



BADMINTON

**CONTINUING ON
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
FROM 7PM ONWARDS
IN THE ROUSAY SCHOOL HALL
£1 FEE TOWARDS HALL COSTS
SEE YOU THERE!**

Rousay Ladies Sports

Sundays at 3pm
(except Sunday 13th - 11.30am)

Rousay Community School Hall

1st Session - Sunday October 6th
All ladies welcome
See you there xx

**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING
A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT....**



**Sunday October
13th @ 11.30am**

**The Orkney Fencing Club has
been running for over 25 years
and they will be coming over
to offer us a taster session.**

Tri▲ngle
Club

The Triangle Club is temporarily moving to the Community School, while the Taversoe is changing owners.

We will meet on

**Tuesdays in the
Community Room
from 10am to 2pm**

for fun games, coffee, a chat and a £6 soup & sandwich lunch, followed by tea & homebakes.

** all welcome **

Please let Alice Mainland know each Sunday if you plan to come for lunch for catering purposes.

FREE TRADITIONAL DANCE CLASSES

We are back for Winter 2024!

Do you want to brush up on some traditional Orcadian and Scottish dances?

Then come along to the Friday night monthly dance classes with dance tutor, Mabel Besant (from Hoy).

First Class - Friday 11th October

Second Class - Friday 8th November

From 7:30pm to 9:30pm

(including a break for tea and cake!)

In the Hall/Community Room at Rousay School

All fitness abilities and ages welcome - children are warmly invited too!

See you there!

Please register your interest with Alice Mainland, to help gauge numbers!

alicemnld@btinternet.com





Cancellation of October's SWI Meeting

Please note that the SWI meeting planned for 8th October 2024 has been cancelled. This is due to the rescheduling of September's meeting and our speaker for October not being available.

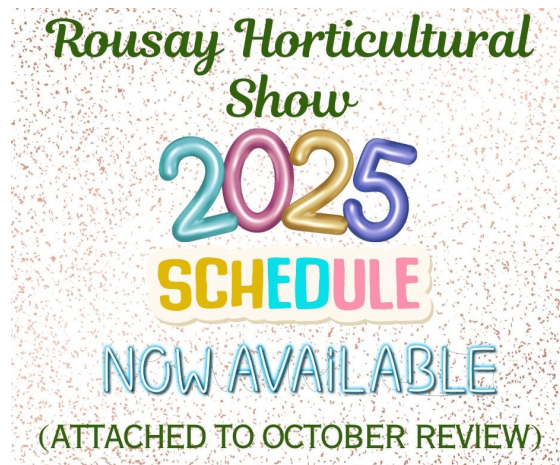
We look forward to seeing you for the AGM and, hearing from Clare Alison from the Blide Trust on the 12th November 2024.

See you there.

Following on from the great success of the fund-raising event held at Ted and Mandy's last weekend, Kate is going to offer dog sports training. Ted has very kindly offered his beautiful garden for us to train on.

What: Dog Sports activities (Hoopers, Agility)
Where: Ted & Mandy's garden
When: Sundays, weather dependant
Timings: 3 – 4 By appointment only
4 – 5 All welcome
Cost: £5 per session per dog (50% of monies will be donated to Loving Dogs Home)

Kate will provide equipment, support and training. Please contact 07931 124664 if you would like more information.





Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

REWDT, The Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney KW17 2PU Tel: 01856 821229 email: info@rewdt.org

The Trust co-ordinates, manages and provides a **no-charge community transport service*** to residents experiencing **transport barriers** within the community and who may be struggling to access **essential services** either on or off the island (eg, GP appointments, hospital appointments, shopping). Such residents will not have their own transport and will be unable to access or use public transport services. To make an enquiry, please see the contact details mentioned below.

Shopping Trips to Kirkwall - September 2024 to March 2025

Thursday, 19th September

Thursday, 3rd October 2024

Thursday, 17th October 2024

Thursday, 24th October 2024

Thursday, 7th November 2024

Thursday, 21st November 2024

Thursday, 5th December 2024

Thursday, 19th December 2024

Friday, 3rd January 2025

Thursday, 16th January 2025

Thursday, 30th January 2025

Thursday, 6th February 2025

Thursday, 20th February 2025

Thursday, 6th March 2025

Thursday, 20th March 2025

We also run a regular **shopping trip to Kirkwall** for residents in the above category. Whilst the shopping service is first and foremost for these particular residents, we usually have a spare seat or two on the bus for any other residents who may wish to join and who are very welcome to do so!

