

Thank You

The wrinkled oldies in Wester would like to send their heartfelt thanks to the people that have been so kind to us this past few months. Ted, Nicky, and Marion; Carey and her helpers; Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust; Triangle Club; Eric Shortland; Orkney Islands Council; and there's probably more: thanks again, it's much appreciated!

Digital Archaeology & Heritage Resources & Research Training for Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

Do you live on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre and want to find out more about the archaeology and heritage of your islands from the comfort of your home? This is for you!

The Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust has teamed up with The UHI Archaeology Institute to support islanders during and beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic. This project provides an opportunity to support island residents (young and old) to discover, access and enjoy archaeology and heritage resources on the internet. Old maps, aerial photographs, national archives and site listings – there is so much available online, you just need to know where to look!

The project has three elements:

- **A resource pack document which contains information and links to digital resources**
- **Sign up for basic research training and online one-to-one session with our team**
- **Enjoy our series of talks about the archaeology of the islands and the Skail excavations**

The digital resource pack is designed to provide islanders with a basic understanding of available resources and how to undertake research. Maybe you would like to research your house, farm or a place of interest using freely available resources online? You can pick and choose. Perhaps the resource pack [here](#)* and talks will be of interest in their own right.

For more information and to register for the free training sessions with the team contact Dan Lee on Daniel.Lee@uhi.ac.uk

*Visit the 'Heritage' page on www.rewtdt.org and scroll down to the 'Digital Archaeology' section, which includes a link to the Resource Pack.

Rousay Church of Scotland

From 20th September, Rousay Church Centre will be open each Sunday from 11 am -12 noon for private prayer and reflection.

Using the smaller room to the right of the entrance, and in accordance with Covid-19 guidance, a maximum of **2** people will be admitted for **15 minute** slots.

Face coverings must be worn, hand sanitiser used and social distancing observed.

The toilets are not in use.

If you have any queries, please contact Muriel (821 284)





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Historical archive training with the UHI Archaeology Institute for REW residents:

Sign up for basic research training and one-to-one support sessions with our team.

The UHI Archaeology Institute has created a digital resource pack to provide a basic understanding of available resources and how to undertake research - available on the REW DT Heritage page and the Rousay Remembered websites:

<http://www.rewdt.org/heritage.php>

<https://rousayremembered.com/new-digital-archaeology-and-heritage-resource/>

Sign up for the trainings and we will send you an introduction and our team will follow up and arrange some one-to-one sessions with you to suit. Maybe you would like to research your house, farm or a place of interest using freely available resources online? You can pick and choose.

Email Dan Lee to book a place now! Daniel.Lee@uhi.ac.uk

New YouTube Heritage Talks Available

The Well-Being Hunters Foundation funding has paid for the UHI to produce four online talks.

The YouTube videos of talks by the project team are on the background, place names, survey & excavation, and marine resources at Skail Farm, Rousay, Orkney.

The team from the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) Archaeology Institute have been working at this Norse to post-medieval farmstead since 2015. In 2019 a large Norse hall was discovered.

Follow this link to hear all about this fascinating site:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_qc2-nv9xWk-VTwNwG8-rduulkXGTixI

Conn organ (ex Rousay Church)



Free to collect. Not currently in working order.
Contact: Alison (821 243)

Allotment
Association



Allotment Association

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



Rousay Primary School
would like to thank the
Rousay Community Association
for their generous contribution of
£107.26, which will pay for
one-half of the materials
needed to refurbish the
community stage.

Update

How to contact us

The staff are still working, but are not always in the office. The office e-mails, post, and phone messages are being picked up most days and the staff will respond as soon as they are able to. Thank you for your patience in such difficult times. Stay safe.

REWDT & REWIRED

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

Heat Smart Orkney

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

Meet & Greet with Project Manager, Gill - a virtual option

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

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

Keep safe and well.

Gill

Covid-19 Support

We are continuing with our current Covid-19 funding packages, until 30th September. This includes funding the delivery of essential food items from Marion's Shop and Rousay Deliveries; the delivery of takeaway meals from The Taversoe; and the cost and delivery of The Triangle Club's weekly 2-course meal. We would like to thank Marion's Shop, Rousay Deliveries, and The Taversoe for their extra support of residents during this pandemic.

PPE is still available for collection free of charge from the phone box by The Pier, Rousay.

