

**PartyLite**  
at the Taversoe

FIND YOUR  
*Signature*  
FRAGRANCE AT OUR PARTIES

Saturday 9 November  
at 12.30

Buffet food available.

Wendy Kirkness will leave on the 3.20 boat.

If you would like to place an order  
but can't get to the party,  
email [kathryn.marwick@btconnect.com](mailto:kathryn.marwick@btconnect.com)

## November 2019

### What's On this month in Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

→ Fireworks Display, Windbreck, 7pm (bonfire lit), 7.30pm (fireworks)

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

→ The Seas Around the North Isles: Public Meeting, The Craithub, 10am - 11am

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

→ REW&G Community Council Meeting, Rousay School, 10.15am

→ Partylite, The Taversoe, 12.30pm - 3pm

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

→ Remembrance Sunday Curry Buffet, The Taversoe, 12pm (open from 11.15am) **PRE-BOOK**

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

→ Orkney Marine Environment Project, The Craithub, 3-3.30pm

→ SWI AGM, Rousay School, 8pm

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

→ Orkney Mobile Library visits Rousay & Egilsay

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

→ ScreenMachine, Rousay Pier

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

→ ScreenMachine, Rousay Pier

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

→ Charity Xmas Bazaar, Rousay School, 2pm - 3.30pm

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

→ REWDT Meet & Greet, Triangle Club, 1pm - 2pm

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

→ REWDT AGM, Rousay School, 10.15am

→ Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, The Craithub, 12pm - 2pm

#### Weekly Activities

#### Mondays

→ Coffee Morning, The Craithub, 11am - 1pm

→ Boxercise, Rousay School, 7.15pm ('newbies' start at 7pm)

→ **No Boxercise on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup>**

→ **Boxercise on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> instead**

→ Bridge, Rousay School, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

#### Tuesdays

→ Yarn & Yap, The Craithub, 11am - 1pm

#### Wednesdays

→ Triangle Club, Church Centre, 9.45am-1pm

#### Thursdays

→ Coffee Morning, The Craithub, 10am - 12pm

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 7.15pm

→ **No Fatburn Extreme on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### Fridays

→ Lunch Club, The Craithub, 12pm - 2pm

→ Rainbows, Brownies & Guides, Rousay School, 3.10pm - 4.30pm

→ Teenage Social Group, The Craithub, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

#### Sundays

→ Fatburn Extreme, Rousay School, 11am

#### Coming Up

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

→ Taversoe InnQUIZition, The Taversoe, 8pm

#### ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

#### Rousay Community Room Bookings

Book a community room for your function:

t: 07884 041 901 (Laura)  
e: [lar.06@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lar.06@hotmail.co.uk)



# BONFIRE NIGHT 2019

## Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>

Windbreck - Base of the turbine road

**Bonfire lit at 7pm / Fireworks at 7.30pm**

**Food provided by the children of Rousay**

**Should you have any wood or cardboard for the bonfire please could you leave it at the base of the turbine road on Tuesday afternoon.**

**If you are unable to deliver please contact Carole on 821 234 to discuss collection options.**

# Charity Xmas Bazaar



Sunday 24 November

Tea & Cakes

2pm - 3.30pm

Raffle

Gift Ideas

Rousay School

Charity Stalls

Book your table (£5) with Muriel, Shelagh, or Kathryn.

## Cleaner for Church Centre

£10 per hour  
Usually 1 hour per week

Ring Muriel  
821 284  
Before 7<sup>th</sup> November



# SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes  
AGM

Taste and try with all members.  
Please bring food to share and  
the recipes subscriptions also due.

