



Crafthub @ The Space



Stitch Sunday

May 10th

2pm - 4pm

The Space, Rousay

Come along and learn how to use, maintain
and play with your machine.



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AGM

**TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2026, 14:00PM
IN ROUSAY SCHOOL, COMMUNITY
ROOM**

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



Refreshments available!

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



***May SWI meeting
12th May 8pm in the school***

***Speaker
Biljana Scott***

***Topic
Force and Grace in communication***

Biljana Scott was born in Switzerland to Scottish and Serbian/Croatian parents. She was educated in the UK, has lectured in Linguistics at Oxford University and workshopped internationally on Diplomatic Communication. She now lives in Birsay, where her father (originally a Scott from Shapinsay), bought a cottage in 1970.

***Competitions
Crafty Flowers
Honey Cake***

Raffle tickets on sale and refreshments provided

ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL

FRIDAY
22 MAY

ROUSAY CONCERT

Rousay Community School • 7.30pm
Theatre seating • Adult: £22 / Child: £13



It's possible to attend this event without staying overnight in Rousay, thanks to a special return ferry after the concert. While you must book your outward journey with Orkney Ferries, you can book your return journey while buying your event ticket.

- Polenta
- Katie Spencer
- Meallan
- Hullion

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ORKNEYFOLKFESTIVAL.COM



Each order includes a
£2.50 transaction fee.

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Friday 22 May 9

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7.30pm to 10.30pm
Rousay Community School
Theatre seating
Adult: £22
Child: £13
Doors open 7.00pm

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Make & create Bird Feed

**JOIN US AT THE PIER
CABIN TO MAKE
PACKETS OF BIRD FEED
TO SELL AT OUR
ROUSAY SCHOOL OPEN
DAY!**

ALL DONATIONS TOWARDS
FUTURE SCHOOL FUNDING.

**SUN 24TH MAY
10AM-NOON** 

LADIES BADMINTON



**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS**

School Hall from 7pm

There will be a cost of £1
towards the hire of the hall.

We have racquets should you need to borrow one.

ROUSAY LADIES SPORTS



Throughout April we'll be
playing Unihoc or Floorball

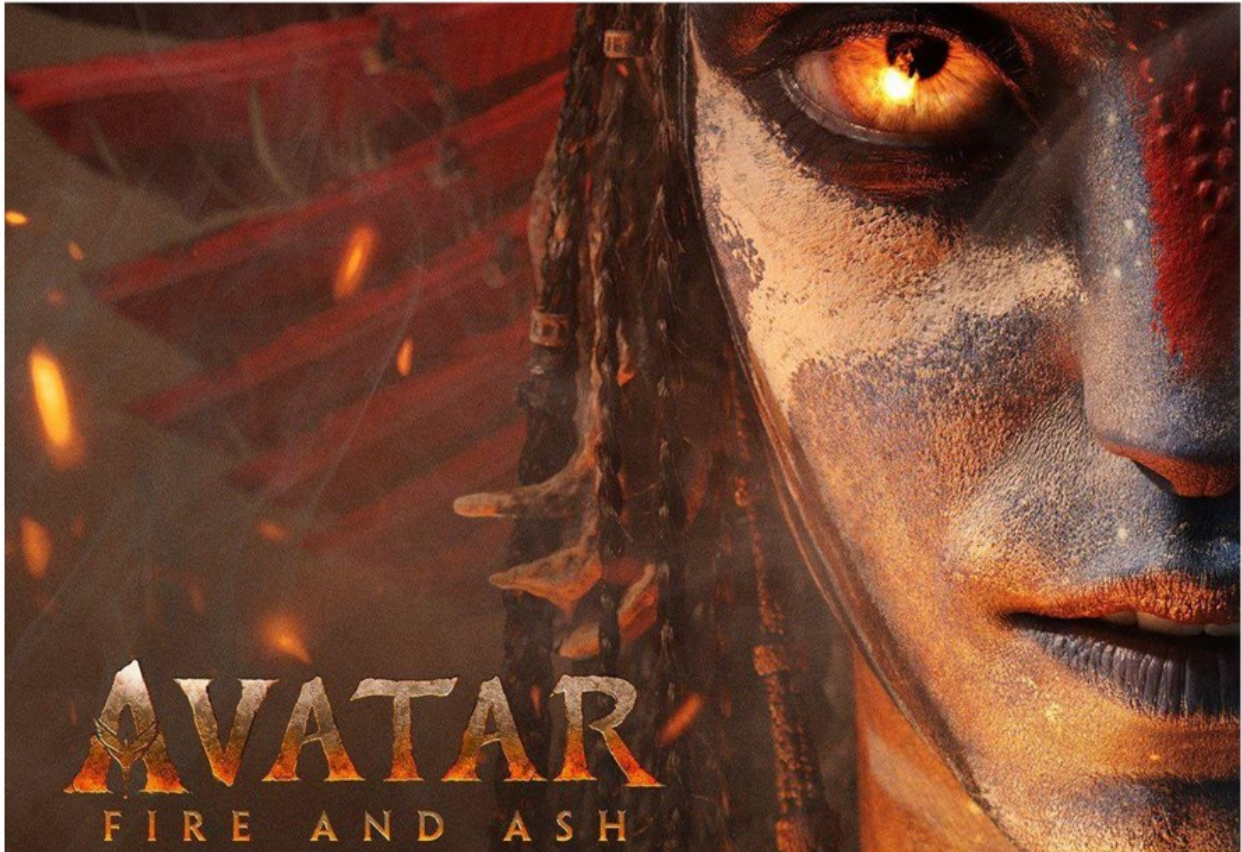
This is an indoor team sport similar to
hockey, played with lightweight plastic
sticks and a hollow plastic ball or puck.

