



# The Review

Rousay's Community Newsletter  
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## SCOTLAND'S NEW NATIONAL ISLANDS PLAN

Come and join the **open** conversation  
on the proposed priorities and direction  
of the new plan

### ROUSAY, ORKNEY

Monday 2 June 2025



11-12pm | Drop in until 1pm

Community Hall (Green Room)



Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



[info@islandsteam.scot](mailto:info@islandsteam.scot)



## New National Islands Plan

The Scottish Government's Islands Team is inviting islanders, community groups and stakeholders to join the conversation on Scotland's new National Islands Plan, which will be published later this year.

These sessions offer a chance to explore the results of the public consultation carried out to inform a review of the first ever National Islands Plan and understand how they are now guiding the development of the new document. It's also an opportunity to learn more about the proposed priorities and themes for the new Plan, allowing you to share your thoughts and shape its content.

The Plan will set out the actions and investments that the Scottish Government intends to put in place to further improve outcomes for Scotland's permanently inhabited islands, as required by the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018. For more information, visit <https://www.gov.scot/publications/NIP>

Rousay Community Hall, Monday 2nd June, 11:00-12:00 followed by drop in until 13:00

St Magnus Centre, Monday 2nd June, 18:30-20:00

Papay, Tuesday 3rd June

If you can't make it along to the in-person event, there are also two online sessions coming up.

29 May at 3pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotlands-new-national-islands-plan-tickets-1237303932369?aff=oddtcreator>

24 June at 11am - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotlands-new-national-islands-plan-tickets-1260105452329?aff=oddtcreator>



**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.

# FAMILY FUN DAY!

PRIZES

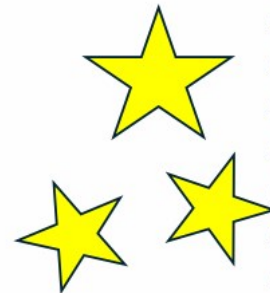
CAKES

ROUSAY SCHOOL  
29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025  
11AM – 2PM

GAMES

RAFFLE

BOUNCY CASTLE!



ALL WELCOME!



Rousay School Parent Council



Donations of cakes, plants, raffle prizes and any type of bottle appreciated.  
Please contact Julia or Emma, or leave at school. Thank you!



**Rousay SWI** members are invited to  
**an afternoon with Costa SWI**  
in the Community Room at the School,  
on **Saturday 21st June**

Sandwich lunch provided  
Times and programme to be confirmed by  
email

**We hope to see as many of you as  
possible for an enjoyable afternoon!**



Thanking everyone that came to the Taversoe on the 10th May to celebrate the life of "Tony Bellona" and share stories and memories and raise a glass the man the myth the legend.

Tony's family would also like to thank everyone that left donations, he has raised £1,040.00 for the RNLI and Macmillan Cancer Support, these funds will be distributed here in Orkney. Any future donations will be donated to the Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

# **Crafthub at The Space**

**June dates**

**Pop-up Café, every Monday**

**11am to 3pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**

**REWDT events,**

**see their site for further in details**

**Peedie Lap Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Felting Workshop**

**with Rosalind Johansson**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tri▲ngle  
Club

**JUNE**

**Join us every Tuesday 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 / [alicemnlnd@btinternet.com](mailto:alicemnlnd@btinternet.com)**

New Triangle Club Committee, elected at AGM:

Chair - Sheena Marwick

Vice Chair - Lyn Kirk

Secretary - Tarryn Harris

Treasurer - Carey Mainland



*Beauty by Han Han*

Prices from

**Hands and Feet**

- Gel Polish £27 (High shine, chip free polish. Lasting up to 2 weeks)
- Manicure £20
- Pedicure £25
- Manicure with Gel Polish £37
- 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 £38

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

**Tinting**

- Eyebrows £12
- Eyebrow £ 8
- Lash and Eyebrow £18 (Patch test required)

**Facials**

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

**Waxing**

- Eyebrows £ 8
- Lip £ 5
- Chin £ 8
- Neck £ 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 Job Opportunity!

## Part time Nanny/ Housekeeper

**Do you enjoy spending time with children?  
Are you looking for part-time work?**

If the answer is yes then we have a fantastic opportunity to work with our family as a part-time Nanny and Housekeeper.

We are looking for someone to help care for our 2 younger children aged 3 and 8 years plus be around for our older school age girls. There will also be general housekeeping duties and some cooking.

This will be the perfect job for someone who likes to have weekends and most of their mornings off.

