

Islands View Surgery
The Surgery will be
CLOSED

on
Monday 10th August

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.

August 2020

What's On

Wednesday 5th August

→ The Taversoe InnQUIZition, 8pm,
via Zoom

Every Sunday

→ The Taversoe's Music Bingo, 7pm,
via Zoom

ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE RESIDENTS SURVEY - REPLACEMENT FERRY SERVICE

Orkney Islands Council has commissioned Stantec and Mott MacDonald Ltd (MML) to develop a Business Case for a **new vessel(s), any supporting harbour upgrades and timetable improvements** for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. This is the next stage of work that is required to secure future investment in the network, building on the previous work which was presented to communities in 2016.

The purpose of this survey is to gather evidence from isles residents on how the ferry services are currently used and any problems / issues with them. *Note that, unless otherwise stated, you should answer these questions with respect to your use and experience of the ferry services before the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The preferred method for completion of the survey is ONLINE. Please find the link for the online survey below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RousayEgilsayWyre-ResidentSurvey>

The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete and **should be completed once only by any Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre resident aged 16 or over.** *Please don't use the back button on your browser when completing the survey.*

Please complete the survey by no later than **Friday 21st August 2020.**

A paper version of the survey and reply-paid envelope will be made available at the island waiting rooms and on the ferry please pick one up for anyone that can't get out and about.

Alternatively, if you would like a copy posted directly to you, please contact Fiona Duncan on 0131 297 7019 or Fiona.Duncan@stantec.com

We don't have to tell you how important it is to get community input - every questionnaire completed ensures that your issues, requests and comments will be considered. - Thank you

The Friels' New Phone Number

The Friels would like to let everyone know that their new phone number at Curquoy is 01856 525080.



As a result of Covid-19 I have made the decision not to open for accommodation for the remainder of 2020.



The bar and restaurant are currently closed. I have no plans to re-open either as yet.



Available by pre-order for collection or delivery.

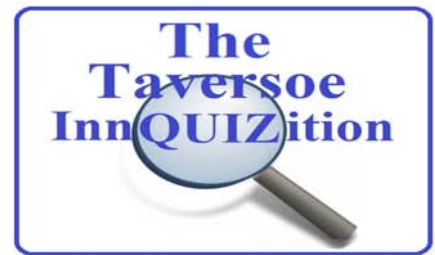
Assigned time slots for collection to assist in social distancing.

Please wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser for collection.

At least 24hr notice appreciated. Many thanks and stay safe.

Current Menu Options:

- Battered Fish
- Wholetail Scampi
- Chicken Dippers
- Baikie's Chip Shop Patties



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Notices on "The Taversoe" Facebook Page



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 *The Taversoe on Facebook - InnQUIZition & Music Bingo* 



REW HERITAGE



DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW HERITAGE DISPLAY IN ROUSAY

Utilising funding from North Isles Landscape Partnership, Rousay Egilsay and Wyre Heritage SCIO invites quotations from suitably qualified and experienced designers for the provision of the design and installation a new heritage display at Rousay Heritage Centre, Rousay.

The Contract will commence in October 2020.

Quotation documents are available from the REW Heritage SCIO Chair (Bryan Milner):

Everybist, Rousay, KW17 2PS

everybist@gmail.com

All tenders should be returned to the above address by 5 p.m. on 10/09/2020.

North Isles Landscape Partnership is supported by:



