

## **Rousay Community Association** **Rousay Community Room Bookings**

No bookings for the School will be taken until further notice.



*From the community  
For the community*

## **Triangle Club**

Helen, from the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust has been busy, in collaboration with Julie from the Triangle Club, to secure funding for all self-isolators in our Community in regard to ensuring you have a healthy 2-course meal provided by Carey at The Taversoe, once a week.

Today, the funding was secured for food up to the 30th September and should you wish to take up this offer, please could contact Julie on:

[triangle.club60@aol.com](mailto:triangle.club60@aol.com)

or

01856 821269 where you will be able to leave a message.

## **Thank You!**

A huge thank you to you all for the good wishes and gifts on my retirement. My gast has never been so flabbered by your generosity!!

You're all lovely people and I'm proud to call you my friends! It's been a pleasure and privilege to sail with you over the 32 years, it's been a very enjoyable job with lots of happy memories.

I must send a huge thank you to my crew mates past and present, who made the job so easy and a pleasure to be around!

Hopefully now I'll get to see more of my grandbairns, gardening and working on the house (not housework) is another of my passions so that'll fill my time!

The windy and wet winter mornings will be a distant memory and there's one thing I'll miss and that's you!

Thanks again.

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**Islands View Surgery**  
The Surgery will be  
**CLOSED**  
on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
**FOR THE**  
**MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

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 Hospital Switchboard on **888 000** and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.

**POST  
OFFICE**

## Rousay Post Office

The Post Office is open  
9am-10am, Monday-Friday.

Full service is available.

## Marion's Shop

### Opening Hours:

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2pm - 5pm**

**Sunday: 2pm - 4pm**

Only one customer in the shop at any one time, please. If there is a **green** card on the door, you can enter. If there is a **red** card on the door, please wait until the customer leaves, to ensure the correct distances are maintained.



If you are self-isolating or cannot get to the shop for any reason, phone or e-mail Marion  
( **821 365** or **marion365rousay@gmail.com** )  
by 11:30am and Marion will deliver after 2pm on Mondays and Fridays.

Allotment  
Association

## Allotment Association

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



## Covid-19 Update

### Support for residents

In these difficult times the REW DT continues to work to improve the quality of life for the islands' inhabitants of all ages, in ways that are both sustainable and environmentally sound. The REW DT is working specifically to supplement and enhance the activities of the statutory bodies and the Community Council and support the considerable voluntary effort being undertaken by individual community members.

#### Food Deliveries

REW DT has been working with Marion's Shop and Rousay Deliveries to ensure that our residents are not disadvantaged due to the current situation and travel restrictions. REW DT is funding the additional hours at the shop to assist with the increased numbers of orders from residents, the boxing and delivery of these food orders from the shop to all residents.

We are funding essential deliveries of goods brought in from the JBT depot in Kirkwall which will be delivered by Rousay Deliveries to all 3 island residents. This includes the NHS resilience weekly food boxes to some of our community.

We are funding deliveries of takeaway meals from The Taversoe so that all residents can get access to 1 hot meal a week.

REW DT would like to thank Marion's Shop, Rousay Deliveries and The Taversoe for their extra support for residents during this pandemic.

#### Supporting Communities Fund - PPE & Triangle Club Meals

We have just had confirmation that our application for funding from the Supporting Communities Fund, via HIE, for PPE for all our delivery drivers, and for funding for the Triangle Club to provide 1 lunchtime meal of soup and sandwiches, per week for self-isolating residents up until the end of September. We are working with local businesses and the Triangle Club to provide this. The funding awarded is £22,069.00.

#### 3D Printers

REW DT is also funding the purchase of two 3D printers to allow volunteers on Rousay to make face masks for the NHS and our local key workers.

#### Covid-19 Leaflet

All in all, REW DT directors and staff are quite busy trying to find ways to keep safe and help our residents, this is quite a financial commitment. Our Vice-Chair produced a COVID-19 leaflet that was emailed or posted to all residents and covered what support is available both on our three islands and from other sources. This is also available on our website [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org) - if you did not get yours, please let the Office know.

#### Peedie Lap 5K & Rousay Lap Half-Marathon

Due to Covid-19, this event is now cancelled. The Rousay Lap Half Marathon is still under review, but if current Government guidelines remain, it is unlikely this event will happen this year.

#### Office

In the meantime, the Trust offices are still covered on an ad-hoc basis, due to staff working in isolation from each other but the DT offices are still offering internet access for residents in need and we are finding that folk are ringing just to catch up and have a chat - which is also good. Our normal business still continues alongside the COVID-19 initiatives.

## Covid-19 Update

### How to contact us

The staff are still working, but are not always in the office.

The office e-mails, post, and phone messages are being picked up most days and the staff will respond as soon as they are able to.

