the general groundswell of public support on plastics generally.

Cost

It costs approximately £573 every time OIC services a skip. There are 13 non-linked isles and if the Council give to one isle they have to give to all. Then there is the cost also of processing the waste and recycling at Chinglebraes (the council's waste transfer station) and of course shipping costs south. There will also be a 'gate fee' that all private and public-sector authorities pay to an organisation who is licenced to accept waste/recyclate materials.

Markets for recyclates – particularly single use type plastic

Markets have collapsed owing to China ban; there is now nowhere to send it. 67% of UK plastic was going to China (not Orkney's) so there is insufficient infrastructure at present within the UK to accept single use plastic. This then has a knock-on effect with respect to other types of plastic, as the number of re-processors who do accept plastic are 'squeezed'/inundated with private and public-sector waste authorities wanting to send plastic to them. The market price is very low at the moment (year ending December 2018) and OIC currently gets zero rebate on plastic at present. Orkney is lucky in that it has a source segregated recycling scheme in place, which means its household bottles are cleaner, and also it isn't mixed up with other types of plastic. Therefore, to date, Orkney continues to successfully ship it's collected plastic to re processors within Europe if not the UK (although note at zero rebate).

Shetland – EFW plant

The waste required to ensure the greatest operating efficiency at the Gremista Plant on Shetland is made up of 60% Shetland's residual waste sent for final treatment and 40% is Orkney's residual waste. The more waste that Orkney chooses to remove from this 40% quota, eventually this could affect the plants operating capability which results in Shetland having to import additional waste materials from say mainland Scotland. The costs of importing this waste has a knock-on effect to Orkney in that it would be highly likely Shetland would put up its gate fee they charge Orkney, resulting in increased costs to OIC (gate fees). These costs are then passed on down the supply chain ultimately to Orkney's trade waste customers, or at least in part as the Council tries to recover it's costs. To note also that plastic has a very high calorific value.

Contamination

In general, communal recycling facilities are not favoured. They can cause real headaches for local authorities. Communal recycling leads to increased contamination and contamination means higher costs in terms of separating out the contaminants, or indeed losing an entire load or skip to the general refuse because it is highly contaminated. Plastics in particular are very easy to contaminate because there are several types, and this leads to confusion as to what can and cannot be recycled. Even with...

...good education and lots of information out there via the web, Facebook, radio, newspaper, folk still get it wrong. It's just human nature!

Outer isles are of course on communal recycling facilities. So easy to contaminate as there are so many different types of plastic (7 types at least) and through either "unintentional ignorance" or "intentional laziness". Communal facilities can be abused. In addition, communal recycling facilities are often less favoured by local authorities especially when just left out on a limb, because it is very easy for folk to put in highly dangerous materials termed hazardous materials. These can comprise (and this happened in Orkney in 2018) undetonated marine flares, calor camping gas containers etc, syringes, batteries etc.

Viridor, a private sector company, once had a large camping calor gas container turn up at its reprocessing facility in Perth. The calor gas container was inside a white goods item (tumble dryer or the like). It was not detected through its sorting line and exploded causing a fire and many staff to be hospitalised. On that occasion there were no fatalities, but it could easily have been the outcome. The knock-on effect affected the whole country because the plant had to close down temporarily and therefore one of the main UK's reprocessors to receive white goods was on shut down for a number of months. White goods piled up in their store yards, and no doubt local authorities were told to hang onto them in their yards too...

So communal facilities are not favoured because of the health and safety risk to both business and human life. The knock-on effect of hazardous materials coming into Orkney's waste transfer station would be quite catastrophic, as if that shut down, even temporarily, there are no other means by which to bale Orkney's residual waste or recyclates and prepare them for shipping. The investment in an alternative even temporary would be hundreds of thousands of pounds if not millions.

We hope this provides you with a fuller understanding as to why the Council doesn't support plastic recycling separation in the general community at the moment.



Orkney Mobile Library

Visits to Rousay & Egilsay in 2019:

25th July
19th September
14th November



**Hydraulic hose repairs
&
Hydraulic oil in stock**

Available from Danny Hall
Call 07919 335 744

Wanted

5 gallon fermentation
buckets in good condition

Please call Helen
on 07879 686509



Snooker Club

**Annual Memberships
are now due**

New members welcome



Free

Grey and black corner suite and chair,
free to anyone who can collect,
please phone 07756939413.



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

JUNE 2019

(01856 821 443)

Opening Hours

Supervised Sessions

Monday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Tuesday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Wednesday	x x x
Thursday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Friday	x x x
Saturday	16:00 - 17:00
Sunday	x x x

* The gym will close at 20:15 if empty

Buddy System

Term Time Buddy System

Monday	08:30 - 17:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 15:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday	08:30 - 17:00
Friday	08:30 - 15:00
Saturday	x x x
Sunday	11:00 - 12:00**

** During Rousay FBX

The Buddy System relies on the goodwill of the school staff. Due to staff shortages the hours may occasionally need to be amended at short notice. On these occasions we would appreciate it if you could make sure you are ready to leave the school promptly to ensure mainland staff can catch return boats home.

We will publish any changes on our "RHLC Buddy System" Facebook page.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding

FATBURN EXTREME

**Rousay Community School Hall
Sunday 11am**

**FREE - ActiveLife & ActiveIslands
50p - ActiveBudget Members
£4.40 - Standard 30min Class Fee**



CHARGES

Class and Gym Prices

- 30min Classes - £4.40
- 45-60min Classes - £6.20
- Gym Session - £5.20
- Gym Inductions - £14.20
- Personalised Programme - £13.40

ActiveLife

- Monthly Individual - £22.50
- Monthly Family - £32.50

ActiveIslands

- Monthly Individual - £12.50
- Monthly Family - £17.50

ActiveBudget

50p per person per activity

**FULL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:
www.pickaquoy.co.uk/membership/**



Keep up to date with our official Facebook page and groups:

- "Rousay Healthy Living Centre"
- "Rousay Boxercise"
- "Rousay Fatburn Extreme"
- "RHLC Buddy System"