Soames Excavations



**Breck,
ROUSAY**

soamesexcavations@gmail.com

Tel: 01856 821 227

Mob: 07818 620 228

Agricultural
& Garden
Fencing

Grounds Maintenance

- Landscaping
- Scarifying
- Spraying
- Rotovating

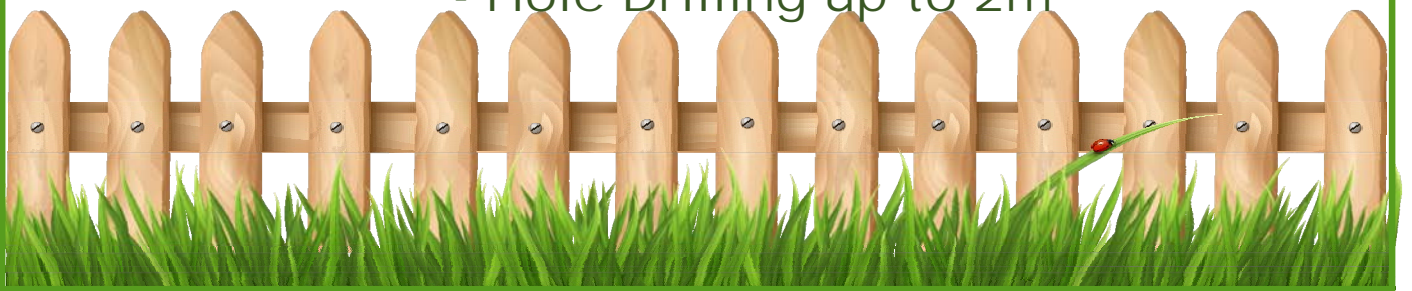
Green Waste Disposal

Road Tow Concrete Mixer Hire
(Aggregate available)

Firewood Processing

Excavator Hire (2.5 ton)

- 150kg Rock Breaker
- 200ml – 900ml V Ditching
- Hole Drilling up to 2m



For Sale

Under counter fridge £30

Upright deep freeze 4 drawers and top shelf £40

Chest Freezer about 4ft long £40

Electric Rise and recline brown leather chair slight damage on one arm.

(Reason for sale to high for my short legs.) £150

Brown leather 2 seater settee £40

Gas heater £10

Anyone want any **jam jars** before I put to recycling?

If interested please phone Itha @ 821349

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

REWDT & REWIRED

For REWDT & REWIRED, please either e-mail info@rewdt.org or leave a message on 821 229.

Heat Smart Orkney

For Heat Smart Orkney, please e-mail info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk or leave a message on 821 277.

Covid-19 Support

We are continuing with our current Covid-19 funding packages, and the Board will be reviewing this support in August following the planned Government announcement on 30th July.



Electric Car Hire

We are continuing to offer the electric car hire, so that Car Club members can make essential journeys, in line with current Government advice on car hire. REWDT would like to assure all members that we have an enhanced cleaning regime after every hire, which is also in line with Government advice. All journeys should only be made when absolutely essential, and in line with social distancing advice. Please use the wipes and hand sanitiser in the car after you have returned the car to The Manse. Please see our website for detailed car hire rules due to Covid-19. Thank you.

Digital Archaeology and Heritage Resource Pack - NEW

The Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust has teamed up with The UHI Archaeology Institute to support islanders during and beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic. Fieldwork activities on Rousay in 2020 (e.g. Skail farm and Swandro) have been postponed. This project provides an opportunity to support residents (young and old) to discover, access and enjoy archaeology and heritage resources on the internet.

The digital resource pack is designed to provide islanders with a basic guide and links to online archaeology and heritage resources. This will support training sessions where participants can undertake their own research, or this pack can be used for general interest.

Watch this space for more information and visit the REWDT website.

To register an interest in the project, contact Dan Lee on Daniel.Lee@uhi.ac.uk



Updates

Community Polytunnel at the Allotment Site

We have been informed that the Community Polytunnel at the Allotment Site has been vandalised. These incidents took place between Wednesday 15th - Thursday 16th July & Sunday 26th - Tuesday 28th July. Many plot holders produce has been damaged. We are currently investigating this unacceptable vandalism and if we identify the culprits, we will be informing the police. If any residents has any information about this horrible act of vandalism, please get in touch with the Office or the police. Thank you.

Free Rechargeable Lanterns for our older residents

The REW DT has provided the doctors surgery with a small number of lanterns which they will issue to our more vulnerable residents to be used instead of candles during the winter months and when power cuts happen. Please contact the surgery if you feel you would benefit from having one of these.

The Pier Project

The Pier building is closed to public access, however, crafters are now getting in touch to remove their craft items. Craft items can be packed and delivered on request, with the owner's permission. If anyone with craft or other items currently stored in The Pier building would like to remove them for safe-keeping, please get in touch with the Office and arrangements can be made. Under the current circumstances, only 1 person will be able to enter the premises, along with 1 member of staff. Your understanding is appreciated.

Meet & Greet - a virtual option

I am currently in the office on a Wednesday and Friday, and quite a few residents ring in with queries or concerns in the current climate. If anyone would like to meet up 'face to face', either via Zoom or Messenger, this can be arranged. Just leave me a message at the office or e-mail me (gill@rewdt.org) and we can organise a get together.