### Competitions:

1. 3 ideas for a meeting
2. 3 ideas for competitions

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm

Rousay School

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY

# ORKNEY MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

An overview of OMEP, the baseline State of  
the Marine Environment Assessment for  
Orkney's upcoming Regional Marine Plan and  
and feedback session for your input/opinions  
into the project

12 NOVEMBER 2019 / 15:30PM  
THE CRAFT HUB / THE PIER / ROUSAY  
KW17 2PU

Hosted by Rebecca Kavanagh (Marine  
Environmental Planner)  
rebecca.kavanagh@orkney.gov.uk

## Orkney Mobile Library

Next visit to Rousay & Egilsay:  
14<sup>th</sup> November



## ROUSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Harvest Home

The RCA committee would like to thank the  
committee members, volunteers and musicians  
who made the 2019 Harvest Home a great night

Our next community events are Bonfire Night  
(Tuesday November 5th) at Windbreck (base of  
the turbine track), and the Burn's Supper on  
Friday the 24th of January 2020.

We hope to see you all there.



Nov. 2019

# The Taversoe

01856 821 325



### Bar Winter Opening Hours

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED\*  
Wednesday to Friday - 5pm to 11pm  
Saturday & Sunday - 12pm to 11pm

\* The bar will be open from 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month for The Taversoe InnQUIZition

( except Tuesday November 5th, when we will be closed )



If the bar is empty at 9pm we reserve the right to close early



### Food Service Winter Hours

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED  
Wednesday - No Food Service  
Thursday & Friday - 5pm to 8pm  
Saturday & Sunday - 12pm to 8pm



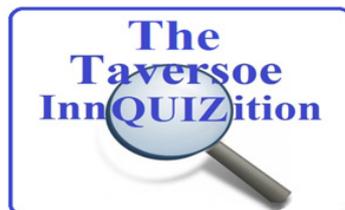
### Remembrance Sunday Curry Buffet

November 10th at 12pm  
We will be open from 11.15am  
Please call us on 821 325 to book



### Tuesday November 5th Bonfire Night

There will be no Taversoe InnQUIZition in November



The next Taversoe InnQUIZition will be Tuesday December 3rd  
We'll see you there

*My Favourite Thing to Make for Dinner is a Reservation*



### Islands View Surgery

### Recycle your Inhalers!

Sutherlands Pharmacy is now offering a recycling scheme for used inhalers. As the component parts of inhalers are expensive and can be easily be recycled, Islands View surgery would like to encourage all users to return used/unwanted inhalers to the surgery to be returned to Sutherlands Pharmacy. Thank you.

Allotment Association



### Allotment Association

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

# Screen Machine

Scotland's Mobile Cinema **Taigh-dhealbh Siùbhlach na h-Alba**

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with our visit to Rousay, including: Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust; Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council; Pentland Ferries; Orkney Ferries.



## Downton Abbey

**Mon 18 at 5.30pm** (PG) 122 mins

Director: Michael Engler Cast: Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Imelda Staunton

The costume drama that has gripped TV audiences finally comes to the big screen. In the continuing story of the Crawleys, it's 1927 and the family and servants of Downton Abbey prepare for a visit from King George V and Queen Mary. *"delightful fun"* BBC



## Joker

**Mon 18 at 8.30pm** (15) 162 mins

Director: Todd Phillips Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz, Frances Conroy

Gotham City, 1981. Misunderstood loner and loser Arthur Fleck is an unsuccessful clown and an even less successful stand-up comic. Humiliated after he's fired from his job, he moves towards the fringes of society, starting down the path that will see him become Batman's greatest nemesis, the Joker. Expect violence!



## A Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon

**Tue 19 at 5.30pm** (U) 87 mins

Directors: Will Becher, Richard Phelan Voices: Justin Fletcher, John Sparkes, Kate Harbour

In the sequel to 2015's *Shaun the Sheep Movie*, the friendly alien Lu-La crash lands near Mossy Bottom Farm. It's then up to Shaun and the flock to help her evade the clutches of a sinister government agency so she can return to her home planet.



## Ad Astra (Residents' Choice)

**Tue 19 at 8.30pm** (12A) 123 mins

Director: James Gray Cast: Brad Pitt, Liv Tyler, Tommy Lee Jones

Astronaut Roy McBride (Pitt) travels to the outer edges of the solar system to find his missing father and unravel a mystery that threatens the survival of our planet. His journey will uncover secrets that challenge the nature of human existence and our place in the cosmos.