#### **REWDT & REWIRED**

For REWDT & REWIRED, please either e-mail [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org) or leave a message on 821 229.

#### **Heat Smart Orkney**

For Heat Smart Orkney, please e-mail [info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk](mailto:info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk) or leave a message on 821 277.

Thank you for your patience in such difficult times. Stay safe.

### Rousay Wi-Fi Centre

The Rousay Wi-Fi Centre is closed for the moment due to the Covid-19 virus, however, please remember our Broadband grant offer is still available, and we encourage our residents with no or limited broadband (subject to conditions) to apply.

### Brinian Play Park

Due to the most recent Government advice, we are sorry to say that the Brinian Play Park is currently closed until further notice.

### 2019/20 Grants Schemes

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, it has been agreed that applicants who have outstanding grant applications that have already been approved but who have not yet accessed the funds, will have the grants extended until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. If it is unlikely you will be able to use the grant by this date, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

### Project Updates

#### The Pier Project

The Pier building is closed to public access. Due to concerns raised by residents regarding the safety of the garden area and the car park, REWDT accept no responsibility for damage caused to any vehicles left in this area. REWDT respectfully request that children do not play on the grass at this current time.

#### Trumland Land Project

We are still working with our solicitors and the owners regarding the purchase of the land. The purchase is progressing, albeit slowly, and the Big Lottery Fund (BLF), who are providing 100% of the purchase price and purchase fees, are being kept informed to ensure the funding is still available. Ellie has been looking further into the possibility of creating a Ranger Service Provision and the cost implications, responsibilities and pros and cons of these sub-projects, so that she can discuss these ideas with the community once the land purchase has been finalised.



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# REW DT 2019/20

## Project Costs

**Here2Help**  
**£9,414.48**  
Supporting our older  
residents



**£1,911.29**  
Keeping our Car  
Club members  
mobile.

**Allotments, School  
Gardens, Pier &  
Heritage Centre  
Gardens**  
**£1,634.30**



**Peedie &  
Rousay Laps**  
**£2,334.01**



**Supporting  
REW Heritage  
SCIO £323.37**

**Buildings for future  
community use - purchase  
& associated costs.**

The Pier (new Community Venue)  
**£175,561.22**  
Pier Store (Heritage Display Centre)  
**£32,541.88**

## Our 2020/21 Grant Schemes

**Broadband Fund**  
**Child Ferry Tickets**  
**Driving Lessons**  
**Education & Training**  
**Well Being 100 Fund**

As some Well-Being grants have been used to purchase memberships at the Pickaquoy Centre, we thought it would be helpful to include the following information.

Regarding the closure of facilities due to COVID19, The Pickaquoy Centre have said "We would like to reassure our customers that our ActiveLife and ActiveIslands memberships paid by direct debit will be frozen until 'normal' service resumes. Any members who have paid in full will have additional time added to their memberships."

### Ready to apply to one of our grant funds?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, The Manse is closed, and staff are working predominantly from home. We are currently encouraging electronic grant applications. Application forms for grants are available on our website ([www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)) and can be filled in, signed, and returned to us electronically ([grants@rewdt.org](mailto:grants@rewdt.org)), however, if you would prefer an application form to be posted out to you instead, we will happily do so. Please call and leave a message on 01856 821 229 or email [grants@rewdt.org](mailto:grants@rewdt.org)

All applications to the above Grant Schemes must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the training or first well being activity takes places, and a minimum of **two weeks** before payment is due, to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

### 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, VAO in Kirkwall also offers to support community groups with finding funding opportunities. Tel. 01856 872897.



#### Here2Help

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](mailto:gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk)

#### Office 'Drop-In'

#### Covid-19 Update

In line with the Government's latest advice, our office is currently closed to the public.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.**

#### Car Club

Due to the Covid-19 virus, please use the antibacterial wipes in the car after you have returned the car to The Manse. Thank you.



**Book the car online or via the Office.**

Car Club FAQs and T&Cs are available online.

Telephone: 01856 821 229

General E-mails: [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org)

Grants E-mails: [grants@rewdt.org](mailto:grants@rewdt.org)

Visit our website:

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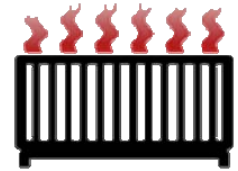
#### Directors:

John Garson (Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Vice-Chair), Carolyne Tunbridge (Treasurer),  
Carole Maguire, Alison Mainland, Mark Hull (co-opted) & Peter Roebuck (co-opted).

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**DIVERTING UNUSED RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO AFFORDABLE HEATING**

## **THE HSO OFFICE IS STILL CLOSED TO VISITORS IN ORDER TO KEEP EVERYONE HEALTHY AND WELL**

However, we are still working remotely as usual and will continue to be your first line of contact in case of any equipment issues.