I am still receiving ideas for projects, which I am putting to our Board members.

Keep safe and well.

Gill

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, due to complex historical plans. 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.

Crossroads & Here2Help

We are pleased to inform residents that we are now working with Crossroads Carers, alongside Age Scotland in providing the services offered under the Here2Help scheme. If any resident would like to use Crossroads Carers or would like further information, please feel free to contact Gill at the office in the first instance.

For Here2Help, please contact Gillian at Age Scotland Orkney (01856 872438 or Gillian@ageconcernorkney.org.uk).

Vacancy: Office Cleaner (Relief)

The REW DT is looking for a reliable relief office cleaner to work up to 2 x 1.5 hour shifts each week, cleaning the REW DT offices, and, when required, the electric vehicle (including the weekly safety car checks), when the main office cleaner is on holiday.

The pay is £9.30 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the Office in writing (e-mail is acceptable) with your details and experience as a cleaner.

Email: info@rewdt.org or phone: 821 229

Closing date for the post is Friday 21st August 2020.

An Introduction from our new Well-being Co-ordinator, Alice Foulds

Hi all, just thought I would give you an introduction to who I am and what I will be doing moving forward. My name is Alice Foulds. My main work in the past has been in care work. I have worked as part of a team of carers, as well as, an individuals' sole carer. My new role will be the well-being co-ordinator for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust. I will be carrying on the great work the previous well-being coordinator started; and expand on what has already been put into place.

One thing I have picked up on over the years is, there are many people of varying ages struggling with everyday life, sometimes without even knowing they are struggling. There can be many reasons for this, the main reason seems to be not knowing what help is out there.

My overall goal is to improve the well-being of individuals on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. My main focus will be individuals over 65, however, should anyone below this age range require help with anything please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. If I am unable to assist personally, I will do my best to find appropriate help elsewhere.

Some of the areas that people may want some extra help with are:

- Support with Mental Health
- Personal care
- Home help (cleaning, meal prep etc.)
- Food parcels

If there is another area of support, you are needing please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Email: alice@rewdt.org

Phone: 01856 821 229 (REW DT Office, The Manse)

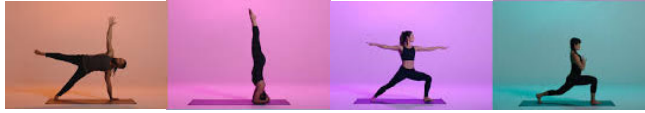
Wed: 9am-11am 1.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

Friday: 9am-11am 1.30pm-4.30pm

REWDT

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For REW residents who are getting bored at home and are thinking about trying something new, like learning a language online or taking part in online fitness classes, our Education or Well Being grants could help you with the cost of these. A Broadband grant could also help you with installation costs to get you online or upgrade your internet speed. For further information about these or other grants, please contact grants@rewdt.org or call the office on 01856 821229.

Ready to apply to one of our grant funds?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our Office 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) and can be filled in, signed, and returned to us electronically (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

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.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for **Tuesday 11th August 2020 & Wednesday 23rd Sept. 2020.**

Telephone: 01856 821 229

Website: www.rewdt.org

General E-mails: info@rewdt.org

Grants E-mails: grants@rewdt.org



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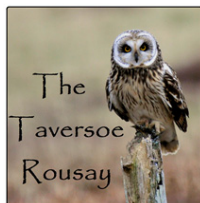
Directors:

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

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee.

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**Calling all Self-Isolators
Or
Anyone Isolating/Working from Home**



Anyone self-isolating, or indeed isolating due to circumstances i.e. working from home, is entitled to a free 2-course meal once a week provided by Carey at The Taversoe. We have this funding up until the end of September.

We have been able to offer this due to funding received by REWDT, The Supporting Communities Fund, (administered by Highlands & Islands Enterprise) & SCVO Well-Being Fund (Hunters Foundation). So many thanks go out to those Funders for providing this.