The Pier Project

The Pier building is closed for public access; however, crafters are now getting in touch to remove their items. It has been requested that all remaining craft and non-craft items are removed by 30th September 2020.

If anyone with craft or other items currently stored in The Pier would like to remove them for safekeeping, please get in touch with the Office (either by phone or by e-mail) and arrangements can be made. Under the current circumstances, only 1 person will be able to enter the premises along with 1 member of staff. Your understanding is appreciated.

The Rousay Lap

The Rousay Lap was cancelled due to Covid-19, but it's been great to hear from those of you who have completed the Half-Marathon in your own time and following social distancing guidelines, including Jo Inkster, who completed the Lap on 22nd August, running it in a time of 2 hrs 32 mins 26 sec. She was joined by visiting runners, Ailsa Curnow (2 hrs 30 mins) and Florence Ungaro (2 hrs 32 mins 26 sec).

We look forward to welcoming them back at the start line next year, along with everyone else keen to run walk or cycle.



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Updates

Trumland Land Project

We are delighted to inform you that we have now settled the purchase of Trumland Land. Thank you again to the Scottish Land Fund and The Big Lottery fund for awarding the grant for the purchase of the land, and to Highlands and Islands Enterprise for funding the Project Officer post.

Details regarding the land will shortly be available to view on our website. We are now working with an experienced, qualified local land consultant in order to understand the land, rights and responsibilities in more detail. Plans for sub-projects deemed more favourable by the community in the 2018 Community Ballot, which included the creation of viewing points and pathways, invasive species control and a Ranger service provision, are currently being worked on and further information regarding these will be coming soon.

We had hoped to hold an open day as soon as we had purchased the land, however with the restrictions currently in place, this would now be incredibly difficult to manage. Therefore, if anyone would like to discuss any element of this project in further detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch with ellie@rewdt.org or call the office on 01856 821229.

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Emergency General Meeting (EGM) Update

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, REWDT received a request from 11 residents to hold an EGM. Due to the Government restrictions, and the advice from OSCR (the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator), REWDT were informed that due to the Covid-19 virus, we must not hold a public meeting at that time.

We are continuing to monitor the latest advice from the Scottish Government, and once we are permitted to hold an indoor meeting with the appropriate number of attendees whilst adhering to any social distancing stipulations, we will be writing to all REWDT members, with a formal invitation to attend the EGM.

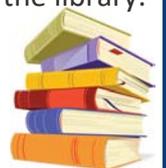
Orkney Library Needs a Volunteer

Orkney Library is now ready to offer a book box delivery service to Rousay, Egilsay, and Wyre residents. Initially this would be restricted to folk who are in the vulnerable category or folk who have no access to the internet so cannot use the Library's eBook service.

The idea is that folk can request up to 6 books which the Library will lend for a 6-week period. The Library will put each customer's requests into a new plastic bag, and then fill a box with the bags. The boxes would be delivered to the REW DT. A volunteer is needed to take the books to residents and back to the DT offices after the 6-week period, the DT will then box them up and arrange for the return to the library.

PPE will be provided if required – disposable aprons, gloves, hand sanitiser and face masks.

If you can help, please contact the DT office.



Contacting the well-being co-ordinator

I would like to apologise for being quiet and not replying to emails this last couple of weeks. Many of you may have heard already, but, for those who haven't; I managed to break my leg in a ridiculous manner and had to have an operation on it, so I have been resting.

I am now back to working my normal hours, however, due to the injury and doctors orders I am currently working from home so if you need to get in touch you can contact me via:

Email: alice@rewdt.org

Or

Mobile: 07948466380

I understand calls to mobiles can be costly, so feel free to request that I call you back and I will do so promptly.

My hours of work are:

WEDNESDAY 9am-11am 1:30pm-3:30pm

THURSDAY 9am-3pm

FRIDAY 9am-11am 1:30pm-3:30pm

Are you struggling to fund essential items?

The Hardship Fund was created by the British Red Cross to help those most financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The fund provides short term financial help for people who can't afford essentials such as:

- Food and toiletries
- Somewhere safe to sleep
- A telephone and the internet
- Fuel to keep the lights on, cook or stay warm.

IF YOU FALL INTO ONE OR MORE OF THESE GROUPS, IT COULD HELP YOU!

