

# AGM

**TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025, 10:30AM  
IN ROUSAY SCHOOL**

All welcome to hear about the club,  
our future plans and AGM business.



*NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED TO  
ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB!*



Tri▲ngle  
Club



**Join us on Tuesdays in the  
Rousay School  
Community Room  
from 10am to 2pm  
for games, hot drinks, a chat  
and an optional £7 meal deal  
lunch: sandwich, crisps,  
homebake and a cuppa.**

All welcome for the whole day, or just  
for morning coffee or for lunch.

**It is essential to let Alice Mainland know  
each Sunday if you would like lunch for**

**catering numbers:**

**07552387109 / [alicemnln@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemnln@btinternet.com)**

# The Crafthub @ The Space

## May Dates

Pop-Up Cafe - every Monday  
11am to 3pm  
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

**Monday 12th May - school children**  
**Hen Harrier youth workshop**  
**11.30am to 2pm**

**Monday 12th May - evening**  
**Rousay Birds - with Vicky Anderson**  
**(RSPB)**

Doors Open 6.30pm -  
Talk 7pm - 8pm  
followed by Q & A session

**Donations Appreciated**

## Rousay Birds: What we Know and Future Focuses



12th May 2025

An informative talk from Vicky Anderson (RSPB). For those who would just like to know more, established recorders with an interest in contributing data, and everyone in between!

There will be a talk, and time for questions and informal discussion afterwards.

**Where:** The Craft Hub

**Time:** Doors open at 18:30, talk 19:00 - 20:00

Tea and coffee will be available (donations to the Craft Hub encouraged)

Please contact [hannah@rewdt.org](mailto:hannah@rewdt.org) with any questions



### REW Heritage SCIO



### OPENING OF HERITAGE DISPLAY

REW Heritage Trustees are pleased to announce that the display of objects from Rousay's heritage in the recently renovated Pier Store will be open to the public from 2 p.m. on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, and thereafter on a daily basis.

All members of the community are warmly invited to come along and have a look.

Representatives of the funders of the project, together with donors, designers etc., have been invited to a formal "Thank you" which will take place at 12.30 on that day.

Please note that, for road safety reasons, entrance to, and exit from, the exhibition is via the side door.

# Rousay. Horticultural Society.

**The RHS Annual Show will be held on  
Sunday 3rd August 2025**

**at the Rousay Community School.**

Thank you to everyone who collected their Tattie in a Bucket in April!

Some tips for growing your tattie:

- Fill your bucket with about 5-10cm of soil/compost
- Bury your tattie in the soil
- Gradually add more soil as the tattie shoot grows and water regularly, as needed.



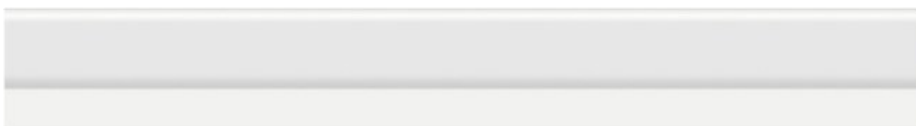
RHS wish you the best of luck and are looking forward to seeing your entries. Can everyone please bring their tattie (in the bucket) along to the entry evening on Saturday 2nd August, from 7pm to 8.30pm.



# Rousay Ladies Sports KGS Netball Trip

A huge thank you to the Rousay ladies who made it over to Kirwall for our visit to KGS on Sunday April 27th.

A special shout out goes to Amy, Courtney, Grace, Hannah, Jackie and Louise for joining us and keeping us right.



*Beauty by Han Han*

Prices from

Hands and Feet

Gel Polish <i>(High shine, Chip free polish, Lasting up to 2 weeks)</i>	£27
Manicure	£20
Pedicure	£25
Manicure with Gel Polish	£32
Pedicure with Gel Polish	£35
Gel Removal	£15
or £10 with re-application of Gel Polish	

Massage

Full Body Massage	£50
Back, Neck, and Shoulder	£28

*Relax and unwind with these soothing treatments to ease aches and reduce tension. Choose from Aromatherapy or Swedish Massage.*