The hours of work will be 28 hours a week, initially Monday to Thursday 1pm to 6pm, and Friday 9am to 5pm.

There will also be a need for occasional extra hours, particularly during school holidays, but these will be flexible.

Qualifications are not essential if you have experience with children, however you will need to be able to drive and the job will be offered subject to PVG checks and references.

Pay is £16 per hour, with a work place pension and 29 days holiday per year (inc Bank Holidays)

If you think you are the right person for the job and want to find out more then we would love to hear from you!

We may be able to be flexible with these working times to suit the right person.

Please contact us by email in the first instance  
[liz@lamond.co.uk](mailto:liz@lamond.co.uk)



# ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE

## MV SHAPINSAY - LATE EVENING SUMMER SAILINGS

Orkney Ferries are pleased to offer three late sailings over the summer period for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Saturday June 14th

Saturday July 12th \*

Saturday August 9th \*\*

### EVENING SAILING TIMES

Depart Rousay 22:00	Egilsay and Wyre - on request ***	
Depart Tingwall 22:35	Depart Rousay 23:10 ***	Depart Egilsay 23:40 ***
Arrive Rousay 23:00	Depart Wyre 23:20 ***	Arrive Rousay 23:55 ***

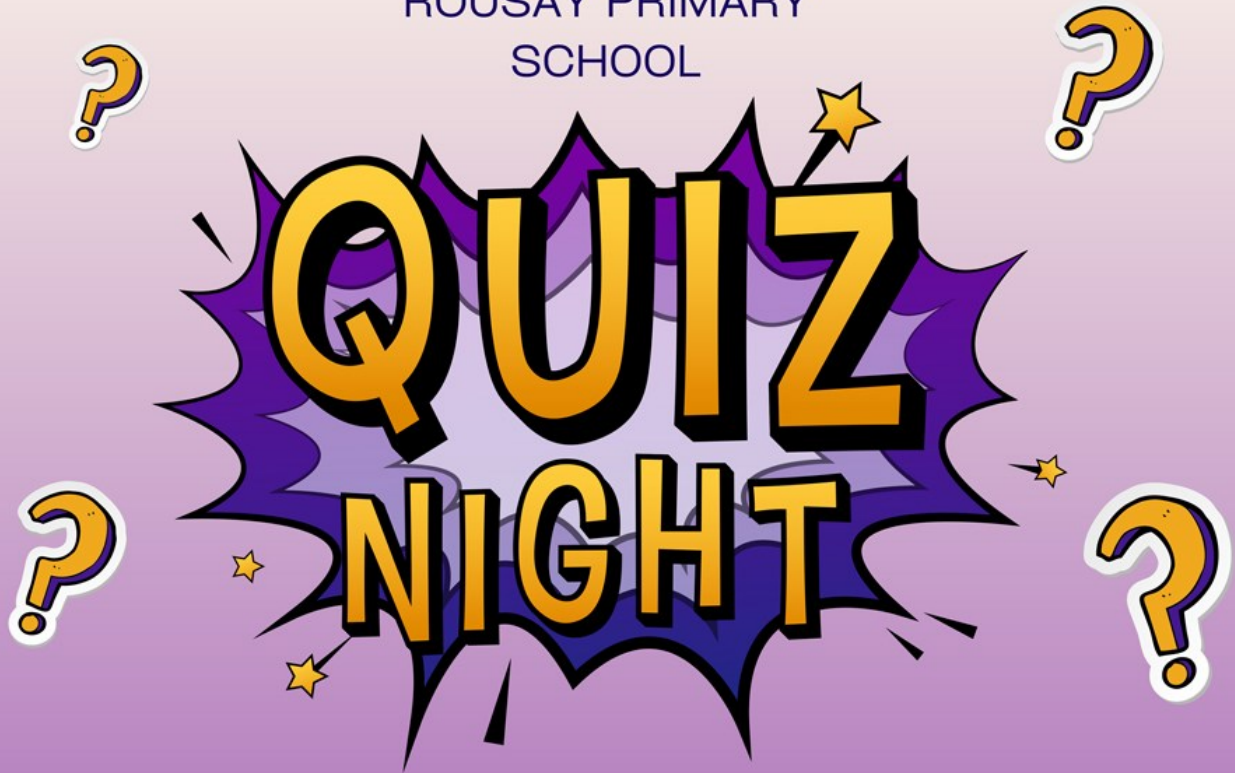
\* July 12th - Opening of the Orkney Island Games 2025

\*\* August 9th - Orkney County Show Day

\*\*\* On request sailings must be booked & paid for in advance with Orkney Ferries either over the phone or online

Stagecoach have arranged for the 7E bus to Birsay - Dounby, which departs the Kirkwall Travel Centre at 22:00, to add a diversion to Tingwall to drop passengers to the boat.