Please contact Julie either by e-mail or telephone:

Triangle.club60@aol.com or 01856 821269



#WellbeingFund

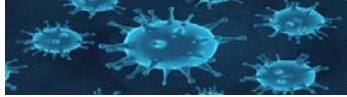


Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place (currently West Manse)

Issue 90 | July 2020

Reporting on what your councillor is doing virtually and really as we emerge from "lockdown"

Information in this "Letter" can rapidly go out of date, so please check OIC's website at <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/> for the latest Council news and Covid-19 information as it pertains to Orkney. See also *The Orcadian* and listen to *BBC Radio Orkney*. For ferry information see <http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/> or ring 01856-872044. For inter-island flights see <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/T/internal-air-services.htm> or ring 01856-872494 / 873457. NHS Orkney has information at <https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information>. For Covid-19 testing telephone 01856-888221. For OIC's Homelessness Service ring 01856-873535 or 07921-582962. The Scottish Government's guidance is located at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>.



With the start of the Council Recess, the number of online meetings has diminished. The novelty of convening by computer was certainly wearing thin. I think they call it "digital burnout". I'll be glad when we can hold meetings again in person. By far the best online meeting "platform" I have been using is "Microsoft Teams", followed at some distance by "Zoom", then the somewhat unsatisfactory "Skype for Business", with the worst being "Webex". Their respective quality may, of course, have a lot to do with the speed of our Internet connection. A tip for your mental health is to take a weekly break from the global gossip and what the World Health Organisation refers to as an "infodemic" and enjoy a digital detox day. Mine is Sunday.

With the recess imminent, lots of OIC meetings were packed into a short space of time, some of them lasting all day! The final Special General Meeting before the recess did not finish until after half-past-seven in the evening!

At a Special General Meeting called to consider business support funding, we agreed that "the Council should make available an additional grant for Orkney businesses who qualified for support from any of the Scottish Government funded Coronavirus Grant schemes administered by the Council or the Council's Coronavirus Business Support Grant scheme, equal to an additional 10% of sums paid or due to each business." Thanks to my amendment (won 12 votes to 6), Orkney businesses that do not qualify for this funding will be able to apply, if eligible, for "a support payment, up to a maximum sum of £500, redeemable against evidence of expenditure on protective screens or other public safety equipment purchased since 23 March 2020 in respect of individual properties, with multiple property owners qualifying for multiple payments."

A Council Members and NHS Orkney question session was held with Chief Executive Designate, Iain Stewart (who has since declined to take up the position, which is now occupied by Shetland's Michael Dickson). Dr Roelf Dijkhuizen's open letter of resignation (see *The Orcadian*, 18th June) provided a valuable reality check that I hope has made people sit up and think. As I will repeat until the cows come home: Managers (and politicians) must take notice of the people who actually do the job!

At the Orkney Ferries' board meeting, I was delighted to be proposed for the chair, but then disappointed (not only for me, but for the North Isles Ward) to be defeated by the Rev David Dawson (councillor for Kirkwall East). You can contact the new chairman of Orkney Ferries Ltd by phone on 07867150697 or by e-mail at david.dawson@orkney.gov.uk. The ferries are now sailing more frequently, but all journeys, even for foot passengers, have to be booked in advance, and, in accordance with Scottish Government regulations, it is mandatory to wear face coverings on board the vessels (exceptions apply).

Loganair has informed me that, owing to reduced staff at their inter-isles desk, if you have trouble getting through by telephone, you can e-mail them at orkneyres@loganair.co.uk, and someone will get back to you.

As well as the frequent OIC briefing meetings, other online meetings I have attended this month include: a seminar on early learning & childcare; a meeting of the Orkney College Management Council (by Skype); Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay and Sanday community council meetings, and a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

The Scottish Government is distributing funding generated from the Scottish Crown Estate marine assets to local authorities based on their share of coastline. I am calling for Orkney's share of over £700k to be distributed among our council wards in the same way. As the North Isles Ward has 48% of Orkney's coastline, this would entitle us to £371,363.24 of this funding.

The Prime Minister came to Orkney on the 23rd July and announced a UK Government contribution of £50 million towards the "Islands Deal" (to be matched by the Scottish Government). Time will tell how much of this money will actually find its way to Orkney. (The PM is no relation of the current OIC Convenor, but he did attend the same school as the late Jo Grimond MP.)

In normal times at the West Manse at this time of year we would have been preparing poultry for exhibiting at the Sanday Show. Here is a photograph of two peedie Embden goslings at the beginning of July. They have a lot of growing to do, as Embdens can reach 3'3" tall and weigh up to 34 lbs!

Keep well and carry on!

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday

stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk

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