Tinting

Eyelash	£12
Eyebrow	£ 8
Eyelash and Eyebrow <i>(Patch test required)</i>	£18

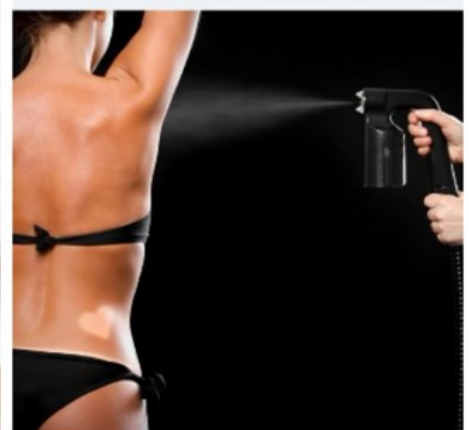
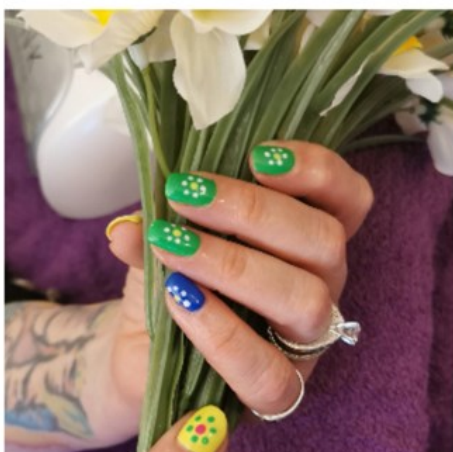
Facials

Full Facial - 1 Hour	£50
Mini Facial - 30 minutes	£28

Waxing

Eyebrows	£ 8
Lip	£ 5
Chin	£ 8
Nostril	£ 8
Underarm	£ 8
Forearm	£11
Full Arm	£15
Back	£10
Full Leg	£23
1/2 Leg	£16
Bikini	£12
Full Leg and Bikini	£30

Call Hannah on 07731 428809  
to book an appointment





## **Rousay Community Association SCIO**

The RCA held their AGM on Friday 25th April 2025.

All the Office Bearers remain as follows:

**Chair:** Branwen Bourn

**Vice Chair:** Zoë Flaws

**Treasurer + Booking Clerk:** Carey Mainland

**Secretary:** Alice Mainland

Many thanks to all those who attended and gave us their support for the upcoming year.

Look out for all our future events -

ALL keyholders will be expected to provide help at our events.

For easy contact with the RCA SCIO please use email:

[rca.scio@outlook.com](mailto:rca.scio@outlook.com)



## Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

Company Registration No: SC318527 Charity No: SC040407

REWDT, The Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney KW17 2PU Tel: 01856 821229

email: [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org) website: [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)

The Trust's Annual General Meeting is at the end of May. If you need transport to or from the School so you can attend, please give Christine or Gary or call to arrange a lift; that includes those coming from Egilsay or Wyre who can be picked up at the pier.

In other news: the final air sample taken at the Pier Restaurant has been analysed and has passed the tests! This means that we can go to SEPA for clearance to start using the building again. There is still (inevitably) a process to go through and paperwork to be done, but it is definitely progress.

Christine, who you know as the very helpful and efficient manager of the Trust's community transport programme, is now working for us in an additional capacity, using her high-level expertise to redesign the management systems of the Trust.

### **REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups March 2025**

- 3 Well-being Grants**
- 3 Education & Skills Bursaries**
- 2 Community Group Activity Grants**
- 1 Medical Support Equipment Grant**



**Total amount awarded in March:**

**£ 2,069.65**



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre  
Development Trust

# 2025 AGM

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Doors open 09:30, AGM 11:00  
Rousay School Community  
Rooms

This year's AGM will be in the same format as recent years, with a community 'showcase'. We will be inviting our local groups, along with organisations from the wider Orkney area, to show off the great work being done and provide information for REW residents.

The doors will open at 09:30 and the 'formal' AGM will take place from 11 a.m.

Refreshments will be provided.



Development  
Trusts Association  
Scotland

## COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Our no charge community transport service is for residents who do not have their own means of transport and who are unable to access services in town using the bus from Tingwall. We should be able to help you if you are, either temporarily or permanently:

- Struggling to get to essential on-island services eg shop/post-office/a club/GPs, etc
- Having difficulty getting to essential mainland services, eg hospital or similar
- Caring for someone and you would like some respite from driving to GP or hospital appts

Where a ferry trip is involved, passengers pay their own foot fare. On 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, we run a Trip to Town for the above residents. Passengers can do any activity they like in town; we have a couple of drop off/pick up points. Even if you have your own transport, we often have a spare seat on these trips, so just drop us a line!