All information is correct at the time of printing - but films and screenings may be subject to change.

## Mon 18 - Tue 19 Nov

Rousay, the Pier



Book at [www.screenmachine.co.uk](http://www.screenmachine.co.uk)

Tickets also at Screen Machine 30 mins before each screening.

Adults £7.50 15-and-under, 16 to 25, Students, 60+, Claimants and Disabled: £5.50

All 14-and-unders must be accompanied by a parent or 21+ guardian at 8.00/8.30pm screenings.

Screen Machine is owned and operated by Regional Screen Scotland. Fully accessible for wheelchair users.



# The Seas Around the North Isles

Part of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme

Interested in maritime history?  
Want to know more about the North Isles/your island?  
Are you interested in contributing to the project?

A project looking at the maritime history of the North Isles, covering all aspects. Come along and hear about the project and opportunities for communities to be involved.

Public Meeting – Crafhub, Rousay  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
10am – 11am

## Prehistoric Seafaring

What did the isles look like thousands of years ago?  
How did our ancestors travel between isles in prehistory?

## Maritime Cultural Landscapes

Investigate how maritime activity has influenced the way in which island communities have developed through fishing, harbours, traditional boats, lighthouses, salt works, tangles, etc. Can we see cultural links and unique island characters?

## Shipwrecks

Uncovering official and unofficial information about wrecks around the North Isles. Are there any which are unrecorded? Sharing anecdotes and stories passed down through families about local wrecks.

## Maritime art

Research maritime art on each island and create new art. This could lead to a North Isles maritime art exhibition or trail. Create art inspired by the maritime surroundings as a painting, sculpture, tapestry, wood-carving...

## Opportunities for individuals, groups and communities

Do you or any of your friends and family have stories or anecdotes relating to maritime history?  
We would like to hear them.

Learn new and interesting skills:  
GPS surveys, GIS mapping, 3D modelling, possibly boat building, participate on ROV expeditions

Enjoy any form of art?  
Looking for island-based artists to lead and/or participate in research and creation of new art.

What kind of outputs will benefit the North Isles/your island most?  
Leaflets, website information, exhibition materials, digital archive, talks and events, etc.?

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**NORTH ISLES**  
LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

# NOVEMBER @

## THE CRAFTHUB CIC

01856 821359

THE PIER – ROUSAY | CRAFTHUB@BTCONNECT.COM



### WINTER OPENING

Monday, Tuesday  
11am to 3.30pm  
Wednesday - CLOSED  
Thursday  
10am to 3.30pm  
Friday  
11am to 3.30pm

\*TEA \*  
\*COFFEE \*  
\* CAKE \*  
\* LIGHT REFRESHMENTS\*

EVERY MONDAY 11AM TO 1PM

COFFEE MORNING

EVERY TUESDAY 11AM TO 1PM

YAP & YARN

EVERY THURSDAY 10AM TO 12PM

COFFEE MORNING

EVERY FRIDAY 12PM TO 2PM

LUNCH CLUB SOUP & A SANDWICH £5

EVERY FRIDAY 6.30PM TO 8.30PM

TEENAGE SOCIAL GROUP



### Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

12pm to 2pm



WORKSHOPS COMING UP ... LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS WITH MORE INFORMATION

**SPINNING**  
5 WEEKS

**QUILTING**

**POTTERY**  
5 WEEKS



Workshops & events Supported by  
Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

Let us know if you would like a place...



## Rousay Gun Club

**Are you interested in learning to shoot clay pigeons or small bore rifles?**  
Rousay Gun Club may be able to help you learn if you have never pulled a trigger or help you improve your skills if you are a little rusty.

The Gun Club has operated in Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre informally for over 40 years, bringing enthusiasts together for the odd clay shoot or occasional hunt.