ROUSAY PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

A central graphic for 'Quiz Night' featuring the words 'QUIZ NIGHT' in large, bold, yellow letters with black outlines, set against a purple, jagged, starburst background. The text is surrounded by several yellow question marks and small yellow stars, all with white outlines and drop shadows, giving it a playful, comic-book style appearance.

# QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8PM**

raising funds for Rousay primary school  
are you ready for a night filled with laughter, trivia and a  
little friendly competition  
teams up to 4 people £10 per team  
bring your own bottle  
raffle

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!**  
contact Kirsty to book your table on  
07850543012 or messenger



# Rousay Horticultural Society

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

**at the Rousay Community School.**

## Textile and Handicrafts Tips

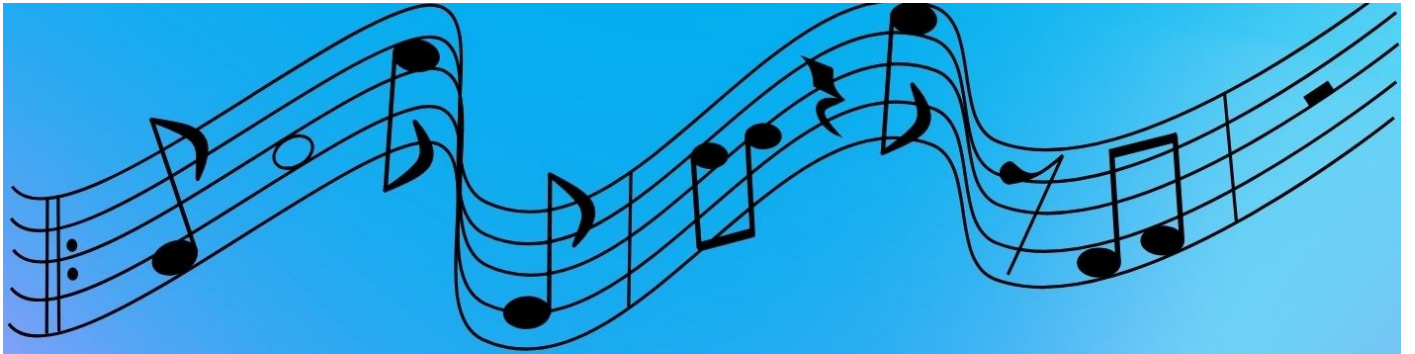
- Finishing is very important on Show work - so make sure all those ends are sewn in!
- To show it off to its best, think about the way your item is presented.
- Make sure your item is entered in the correct category - e.g. anything in 'Hand Knitting' must be knitted, not crocheted.

## Baking Tips

- When making 2 sponges to sandwich together, weigh amounts after putting in tins so that the sponges are an equal size.
- To stop fruit sinking, toss them in flour before folding through the cake mix.

RHS wish you the best of luck and are looking forward to seeing your entries.

**Please bring your exhibits along to the entry evening on Saturday 2nd August,  
from 7pm to 8.30pm.**



# *ROUSAY HOMECOMING*

RCA are looking into the possibility of holding a 'Homecoming' event on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to celebrate 25 years from the 2000 Homecoming.

This might include a musical concert and a dance.

Currently, we would like to gauge interest in such an event. If you are interested and would be willing to help, come along to our planning meeting at 7:30pm on

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** in Rousay School, GP Room.





## ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE - JUNE

### SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING HOURS

**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

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



HLC updates can be found on our various Facebook pages

### BUDDY SYSTEM \*\*

(During School Term)  
**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.

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



Active Islands



Active Life

### MEMBERSHIPS

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

If you have recently become an Active member please could you give us a quick email on the address below to arrange a very brief safety induction.

ActiveLife & ActiveIslands gives you access to the gym and Group X Classes. Budget £1 per session.