**To book community transport:** Phone, text or email Christine or Gary on 07591 341670 [transport@rewdt.org](mailto:transport@rewdt.org)

- We take bookings Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Please give at least 48 hours notice, though we know that things like GP appointments may have to be booked on the day - we will always do our best to meet your transport needs
- If you need a lift to the AGM on Saturday 31st May, please contact us

### **REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

- 92 Well-being Grants**
- 74 Fuel Grants**
- 20 Education & Skills Bursaries**
- 10 Education related travel Grants**
- 15 Community Group Activity Grants**
- 11 General Grants**
- 5 Medical Support Equipment Grants**
- 2 Emergency Stay Grants**
- 1 Driving Lessons Grant**



**Total amount awarded in 2024-2025:**

**230 grants £ 91,635.00**





## REWDT Director Vacancies

The Trust's Articles permit a maximum of 12 Elected Directors, and this year we will have 4 vacancies on the Board: could this be for you? Being a Director can be very rewarding. As a Director, you have the chance to support and shape the work and strategic direction of the organisation, and you can make a significant difference to a cause that matters to you.

### The Role

Being a Director offers you the opportunity for professional development. It can let you gain experience of strategy and leadership, and boost your CV. It will give you experience of being a non-executive director, such as setting a strategic vision, influencing and negotiation, and managing risk. If you already have significant experience in these areas, it can be stimulating to use it in a different and potentially challenging context. Trustees often find that being a board director has been one of the richest sources of learning in their professional lives.

Following the AGM, our Board always elects 3 Office Bearers for the year ahead – Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. These roles bring additional responsibilities and regular tasks. There are approximately 10 Board meetings each year, mostly on a Saturday morning or a weekday evening, and we currently meet in a hybrid setting with some Directors attending online.

### Interested in becoming a Director?

You are welcome to get in touch with our current Board or staff to ask any questions you may have about being a Director. If you wish to put your name forward for election at the AGM, please notify the Office in writing (by letter or e-mail), no later than

**Friday 23rd May 2025.**

Write to: REW DT, The Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PU. or E-mail: [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org)



**OSCR**  
Scottish Charity Regulator  
[www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk)

**Registered  
Charity  
SC040407**



# Summer 2025

## WELLBEING CRAFT ACTIVITIES

*Hold the date!*

Shorelines Textile Felting Workshop  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June (half day)

Shorelines Textile Patchwork Workshop  
Tuesday 22 July (half day)

Shorelines Textile quilting Workshop  
Tuesday 19 August (half day)

Soulisquoy Relief Cut Lino Printing  
Workshop Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September (3 hrs)

Soulisquoy Etching Process Workshop  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September (3hrs)

All the events will be held at The Space with The Crafhub

**Look out for more details for each  
event closer to the dates, to  
reserve a space contact  
[nicky@rewdt.org](mailto:nicky@rewdt.org)**





# YOUTH Newsletter

April 2025



## RSPB NATURE FESTIVAL

REWDT and RSPB are collaborating to celebrate and learn about our native Hen Harrier!

Come join us for the  
Hen Harrier Craft Session  
Sun 4th 11:30-2pm @ Pier Cabin

We are looking to get creative and showcase  
our skills at the  
Hen Harrier Community Event  
The Craft Hub on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May, 12-2pm.  
Lots of fun and shared learning on offer!



Scottish  
Book Trust  
inspiring readers and writers

**Bookbug**  
Dates for Diary

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**11am-11:30am  
Parent & Toddler Group  
Community Hall**



## Junk Building Dry Sail

Huge thank you to Ant Mustchin and the Sailing Club for a brilliant collaborative Dry Sail event recently held.

The event was well attended by the community and was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves with junk boat building and racing... fantastic engineering and crafting skills were on show!

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
**ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION ROTAS**



The dates for isles special collections up to September 2025 are detailed below.