Over the last ten years Richard and Michelle Koster helped us set up competition shooting and Michelle managed to secure funding for many thousands of pounds worth of shooting equipment, which enabled us to hold professional shoots fully insured with Safety Officers trained to keep everyone safe or offer a helping hand if required.

We have been involved with The North Isles shoot, hosting the event in Rousay and attending in Stronsay and Eday. We have had Stag and Hen parties attend. We have also had locals compete in selections for the Island Games Competitions, and even bring home a silver medal for Orkney! All this has only been possible with the professional kit we are fortunate enough to own.

In order to be able to keep this equipment in good working order Russell and Kathryn Marwick kindly lets us house and use the equipment on their land and we are able to get a section 11 and insurance as a result.

In order to have access to this fantastic facility you have to be a member as training is required to be able to safely use our equipment. We are actively looking for new members to join as full or associate members. The benefits of being a member is club insurance, lower green fees, the option to practice whenever you like providing permission is sought, training opportunities to become a safety Officer or professional tuition from Scottish Top Guns, affiliated membership to shooting grounds throughout the county.

If we can't secure enough interest in our club the only alternative is to auction our equipment off and all the benefits will be lost.

Presently we have a handful of members who would like to keep this club going but we urgently need more.

If you are interested in becoming either a full member or an associate member, both have many benefits. Don't worry you will not end up with an administration job these roles are currently held by members who want to keep this sport alive in our islands.

If you are interested in becoming a member please get in touch with Rolf Soames, Billy Kemp, Tony Mason, Eric Flaws, Denis Soames or Bobby Friel for more info.

## Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

### Community Update: November 2019

#### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 30 November 2019 at 10:15 at Rousay Community School. All residents (whether a member or not) are most welcome to attend and come and hear all about this year's exciting projects. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it.

Members will receive their invitation letters by the second week of November, from our Chair, which will also have a return slip if any member wishes to apply for one of the director vacancies. Heat Smart Orkney Ltd will be giving an update on the project and this will include a presentation from their partners CES regarding the SMILE project and the new REFlex project and how locals can benefit from these initiatives. If any member doesn't receive a letter, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

The Trust is keen to hear from members who would like to become a director, and a return slip has been included in the information we are about to send to members. For members who are unable to attend the AGM, but would like to vote in the election of directors, please remember that you can use your 'proxy vote' (Helen can provide the names of those standing from 25<sup>th</sup> November onwards).

If you are not a member of the Trust, but would like to be, please contact the Office for a membership form.

#### Maintenance Person Required

With the pending purchase of the Pier Restaurant building, REWDT now require an 'on call' maintenance person, to maintain the general structure of the building.

General duties will include maintaining the following:

- The gutters
- Drains and downpipes
- Toilets, ensuring they remain in good working order
- Lighting system
- Heating systems to ensure effective working
- Windows and doors keeping oiled and in good working order

Other routine minor repairs to be carried out as and when required.

The person will be employed on a self-employed basis and will invoice REWDT on a monthly basis.

Applicants must have the necessary experience, health and safety certificates and carry public liability insurance.

Interested parties please contact Gill at REWDT. Phone 821 229 or email [gill@rewdt.org](mailto:gill@rewdt.org).

Closing date for registering an interest is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.



*From the community  
For the community*

**REW DT**

**AGM**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Come and find out what the REW DT has been doing over the past year. Hear about all of our exciting projects such as the Trumland Land and Pier Restaurant, plus updates from HSO & REWIRED.**

**Location - Rousay Community School**

**Time - 10:15**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## Project Officer Vacancy

**£22,750 salary per annum; 35 hours per week**  
**Initially a fixed term contract until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021,**  
**with potential for extension.**

**An exciting position has arisen for a Project Officer to join our team, on an initial fixed-term contract, with the potential for extension.**

This is a varied role, for which the successful candidate will:

- be responsible for the delivery of the Trumland land purchase and sub-projects associated with our Scottish Land Fund grant, co-ordinating the administrative and practical delivery of this project;
- work with our Project Manager on the successful delivery of the Rural Housing Fund project;
- work with our Project Manager to deliver our current and future projects, which currently include the development of a community space, and high-speed broadband;
- assist our Project Manager with our grants distribution system, which includes various funding pots that have been created to distribute funds to individuals and groups within our community, in line with our Charitable Aims.