Come join us at 3pm on Sundays.

If folk would prefer a different activity
on the day we can make that happen.

ROUSAY CINEMA


Presents



Jake and Neytiri's family encounter a new tribe, the Ash People, led by Varang. The conflict on Pandora escalates and a new moral focus emerges.

Saturday 30th May
Rousay School - 7.45pm
Cert 12A - 3 hrs 17m

There will be a short break halfway through the film.



ROUSAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAYS

MAY 10, 24
JUNE
7, 14, 21

TEA , BISCUITS AND
GOOD COMPANY PROVIDED



CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE

MAY EVENTS 2026

04 11, 18,
25
MAY

Pop-up Cafe

Every Monday 11am to 3pm
Come and enjoy some food and a natter
Hot drinks, soup with scone or bread &
homebakes.

06, 13,
20, 27
MAY

Chair Yoga

10:00 - 10:45 Drop-in session
For more details contact
Nicky@REWDT.org

10
MAY

Stitch Sunday

2pm to 4pm
Join us to learn how to use & make the most
of your sewing machine. and just have fun
sewing.

3, 10, 17,
24
MAY

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

10:15 - 11:45





**Join Rousay Triangle Club on Tuesdays
from 11am to 2pm in the
Rousay School Community Room**

NOTE NO CLUB ON 5TH MAY, DUE TO HOLIDAY

**You don't have to stay for the full day, there are
several options to suit everyone's needs and time
pressures. Everyone and all ages welcome.**

**Option 1: Coffee Morning,
£3**

Join us from 11am for tea or coffee and biscuits and have a catch up with friends or even meet new faces!

Option 2: Lunch Special, £7

Join us at 12.30pm to enjoy a warming veggie soup and sandwich lunch, followed by tea & a homebake. A selection of veggie and meat sandwiches are available.

**Option 3: Full
Experience, £7**

Come along from 11am for coffee, biscuits and a chat, option to join in with board games of your choice from 11:30am and enjoy a warming soup and sandwich lunch at 12.30pm, followed by tea & a homebake.

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

07552387109 / alicemnlnd@btinternet.com

Tri▲ngle Club

SAVE THE DATE!