- No Resource to Public Funds
- Aged 70 or older
- Have had disruption or delays to welfare benefits or asylum support
- Households that have lost their primary earner to coronavirus
- Survivors of gender-based violence, including domestic abuse
- People facing homelessness or living in temporary accommodation

If you would like to be referred, please contact Alice:

Email: alice@rewdt.org

Tel: 01856 821 229

Mob: 07948 466 380

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

Ready to apply for funding?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are currently encouraging electronic grant applications. Application forms for grants are available on our website (www.rewtdt.org) and can be filled in, signed, and returned to us electronically (grants@rewtdt.org), however, if you would prefer an application form to be posted out to you instead, we will happily do so. Please call and leave a message on 01856 821 229 or email grants@rewtdt.org All applications must be received a minimum of **two weeks** before the training or first well being activity takes places, and a minimum of **two weeks** before payment is due, to allow sufficient time for applications to be processed.

The next two Board Meetings are planned for **Wednesday 23rd September 2020 & Sat. 24th Oct. 2020.**

Telephone: 01856 821 229

Website: www.rewtdt.org

General E-mails: info@rewtdt.org

Grants E-mails: grants@rewtdt.org



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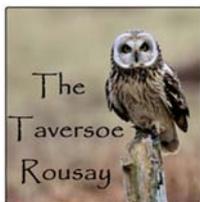
Directors:

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

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



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

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

Please contact Julie either by e-mail or telephone:

Triangle.club60@aol.com or 01856 821269



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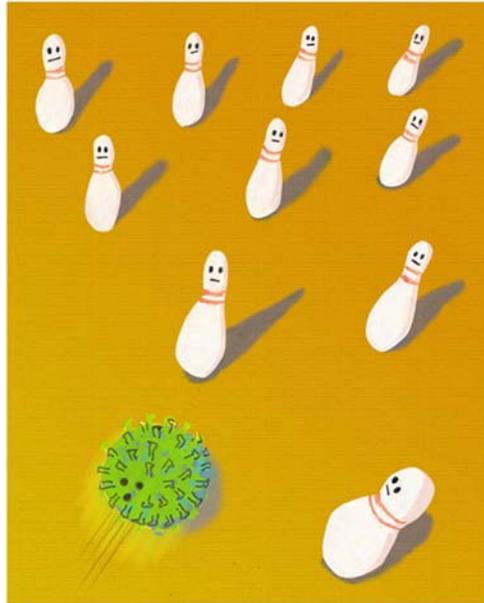


Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place (currently West Manse)

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

To keep up to date with the latest Council news and Covid-19 information as it pertains to Orkney, please check OIC's website at <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/>. Don't forget also to read *The Orcadian* and listen to *BBC Radio Orkney*. For Orkney Ferries information see <http://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/> or ring 01856-872044. For inter-island flights see <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/T/internal-air-services.htm> or ring 01856-872494 / 873457. NHS Orkney has information at <https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information>. For Covid-19 testing telephone 01856-888221. For OIC's Homelessness Service ring 01856-873535 or 07921-582962. The Scottish Government's guidance is located at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>.



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The Covid-19 flare-up in Aberdeen and the recent cluster of cases in Orkney demonstrate just how vulnerable to the disease we remain, and how important it is not to lower our guard until a vaccine is available.

During the recess, I continued to have the odd meeting, for example I was in attendance at a meeting of Papay Community Council, and I participated in a meeting between NHS Orkney and the North Ronaldsay Community Council about the recruitment of a resident advanced nurse practitioner for that island.

Once the recess was over, things didn't get back to "normal" straight away. At the first Special General Meeting, I experienced problems with "Teams" by being redirected to meetings where I was the only participant. Eventually I got into the correct "room". It was like some "Dungeons & Dragons" fantasy world. Then a seminar had to be postponed on account of disruption caused by electric storms, the damage from which then seemed subsequently to make it difficult for some transport reps to call into the "Teams" Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings (the former has now been rescheduled).

Orkney Ferries increased its "timetable offering" in July, nevertheless, as well as adhering to government rules, the ferries have to be operated in a way to minimise an outbreak of Covid-19 among crewmembers. An infection could mean a whole crew being out of action for several weeks, which would be disastrous for the service. So please bear with any inconvenience.

To maintain my personal and professional integrity, I have resigned from the Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

School Meals News: the "Eat Out to Help Out" discount is being offered to pupils and staff in all our school canteens.

The goslings have been busy growing since my last *Letter*. Here they are a month later at the beginning of August.

Keep well and carry on!

CLlr Dr Stephen Clackson
West Manse, Sanday

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