The duties will require excellent administration and communication skills and the successful applicant must be able to use Microsoft Office applications and perform day-to-day office duties as required.

Applicants should be able to work as part of a team, have experience of communicating effectively with people at all levels, and be keen to be involved in community development. The successful applicant will be polite, self-motivated, enthusiastic, flexible, able to work without supervision, able to make decisions, and must support the aims of the Development Trust.

Appropriate training will be provided. The successful applicant may be subject to Protecting Vulnerable Groups checks.

The successful applicant will be expected to work from the Trust's Offices at the Manse, Rousay and be required to travel around the Trumland Estate. Travelling within and, possibly from time to time, outside Orkney for possible training and meetings for which travel and subsistence costs will be met at HMRC approved rates.

This post is part-funded by Highland and Islands Enterprise.

For an application form and job description please contact the Trust's Offices on 01856 821 229 or email [info@rewdt.org](mailto:info@rewdt.org)

**Closing date for applications: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.**



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REWDT

## Meet & Greet

The next Meet & Greet will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, from 1pm until 2pm.**

Pop along to the **Triangle Club** for a chat about upcoming projects or to complete any grant application forms.

I look forward to seeing you there.

*Gill*



*Heat Smart Orkney Ltd*

### Heat Smart Orkney Ltd

**Volunteer directors are still urgently needed for our subsidiary, Heat Smart Orkney.**

If you would like to know more about being a HSO director, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please call the Office on 821 229.



*Heat Smart Orkney Ltd*

### Temporary P/T Admin Assistant Required Now

**8 Hrs Per Week - Fridays**

**HSO Ltd**

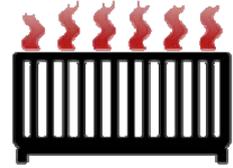
A temporary position has arisen for an Admin Assistant to work with the HSO Ltd team to cover sickness until the 6 January 2020.

Experience of using Microsoft packages including Word and Excel.

The need to be flexible and the ability to work on your own once happy within the role is essential. Will be dealing with our customer base over the phone, by email and letter as well as fielding queries for the project team.

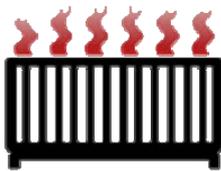
The role is varied as we respond to the workload that comes from our clients and project partners.

Please contact Diana on 01856 821277  
for an informal discussion, application form and job description.



**DIVERTING UNUSED RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO AFFORDABLE HEATING**

**HSO CLIENTS: PLEASE SWITCH ON YOUR HSO SYSTEMS!**



We continue to thank all of our clients for participating in the **Heat Smart Orkney** project!

Now that winter is getting closer, we remind our **Heat Smart Orkney** clients to **please switch on their heaters and hot water cylinders** so we can continue to collect data. We hope your **HSO** systems will give you an added boost throughout the cold winter months.



For more information about the project contact us:  
Phone: **01856 821277** Email: **info@heatsmartorkney.co.uk**  
learn about our progress on **Facebook** by searching **Heat Smart Orkney**  
and on the web at **www.rewdt.org/HSO**





Meeting our current and future needs

## REWIRE Limited

### Turbine Productivity Report

Productivity at the turbine for the past 3 months, together with reported energy diversion from the HSO project is:

2019/20	Actual Productivity (kWh)	% Productivity (against 37% target)	% Curtailment (against 7% expectation)	HSO Diversion (kWh) <marginal curtailment only>
July	147074	22.0%	33.8%	927.275
August	167753	25.1%	26.1%	2,680.974
September	295439	45.6%	21.6%	TBC

Explanation of colour coding REWIRE Ltd. Have used since curtailment monitoring commenced:

- Productivity
  - ◆ Target 37% or more
  - ◆ Within 5%
  - ◆ Over 5%
- Curtailment
  - ◆ Target 7% or less
  - ◆ Within 5%
  - ◆ Over 5%



#### Free Wi-Fi access

(plus access to a laptop and printer):

Monday: 10am to 3pm  
 Tuesday: 10am to 3pm  
 Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

If you need to use the Wi-Fi and/or the laptop and printer outwith these times, you will need to make an appointment with staff, who will be as accommodating as possible.