STRAWBERRY TEAS

FROM 2PM
SUNDAY
14TH JUNE

LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS
IN NEXT MONTH'S REVIEW

RYA DISCOVER SAILING Get Started

**Taste and Try
Rousay Sailing Club**
Sunday 7th June 11am-3pm

See our facebook page or contact 07581036126/
07488284019 for more details

www.rya.org.uk/discoversailing

ROUSAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

**DOORS OPEN AT 7.30
QUIZ STARTS AT 8**

Raising funds for Rousay primary school.
are you ready for a night filled with laughter, trivia and a little friendly competition
£10 per team up to 4 people
light supper and raffle

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

A ROUSAY CELEBRATION OF LAND AND SEA

JULY 4
ROUSAY GARDEN FESTIVAL 10AM TO 4PM

JULY 5
DAY 1 ROUSAY REGATTA
DAY 2 ROUSAY REGATTA
FAMILY DAY AT THE PIER.

FAQs coming soon

Rousay. Horticultural Society.

The RHS Annual Show will be held on
Sunday 2nd August 2026

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. Please bring your tattie (in the bucket) along to the entry evening on
Saturday 1st August,
from 7pm to 8.30pm.



ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE EVENING SUMMER SAILINGS 2026

SATURDAY MAY 9th

SATURDAY JUNE 13th

SATURDAY JULY 11th

SATURDAY AUGUST 8th *

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th

ROUSAY TO TINGWALL - 22:00

TINGWALL TO ROUSAY - 22:35

ROUSAY TO WYRE & EGILSAY - 23:10

WYRE TO EGILSAY or ROUSAY - 23:20

EGILSAY TO ROUSAY - 23:40

**ALL SAILINGS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED ONLINE
OR BY TELEPHONE. IF THERE ARE NO
BOOKINGS THE SERVICE WILL NOT OPERATE.**

*** COUNTY SHOW DAY**



Rousay Community Association SCIO

The RCA held their AGM on Friday 24th April 2026.

Office Bearers were elected as follows:

Chair: TBD

Vice Chair: Zoë Flaws

Treasurer + Booking Clerk: Carey Mainland

Secretary: Alice Mainland

Huge thank you to retiring Chair, Branwen, for all her hard work over the past 2 years - we will miss you!

Many thanks to all those who attended and gave us their support.

ALL keyholders are now required to join committee meetings and will be expected to provide help at our events.

If keyholders did not attend the AGM, they will need to contact Laura Polson to arrange the fire panel refresher training, before they can use the school again.

**For easy contact with the RCA SCIO please use email:
rca.scio@outlook.com**



ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION

OIC Special Collections for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

The next REW Special Collection will take place as follows:

- Week commencing 11th May 2026
- Week commencing 10th August 2026

If you wish to have domestic bulky items uplifted you can apply online at: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/our-services/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/special-refuse-collections-households> or by calling 01856 873535.

Bookings must be placed as soon as possible and up to 2 working days prior to the week commencing collection date.

Beauty by Han Han



Offering the following treatments

- ✓ Manicure / Pedicure
- ✓ Gel polish
- ✓ Brow and lash tinting
- ✓ Waxing
- ✦ Spray tans
- ✓ Facials
- ✓ Massage
- ✓ Back facials

For more information or to book an appointment please call

07731 428809



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MAY OFFERS



Full body massage

£40 **SAVE £10**



Deluxe pedicure

£30 **SAVE £10**



Gel polish fingers and toes

£50 **SAVE £10**

For more information or to book an appointment please call

07731 428809



Orkney Heritage Society - Eynhallow Trip 2026

The Orkney Heritage Society annual trip to Eynhallow will be on Monday 27th July 2026 (or the 28th if the weather does not allow on 27th).

Tickets will be available online from 6 June, the link will be posted on the website and on social media.

<https://orkneyheritagesociety.org.uk/>

REWDT Project Updates



A word from Josh and Tania...