### GROUP X CLASSES

# BOXERCISE<sup>®</sup>

**Tuesday @ 7.15pm**

**SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS**

**We are taking a summer break from Fatburn Extreme.**

**Tel: 01856 821 443**

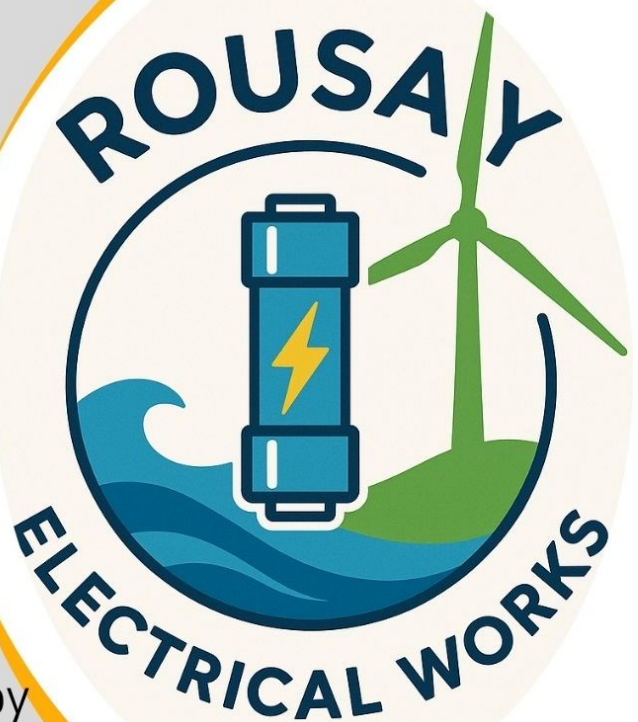
**Email: [rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)**

# Rousay Electrical Works

(Trading as Agri Trade Services Rousay)

## OUR SERVICES

- ✓ Fault Finding & Testing
- ✓ Repairs & Breakdowns
- ✓ PAT Testing
- ✓ Re-Wires
- ✓ EICR's (Electrical Installation
- ✓ Condition Report)
- ✓ Installations
- ✓ Large projects & new builds by arrangement, please call to discuss



### ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE ONLY

All work carried out using quality calibrated tools and testing instruments  
Fully Insured, parts and labour guaranteed  
Friendly & Reliable Service with transparent billing  
Fully Stocked Van

**Contact: Phone Chris Jacques on 079969 472362  
or email us: [atsrousay@outlook.com](mailto:atsrousay@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)

## National Lottery Community Fund – External Funding Announcement

We are delighted to share that we have been successful in our application to The National Lottery Community Fund and have been awarded £10,000 to distribute in small grants to our REW community groups!

Our community groups are often run by hard-working, dedicated volunteers and it is fantastic to be able to support them to organise activities for the REW community.

If you run a group on REW and would like to apply for funding of up to £500 for a one-off event or activity, or for a piece of equipment to help you run activities, please contact [grants@rewdt.org](mailto:grants@rewdt.org) or call the office on 01856 821229 for more information.



### Community Grant

Grant funding of up to £500 for REW groups for one-off events, activities, or equipment to run activities.



For more information or to apply:



[grants@rewdt.org](mailto:grants@rewdt.org)



01856 821229



Pier Cabin, Rousay.

Office open Mon-Wed 9am-12:30pm

# Nature Walk And Lunch

## A NATURE CONNECTION WALK AT THE HEART OF ROUSAY BOARDWALK WITH SPECIES ON THE EDGE

Join Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust and Species on the Edge and for a short gentle walk along the boardwalk using our senses to help us connect to nature in this special place.

Discover more about the history of this area and take in the incredible views as we pause for some mindful moments. Dress for all weathers and bring binoculars if you have them

**When:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

12.30-1.30pm and then lunch afterwards at the Craft Hub 1.30-3.30pm

**Where:** The Heart of Rousay Boardwalk

**Wet weather plan:** In the event of poor weather join us at the Craft Hub from 12.30pm where Species on the Edge will have an alternative nature quiz for all ages to bring the outdoors in!

**Ages:** Open to all ages but under 16's should be accompanied by an adult.

**How to Book:** Email [hannah@rewdt.org](mailto:hannah@rewdt.org) or call 01856 821229

**Transport Available - please request when booking**

**Event, lunch and Transport Free of Charge**

**SPECIES**  
on the **EDGE**





## JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> ORKNEY ISLAND GAMES

Get ready for a celebration of sports and island games!

The week-long event will offer opportunities for everyone to observe athletes from across the world compete in a range of exciting sports.

More information can be found online or via OIC.



Bookbug sessions will temporarily stop during June & July.

Thanks to everyone for coming along and we look forward to welcoming you again in the new term!



2025 Peedie Lap  
Sunday 15 June  
Registration from 10:30

Starts 12:00 Noon at The Space.  
Cycle, Run or Walk to the Fire Station and back.  
Details & online entry available see [www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)

# Egilsay Wildflower Project



Help Vicky (RSPB) with her Wildflower project – planting Bee friendly plug plants in Egilsay meadows. The species we will be focusing on are Red Clover and Knapweed.