Requests to join a shopping trip are dealt with on a first come first served basis and should be made by 5pm on the Tuesday preceding the trip. **E-mail us at transport@rewdt.org** or ring or text **Christine on 07591 341670**.

**when a ferry trip is involved individuals must pay for their foot passenger fare*



REWDT Rousay Visiting Podiatry Service

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist

HOME VISIT SERVICE

Treatment of a variety of foot problems
hpc Registered

Gemma Reid, Podiatrist, is
next in Rousay on
Tuesday 5th November

Clinic Appointments are in the Small
Community GP meeting room at Rousay
School.

Community Transport is also available
and can be booked once you have an
appointment time by emailing
transport@rewdt.org or telephoning
07591 341670

Home visits can be arranged.

Appointments are £35 payable direct to Gemma at
the time of your appointment. The REWDT
Wellbeing 200 Grant can also be used to fund
appointment cost- terms apply.

To book an appointment or to find
out more please email
Nicky@rewdt.org or phone 821229

ISLAND
WELLBEING
PROJECT-REW
a partnership project

REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups August 2024

4 Well-being Grants

4 Education & Skills Bursaries

1 Community Activity Grant



Total amount awarded in August: £ 3,574.50



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

**The Sharing Shed is open
every Monday, Tuesday &
Wednesday morning.**

**The shed is having a
makeover soon so we are
unable to accept new
donations for a while.**

The sharing shed is in the Old Shop at the Pier
Restaurant site and is open when the REWDT office is
open, 9am to 12.30pm Mondays to Wednesdays.

There are lots of games, clothes, books, household
items and much more available.

All items are FREE to take away
and re-use or repurpose.



REWDT Youth Work

Hi everyone!

Just to let you know that I am going to try to
facilitate a drop-in session every few weeks, at the
REWDT community cabin. This is just an informal
opportunity for children and young people to pop in
and say hello and offer support with anything that I
can- parents are of course welcome too!

The first session will be Monday 7th October, 7pm-
8pm. Follow on dates TBC.

I'd also just like to say thanks... It has been brilliant
to speak with parents and children in the
community, which has been so helpful in terms of
understanding what sort of activities and
opportunities our children and young people would
benefit from. As always, very happy to hear any
suggestions or feedback you may have.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Rachel



Photography Workshop

Two Day Photography Workshop with James Grieve

Free workshop for REW residents

Gain confidence and skills in using your camera or phone to take photos.

Join us at this free fun and practical workshop to find out more about photo composition, understanding camera controls and how to manually expose an image for creativity.



Funded by the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing fund by Scottish Government and VAO

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November

10am to 3pm both days.

Community Room, REWDT Office, Pier Cabin, Rousay.

Drinks & bakes provided, please bring your lunch with you.

Places are limited, email Nicky to book your place
nicky@rewdt.org



Productivity at the turbine for the past 3 months:

2023/24	Actual Productivity (kWh)	% Productivity (against 37% target)	% Curtailment (against 7% expectation)
June	351,335	54.22%	10.3%
July	124,880	19.27%	58.9%
August	278,644	43.00%	19.9%

This summer has been probably the least summery we've had for some time but at least it's helped our productivity. June was the most productive June REWIRED have ever had. However, July was particularly disappointing due to issues with the ANM system. SSE have been great at keeping us informed of their progress but sadly this hasn't helped the turbine's productivity.

We are currently down with a fault with pitch control. The part has finally been delivered to Orkney and Enercon are due to visit on the 24th of September. We are also aware that a light has been left on in the nacelle which the team at REWIRED are unable to switch off. Hopefully they will remember to switch it off once they've finished repairing the turbine 😊

ZERO EMISSIONS VESSEL INVITATION FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Orkney Islands Council has updated the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre, and Gairsay Community Council on the Electric Orkney Project, funded by the Zero Emissions Vessel Infrastructure Fund. As part of the project, two new electric-powered vessels are proposed.

One of these vessels, with capacity for 12 passengers, is expected to serve Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre, and Shapinsay, with charging facilities located in Kirkwall. Sea trials are scheduled for October and November 2024, and the public is now invited to provide feedback on its operations.

We welcome your input on the following topics:

- Preferred days for earlier or later service times;
- The need for additional daytime sailings;
- Coordination with other ferry and flight schedules;
- Improved transport options for young people, including school and extracurricular activities;
- Evening sailings, especially on Fridays and Saturdays, for social and leisure purposes;
- Any other comments or suggestions.