We will continue to contact you for meter readings and bills, and will continue to issue rebates.

Please email or phone us using our contact information below.

For those who have not yet provided us with their electricity bills, oil, coal or Calor gas purchases we **URGENTLY** require this information so we can work out your increased rebate accurately.

Please email or post this information to us *as soon as possible*.

## **STAY HOME-STAY SAFE-PROTECT THE NHS**



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For more information about the project contact us:

Phone: **01856 821277** Email: **info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk**



Alternatively, learn about our progress on **Facebook** by searching **Heat Smart Orkney** and on the web at **www.rewdt.org/HSO**

## Reporting on what your councillor is doing in these Covid-19-times

Since my last *Letter*, matters have moved on momentarily and the virus situation has become deadly serious with lives in Orkney now tragically having been lost to it. The Special Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March was our last face-to-face Council meeting (and even then two councillors participated by telephone). The purpose of this meeting was to amend our standing orders to adapt council procedures to the emergency scenario we now find ourselves in. The standard committee cycle has been suspended, and we councillors now hold regular briefings and other meetings via "Microsoft Teams" from our respective homes. Schools, libraries and leisure facilities have been closed, waste recycling halted, car parks made free-of-charge, key-worker hubs set up, and changes made to birth, marriage and death registration. Government business grant schemes have been instigated and are being administered locally by OIC. Up-to-date details of all of this and more can be found via the "News" tab at the top of the Council's website at <https://www.orkney.gov.uk>. If, on the homepage, you click on this banner:



you will be taken to links connecting you to further Covid-19-related information and advice and also to Council Leader James Stockan's podcasts. Other valuable sources of local information are *BBC Radio Orkney* and *The Orcadian* weekly newspaper as well as the various monthly magazines and newsletters published and distributed on the individual islands of the North Isles Ward. Every household will have received a letter and explanatory coronavirus leaflet from the Prime Minister, who himself has not been immune to the effects of this disease and thankfully is now on the road to recovery. The Scottish Government Covid-19 helpline is 0800-1114000. For OIC's Homelessness Service ring 01856-873535 or 07921-582962 out-of-hours.

Since the 27<sup>th</sup> March, Orkney Ferries' vessels have been sailing to much reduced "Covid-19" timetables (details available at <http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/>). Swift pre-emptive intervention by me on behalf of hauliers I had contacted as soon as it was published enabled minor improvements to be made to the Outer North Isles timetable within the imposed constraints. Subsequently, I have been making representations to facilitate other aspects of the supply chain. I would like to take this opportunity to praise the sterling work done by our island hauliers and shops to keep us all supplied and fed, and to our posties for diligently delivering our letters, parcels and prescriptions. I've also been engaged, alongside our MSP Liam McArthur, in pushing for adequate, appropriate personal protection equipment for our front-line NHS staff and home carers in the Isles. They, too, deserve our praise and our support. At a (virtual) Special Meeting on St Magnus' Day, OIC agreed to establish a Community Resilience Fund and a Coronavirus Response Fund. Furthermore, we are allocating nearly 60% of our Food Fund grant to provide £5 per head per week to all residents of the isles (north and south) to be spent in the island shops.

We are fortunate to be experiencing our enforced "lockdown" in Orkney's North Isles, where we can stroll out of our houses for our daily exercise into a calm, rural environment with soothing sea views, and have the reassurance of strong communities to look out for us. This could be a time of personal creativity and achievement, a chance to spend quality time with our families, and get some DIY and gardening done. Natural philosopher, Isaac Newton did some of his greatest work whilst confined at home during the Great Plague of 1665-66. Many of us will now have more time to read. Topical titles include "La Peste" ("The Plague") by Albert Camus, "A Journal of the Plague Year" by Daniel Defoe, and "Het Achterhuis" ("The Diary of a Young Girl") by Anne Frank—an account of being incarcerated in constricted living quarters while facing even greater challenges than we are. For other accounts of isolation under challenging conditions consider Terry Waite's "Taken on Trust" and "An Evil Cradling" by Brian Keenan. As we live on islands, why not tackle Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe"? Samuel Pepys chronicled the Great Plague in his diary, concluding from his experience "I have never lived so merrily ... as I have done this plague-time."!

I am saddened by the death of fellow North Isles Councillor, Dr Kevin Woodbridge. He was an esteemed colleague and ally I shall miss in the chamber and at meetings of the Orkney Ferries Board. Elected in 2017, his 3 years in office were far too brief.

Don't be a  
Covidiot!  
Stay at home.  
Protect the NHS.  
Save lives.

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson  
West Manse, Sanday

[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)



**R.I.P. Councillor Kevin**

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