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)

#### Car Club

Hire our electric car from as little as £2.50 for 1 hour, or for as long as you need (e.g. 24 hours costs £18).



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

Car Club FAQs and T&Cs are available online.

#### Shredded Paper for Composting

We occasionally have bags of shredded paper available for composting. If anyone would like a bag, please contact the Office.

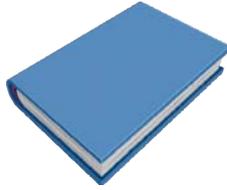




## Well Being 100 Fund

Apply for 100% of the cost of well being activities, including Active Islands/Life memberships. A maximum of £100 per person, up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Open to adults & children.

## Our Current Grant Schemes



## Education & Training

Apply for up to 100% of the cost of a nationally-recognised qualification. A maximum of £500 (adults) or £100 (children in primary/secondary education).



## Driving Lessons

Apply for up to £500 towards the cost of driving lessons with a qualified instructor.



## Child Ferry Tickets

Apply for one book of 50 ferry tickets for children (5-18, in full-time education).

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

To obtain an application form, please give us a call, or come into the office (we are in the process of uploading new forms to our website). Completed forms can be sent by paper, or electronically to [grants@rewdt.org](mailto:grants@rewdt.org)

All applications to the above funds 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.

## Other Grants

Looking for funding which doesn't fit into one of our specific grant funds?

Individuals and groups are also welcome to apply for funding from our '**General Grants**' fund.

**Call our Project Manager, Gill, to discuss.**

Completed applications to our General Grants fund must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the Board meeting at which your application will be considered, so please allow enough time to complete.

**The next two Board Meetings are planned for  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

### 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, Megan McEwen from VAO in Kirkwall also offers to support community groups with finding funding opportunities.

### Opening Hours

Monday	10am-3pm ( <i>drop-in</i> )
Tuesday	10am-3pm ( <i>drop-in</i> )
Wednesday	10am-3pm ( <i>drop-in</i> )
Thursday	<i>By appointment only</i>
Friday	<i>By appointment only</i>

Please feel free to call in with any queries, advice, or grant applications during drop-in times.

Occasionally, all of the staff are away from the office on DT business, so if you wish to speak to us, it is always better to phone first, to make an appointment.

**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:**  
[www.rewdt.org](http://www.rewdt.org)



[facebook.com/rewdt](https://www.facebook.com/rewdt)

### Directors:

John Garson (Chair), Kayleigh Tipper (Vice-Chair), Carolyn Tunbridge (Treasurer), Christina Cox, Clare Daintith, Carole Maguire, Alison Mainland, Bryan Milner, Eric Shortland, Angus Flaws (co-opted), Mark Hull (co-opted).

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# Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

October 2019

## Reporting on the exploits of your councillor in Orkney and beyond

Sadly, my mother passed away towards the end of September in Somerset. Travelling down and back to attend the funeral and spending time there with family naturally had an impact on some of my councillor duties this month. I was not able to take part in this year's Orkney College graduation ceremony, nor was I able to participate in the Special General Meeting convened to consider the national-development-level planning application for the erection of a substation in Firth. Also, I was absent from the events commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of HMS Royal Oak (of which my uncle was a casualty).