Please submit your comments to the Clerk by Monday, 7th October 2024. You can do so via email at rewgclerk@gmail.com or by post to Catherine Kriisa, Swartafield, Rousay, KW17 2PR.

All community feedback will be gathered and submitted as a response from the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre, and Gairsay Community Council. This input will help shape the timetable following the trials, which will then be shared for further consultation.

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the community and the Dounby GPs for the good wishes and gifts on the occasion of my retirement. Never thought I would get here!!! Where did time go? I was completely overwhelmed by the generosity and am sure my garden will get a huge makeover next spring!

A special thanks goes to Anne who kept me right and on the straight and narrow over the last ten years .. you are so lucky to have her , so look after her! To Clare for all her support and care and for keeping me right and always being there to help whatever the circumstances....bless you for all the shortbread! To John the best oppo I have ever worked alongside, who has had to put up with me! To Clueseau the Avelsay cat who tolerated me...and Doreen and Sinclair for all those lovely dinners!!! I am much fatter now than when i started!! To all of you past and present who have worked alongside me with the ambulance often in tricky and sad situations . To the Rousay fire brigade volunteers for all those lifting jobs often in the wee small hours!! To the wonderful Eynhallow and her crew ...always there coming out at all times of the day and night what ever the weather ,the only question being what time do you want to leave? Thank you. Not forgetting all the Tingwall office staff. I always say you can not do this job on your own it is only possible with the help of many many folk always ready to turn out at a phone calls notice to help so a big thankyou to you all .You are very special folk, truly.

Lastly thank you to the communities of Rousay, Egilsay , Wyre and Gairsay for allowing me into your homes and giving me your trust, it was a privilege to know you all including those who are no longer with us.

So best wishes and many thanks to each and everyone of you for the wonderful send off.

Love Maggie the Nurse (Retired) xxx



A Race Against Time

The Story of Swandro



Made possible with

**Heritage
Fund**

All Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre households should have received this booklet by the end of the first week of October. If any resident has not received the booklet from the REW Heritage SCIO and would like a copy, please contact Helen at the REW DT office on 821 229 or helen@rewdt.org and Helen will post you out a copy.



A Big Thank You

to everyone who supported our Car Wash Fundraiser

We raised £120.84 !!

100% of these funds will go towards school trips and supplies for our pupils

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS



The dates for the isles special collections up to 31 March 2025 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Councils Website, see link <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/Special-Refuse-Collections.htm>, if you do not have internet access then please contact Customer Services on telephone number 873535 to book. Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date, any special collection bookings received after 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the week commencing collection date **will not be processed and will be held over until the next available collection date.**

Special collections from commercial premises can be arranged by contacting Development and Infrastructure on telephone number 873535 extension 2320.

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Week Commencing: 11 November 2024, 13 January 2025 and 10 March 2025

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website www.orkney.gov.uk

Dog Agility Taster

Alice and Carlyne would like to thank everyone who supported the Dog Agility Taster event on Saturday 21st September. Your generosity has raised £164.95p for Loving Homes Dog Rescue.

Huge thanks to Ted and Mandy who hosted the event, we could not have wished for a better venue.

Thanks also to Kate for loaning us her dog agility equipment and also to Grant and Mike our BBQ chefs.

Carey Maguire

As I move on from The Taversoe I would like to thank you all for your support and custom over the last eighteen years. I'll see you around & about



"Team Taversoe" a huge thank you to you all from the bottom of my heart. You've been amazing and I could not have done it without you xx



Take part in 2024 update of Orkney Household Energy Survey

Help develop understanding of energy use, fuel poverty and decarbonisation in Orkney and be in with a chance to win a £50 Kirkwall Bid voucher.

Five years ago a Household Energy Survey was undertaken in Orkney and created a benchmark for understanding household energy use, fuel poverty, attitudes and affordability of adopting new technology, and measuring decarbonisation in Orkney over time. There were more than 2000 responses and these were integral to the development of a number of decarbonisation projects in Orkney, along with Orkney Islands Council's Fuel Poverty Strategy.

The 2019 survey was conducted as part of the ReFLEX Orkney project, funded by Innovate UK, who are also funding the 2024 survey that is being run this time through the Rural Energy Hubs project. The project partners Aquatera, The European Marine Energy Centre, Community Energy Scotland, Orkney Islands Council and Shetland Islands Council are working to accelerate decarbonisation in rural and island communities.