When: 6<sup>th</sup> June. Meet at Egilsay Pier at 09:25, depart from Egilsay at 13:15

Pack waterproofs, warm clothes. Walking boots or wellies recommended.

Please let Hannah know if you are expecting to attend – [Hannah@rewdt.org.uk](mailto:Hannah@rewdt.org.uk) or 01856 821229 before 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Picnic included and foot passenger tickets available (please request when booking).



## Textile Workshop with Rosalind Johansson

Free Felting Workshop for REW residents.

Shorelines Studio Felting Workshop  
Sunday 29 June  
11.45am to 4.15pm  
At The Crafhub at the Space

Light Lunch, bakes and drinks included

No previous experience of felting needed.

To book a place email [nicky@rewdt.org](mailto:nicky@rewdt.org)

More textile workshops with Rosalind coming soon!

Patchwork Workshop Tuesday 22 July (half day)  
Quilting Workshop Tuesday 19 August (half day)



## Sharing Shed

The Sharing shed is open again after it's makeover!

Open Monday to Wednesday  
09.30 to 12.30 in the old Pier Shop

Pop in and see many great items available to take and re-use. Lots of books, clothes, games and household items available!

Items for Donation- We are full with ladies clothes and books so please donate these items elsewhere for now until we have room for more.

Thank you!





# 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 Crafthub

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



## Peedie Lap Donations

At the Peedie & Rousay Laps we always collect donations to give to REW groups and this year, once again, we invite our community groups to come forward for us to share these donations with.

The groups must be prepared to offer groups members to help on the day, either with registration, at the finish line or as marshals. Please let us know if you would like to receive the donation funds by emailing:

[info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org)

Thanks!

## REWDT Grants awarded to residents & groups April 2025

- 22 Well-being Grants**
- 4 General Grants**
- 3 Education & Skills Bursaries**
- 2 Education Related Travel Grants**



**Total amount awarded in April:  
£ 16,422.00**

# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place Fiftieth Anniversary of Orkney Islands Council Issue.

This month I was back in Glasgow again, this time at their palatial and opulent City Chambers in George Square, for the first meeting in ages of the Scottish Councils' Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS), on which I serve as OIC's representative. A new Pope having just been elected, it is maybe appropriate to tell you that the Glasgow City Chambers building boasts more marble than the Vatican. After the SCCORS meeting, a member of staff kindly gave me a private tour of some of the interior.



Back home in the OIC Chamber, I observed some of the University of the Arctic Board's *Spring Meeting 2025*. When I introduced myself to the delegates, I pointed out that if you travel due north from the North Isles ward there is no more land until you've passed over the North Pole and arrive at the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug in the far east of Siberia, hence we are practically Arctic ourselves. Then I was at a seminar on Orkney's place in the North and the Council's international Arctic engagement. And then, one of the items at the meeting of the UHI Orkney Stakeholder Group (formerly the Orkney College Management Council) was on the UHI Arctic Gateway Hub. Despite the glorious sunny spells we have been enjoying recently, the icy North very much seems to have been theme of the month.

Since my last [Letter](#), I have also attended a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee; a couple of confidential members' briefings; seminars on planning policies for new housing, road structures at risk, and waste strategy; and I've been along to meetings of Sanday Community Council and Stronsay Community Council. I was invited to a preview of a new exhibition at Stromness Museum entitled "Powered by People — Orkney's Renewable Energy Story", which is well worth looking at.

As you may have picked up in the media, "Zevi 1", the Artemis Technologies electric hydrofoil vessel has arrived. After familiarisation, it will undergo trials to evaluate its performance in Orkney waters by being put into service connecting Kirkwall with Shapinsay, Egilsay, Wyre and Rousay for a period of 3 years.

This May marked the golden jubilee of Orkney Islands Council. As I explained in [Issue 136 of my Letter](#), the election for the new council took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1974, and it existed for a year as a shadow authority until 16<sup>th</sup> May 1975, when it took over local government in Orkney from Orkney County Council, Kirkwall Town Council and Stromness Town Council. You can read the minutes of OIC's first 2 statutory meetings at these URLs: <https://clackson.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/GM74MAY28.pdf> <https://clackson.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/GM75MAY20.pdf> The ermine robe, tricorne hat and chain of office of the former Provost of Kirkwall Town Council hang in a display case at School Place. Who should wear them now?



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

West Manse, Sanday  
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