Selected comments I made at the Policy & Resources Committee meeting about OIC's response to its "climate emergency" declaration were quoted in a letter to *The Orcadian* (10<sup>th</sup> October)—conveniently omitting the point that I was making at the meeting. In my reply (*The Orcadian*, 17<sup>th</sup> October), I stated that I believe OIC should be taking immediate practical steps to mitigate the effects of climate change on Orkney's vulnerable communities. "Declaring a climate emergency" is not going keep the sea from washing into the houses at Whitehall in Stronsay, any more than King Cnut sitting on the village's inadequate sea defences would. The significant contribution Orkney is already making in the renewable-energy sector is a far more relevant declaration of our commitment to a climate-friendly future than OIC climbing aboard the "climate-emergency-declaration" bandwagon. In my opinion, a financially-supported pledge by OIC to protect the inevitable victims of climate change in our islands would be of considerably more value to the people of Orkney than trendy virtue signalling. On the topic of renewable energy, I suggested at the meeting that the fairest way to distribute the profits from the proposed Orkney Community Wind Farm Project would be to endeavour to use the money to set our Council Tax rate to zero. On OIC's Annual Equality Outcomes Progress Report, my comment was: if we are serious about sustaining our remote communities during a climate emergency, then we need to get on with the review of council jobs appropriate to being undertaken remotely.

An internal audit report came before the Monitoring & Audit Committee on the burial grounds fiasco. (The reinstatement of the headstones in Shapinsay is due to take place in November.) I recommended that in future we maybe specify the type of gravestone permitted to be erected in our graveyards, and I advocated the traditional Viking "hogback" style as presenting the least danger to the public. (It cannot fall on anyone, although it could possibly constitute a trip hazard.) An ancient example may be found in the St. Boniface kirkyard on Papa Westray, and a modern example in Sanday's Burness graveyard.



A modern hogback gravestone in Burness graveyard, Sanday

The idea of hosting a climate change event in Orkney was discussed at the General Meeting of the Council. I cautioned that the County might not be prepared for the onslaught of demonstrations that could accompany such an event (from e.g. "Extinction Rebellion") and the consequent security, policing and cost implications. In the final item on the agenda, about Council participation in a 4/5G mobile innovation project, which we had agreed to hold in public, I proposed we suspend standing orders in order to enable Cllr. Woodbridge to fully participate remotely from North Ronaldsay. I am pleased to say I had the requisite support from two-thirds of the councillors.

Other meetings I have attended this month include a seminar on the future of 5G, a meeting of the Local Housing Strategy Working Group, a meeting of the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board (by video-conferencing), a members' political session, a meeting of Sanday Community Council, and a presentation by EMEC.

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# ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

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November 2019

## Opening Hours

### Supervised Sessions

Monday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Tuesday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Wednesday	x x x
Thursday	19:00 - 21:00 *
Friday	x x x
Saturday	16:00 - 17:00
Sunday	x x x

\* The gym will close at 20:15 if empty

### Buddy System

#### Term Time

Monday	08:30 - 17:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 17:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday	08:30 - 17:00
Friday	08:30 - 16:00
Saturday	x x x
Sunday	11:00 - 12:00**

\*\* During Rousay FBX

We will publish any changes to the above hours and any additional hours of opening on our Facebook pages

## FATBURN EXTREME

Rousay Community School Hall  
Sunday 11am  
Thursday 7.15pm

Sunday 3rd - No Class  
Carey on holiday  
Jo rugby away game

Sunday 10th - No Class  
Remembrance Sunday

## POW! BOXERCISE®

### Monday Nights

7.00pm Newbies/7.15pm Class Starts  
No Class Nov 4th - Carey Holiday  
No Class Nov 11th - Tues 12th instead  
No Class Nov 18th - Weds 20th instead



### Changes to Opening Hours & Class Times

Monday 18th  
No supervised session or Boxercise  
Tuesday 19th  
No supervised session  
Wednesday 20th  
Additional supervised session 7-9pm  
Boxercise 7pm Newbies / 7.15pm Regulars

Remember Boxercise and FBX are open to anyone over 12 years old



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"Rousay Healthy Living Centre" "Rousay Boxercise"  
"Rousay Fatburn Extreme" "RHLC Buddy System"