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online via the Council's 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.**

Please note that payment for collection is required on application and prior to collection. **Only items that are on the request form will be collected by the contractor.**

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

**Eday**

Week Commencing: 28 April 2025 and 21 July 2025

**Graemsay**

Week Commencing: 19 May 2025 and 8 September 2025

**Hoy**

Week Commencing: 14 April 2025, 16 June 2025, and 1 September 2025

**Flotta**

Week Commencing: 19 May 2025, 22 September 2025

**North Ronaldsay**

Week Commencing: 9 June 2025 and 18 August 2025

**Papa Westray**

Week Commencing: 2 June 2025 and 11 August 2025

**Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre**

Week Commencing: 12 May 2025 and 11 August 2025

**Sanday**

Week Commencing: 19 May 2025 and 18 August 2025

**Shapinsay**

Week commencing: 12 May 2025 and 18 August 2025

**Stronsay**

Week Commencing: 12 May 2025 and 4 August 2025

**Westray**

Week Commencing: 5 May 2025, 23 June 2025, and 15 September 2025

For further information on refuse and recycling services please refer to the Council's website [www.orkney.gov.uk](http://www.orkney.gov.uk)

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

*A regular report from your councillor written with intelligence not of the artificial kind.*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Scottish Government introduced a scheme whereby residents of Orkney, Shetland and the Outer Hebrides aged under 22 are now able to travel between islands free of charge as foot passengers on inter-island ferry services by presenting their Young Scot Card. This is something North Isles councillors have long been calling for, and for our youngsters it puts travel on our ferries on par with bus travel elsewhere.

Another transport issue I have been pushing on for some time is getting buses to connect with inter-island flights at Kirkwall Airport in the afternoon during the week in term time when Service 4 buses are called off to do the school run. I am pleased to announce that a new trial bus service to meet this need and fill the gap started on 24<sup>th</sup> March and will continue until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. It is designated **Service 4D** and is operated using a small wheelchair-accessible vehicle. Booking is recommended by ringing 07438-268883, 01856-870340 or 01856-871515. Use it or lose it.



I attended a meeting with Isles' community council and development trust representatives to look over and discuss possible designs for some of the proposed future outer-isles' ferries. The photograph above shows some of us in the ferry office. (Photo credit: Kieron Brogan-Wadley)

I've been at a couple of meetings to do with the first-responder situation in the Isles—a situation which is defying resolution owing to the intransigence of the Scottish Ambulance Service. My feelings are made plain in an article in *The Orcadian*, 10<sup>th</sup> April, page 6 (not for the first time, see [Issue 142 of my Letter](#)).

Following comments made in the press (*The Orcadian*, 20<sup>th</sup> March), I visited the Orkney Foodbank to remind the current manager of conversations I'd had with a predecessor of his about how the Foodbank could best serve clients in the North Isles. Any resident of the North Isles experiencing difficulty accessing the services of the Foodbank, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence.

At the meeting of the Education, Leisure & Housing Committee, I congratulated Stronsay Junior High School Nursery on their very good report from the Care Inspectorate's unannounced inspection of day care of the children, which took place last September. Well done to all concerned.

Before the Easter recess, as well as confidential members' briefings with the Chief Executive, I was also at meetings of the Monitoring & Audit Committee and the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

Over the recess, I went down to Glasgow to see former part-time Rousay resident John Shuttleworth "Raise the oof" at his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gig. (The ticket was a Christmas present from my younger son.)

I would like to wish Council Leader, Heather Woodbridge and Papay School Headmaster, Dr Tim Ross heartiest congratulations on their recent marriage.

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

West Manse, Sanday  
[stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.clackson@orkney.gov.uk)

**Letter from School Place** is also  
available on-line at [clackson.info](http://clackson.info)





# ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

## SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING

**MONDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm\***

**TUESDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm\***

**THURSDAY 6.00 - 8.30pm\***

**SATURDAY 4.00 - 5.00pm**

### SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty  
No buddy required

#### BUDDY SYSTEM \*\*

(During School Terms)

**Monday to Thursday**

9am to 4pm

**Friday Only**

9am to 3pm

Should the Buddy System need to finish early due to school commitments we will do our best to let you know.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Additional supervised sessions  
will be advertised on Facebook

\* If the gym is empty of  
users we will close at the  
slightly earlier time of 8pm.

\*\* You must have a "buddy"  
with you during these times.  
Please do not use the gym  
whilst you are alone.



#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Full details: [www.pickaquooy.co.uk/activelife](http://www.pickaquooy.co.uk/activelife)

If you have recently joined us  
please could you email us on  
the address below to arrange a  
very brief gym safety induction

### GROUP X CLASSES



Monday @ 7.15pm



Tuesday @ 7.15pm

**SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS**

**Tel: 01856 821 443**

**Email: [rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)**