Now we're asking Orkney households to complete an updated version of the survey to gauge energy usage across the Isles, identify areas where households are potentially struggling with energy costs or need advice, and compare results from the previous survey. This data will help design programmes for decarbonisation over the next 5 years, with the aim that the survey will be repeated every 4-5 years in future.

We're hoping to repeat the fantastic response last time, with more than 20% of Orkney's households taking part. So as an incentive everyone who includes their email address when they return the survey, will be entered in a draw to win one of the three available £50 Kirkwall Bid vouchers.



Please complete the survey by 1 Nov 2024:

- Online via this link
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XY5756M>
- Scanning the QR code on this card
- Printed copies are available on request from
office@aquatera.co.uk



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

October 2024

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

MONDAY 7 - 9pm

TUESDAY 7 - 9pm

THURSDAY 6 - 9pm

SATURDAY 4 - 5pm

If there are no gym users at 15 minutes past the last session hour start time the RHLC will close early.

BUDDY SYSTEM HOURS

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 3.00pm

During School Term Time

October School Holidays

Daytime Supervised Sessions

Tuesday 15th, 22nd & 29th

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 17th & 24th

12.00pm - 1.00pm



The REWDT Well-being 200 grant is available to residents, and can be used towards the cost of ActiveLife/Activelands.

Please ensure you apply to the REWDT for their Well-being 200 Grant before subscribing to ActiveLife or Activelands.

Group X Classes

WILL RETURN IN OCTOBER!

Fatburn Monday 7th

Boxercise Tuesday 8th

Classes Start at 7.15pm

FATBURN EXTREME

FBX is a fixed 20 minute, maximal intensity workout with no dictated rest periods. The sessions are comprised of body weight exercises (eg. push ups, squats, lunges). You'll work as hard as you can for the full 20 minutes, resting when you need to!

BOXERCISE®

Boxercise is a circuit class based on the movements and training concepts used in boxing. Everyone is welcome whatever their age and athletic ability, so it's perfect for beginners. A great class that's empowering and fun. We do not punch people, just pads!



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MEMBERSHIPS

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Online Community Engagement Event

Orkney Towns Fund Board invites you to join a community online event where your voice can help shape the future of our community.

You may have already been involved in events we have run over the summer, or new to this work - everyone is welcome to this online event which will contribute to the Board's ongoing strategy work.

Tuesday 01 October, 18:00 – 19:30

Register to attend at the link below or use the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JuWDNZAfAE>



At the online event, you can:

- Hear an update on the Orkney Towns Fund
- Contribute and discuss ideas from community members
- Ask questions on the Orkney Towns Fund

Let's work together to create a brighter future for our community. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact us at Jennifer.Fox@aquatera.co.uk
(Aquatera is organising these events on behalf of the Orkney Towns Fund Board)

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

—connecting with constituents of the North Isles ward.



MV Earl Sigurd at Rapness

A ferry cancellation on account of bad weather meant I had to attend our Education, Leisure & Housing meeting “virtually”, which is not my preferred method of attending meetings. Papay School had a very good Education Scotland inspection report for both its primary and nursery classes. The inspectors commended the school’s “authentic connection to the island environment, heritage and culture”, “positive partnerships with the community” and “effective use of the unique setting to provide rich learning experiences for the children.” Well done to all concerned! In the item on the department’s Directorate Delivery Plan, I asked about the provision of nursery places for 2-year-olds in island settings, and I highlighted the very real challenges faced by working parents needing childcare where this provision is not available to them and there are no on-island registered childminders. (Establishing a “grant and subsidy” approach for childminders in hard-to-sustain locations, e.g. where numbers are very small making the business non-viable, is included among the Council Delivery Plan projects.)

Other meetings I have had to attend “virtually” this month include a Joint Isles Health & Care meeting (at which I drew attention to the difficulty commercial drivers in the Isles face when summoned to attend a DVLA eye test), and a meeting of the University of the Highlands & Islands Foundation (on which I am OIC’s representative).

Meetings I have had the pleasure of attending “really” include those of the Monitoring & Audit Committee; the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (formerly the Orkney College Management Council); confidential members’ briefings with the Chief Executive; and finance and budget seminars. And in person in the Isles, meetings of Sanday Community Council and Sanday Parent Council; Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council; and Westray Community Council.

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

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



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