Thank You, Rousay

We just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who came along and supported the reopening of The Taversoe Inn. Seeing the bar full again and the community together made it a truly special day for us.

We know we didn't get the chance to see everyone, but we're really looking forward to welcoming those we missed over the coming days.

This is just the beginning – and we're proud to have the doors open again for the island.



Waterfront

The Trust now owns 3 plots alongside the pier, including “Norman’s Shed”. The shed is available for community groups to use: currently the Sailing Club are storing and repairing some of their boats there and the Snooker Club has its full-size snooker table dismantled and stored there. We have a simple “licence to use” agreement and any local community group can talk to us about using the facilities.

The Pier Restaurant

The volunteer steering group organising the gradual refurbishment of the Pier Restaurant stripped out the old wood kitchen units ready for new stainless-steel worktops. This will make it easier for the kitchen to meet environmental health standards. There will be several events in the Pier over the coming months.

Housing

The contractors are back on site at Johnstons Road and making rapid progress. The timber frames of the two houses are going up and then the external walls will be built.

We received planning permission for the conversion of the Manse into 3 flats. The final design has been altered very slightly to add an additional shower room in the two-bedroom flat downstairs.



Johnstons Road progress



Manse plans



More Yoga dates!

Yoga sessions with Lisa Croft

**Hatha Yoga- Tuesdays 17.30 to 18.30
in the School Hall**

Dates: May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

**Chair based Yoga- Wednesdays 10.00 to 10.45
(followed by refreshments) at The Crafhub
at The Space**

Dates: April 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

All adults (16yrs+) welcome
Please wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket and a scarf with
you and a yoga mat if you have one.

No need to book- just turn up!

For more info email nicky@rewdt.org

Chair yoga is funded by the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund
from VAO & Scottish Government



Wellbeing Essential Oil Workshop Wednesday 10th June 12-14.30 at The Crafhub at The Space

Workshop with Catherine Wells.
Arts a Flutter/ Forest Bank Therapies.
Federations of Holistic Therapists. VTCT. ECBS.
City & Guilds.

Join us at this fun session and learn how to use
Essential Oils safely in the home.
See how easy it is to incorporate these natural plants
extracts into your daily life to enhance your
wellbeing and make your own mix of oils to take
home with you.

Free workshop for REW residents, age 16yrs+
Drinks and bakes will be provided by The Crafhub

To book a place email
Nicky@rewdt.org



Funded by the Communities Mental Health &
Wellbeing Fund from VAO & Scottish Government



**Wellbeing Snorkel
Safari Day
Saturday 23rd May
Rousay Snorkel at 09.45
Wyre Snorkel at 14.00
(13.15 ferry from Rousay)**

Each session will have a pre-snorkel
briefing followed by a safari snorkel
from the shore.

All equipment is provided by Kraken
Diving

To book a place email
nicky@rewdt.org
with the following details:
your preferred session,
Shoe size, height, ladies dress
size, mens chest
measurement.



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Government





Summer 2026

UPCOMING WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

Kraken Diving Snorkel Safari Sessions
Saturday 23rd May
More details to follow. to reserve a place email
Nicky@rewdt.org

Essential Oil Workshop Workshop
Wednesday 10th June. 12 - 14.30hrs
At The Craithub at The Space

Fused Glass Workshop
Thursday 16th July 12-15.00hrs
Community Room, Rousay School

Look out for more details for these events closer to the dates. to reserve an early place contact
nicky@rewdt.org



Activities funded by the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund from VAO and Scottish Government



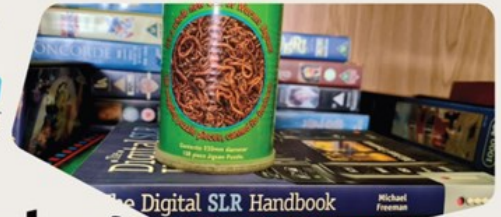
Sharing Shed

The Sharing shed is 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 clothes and books so please donate these elsewhere for now.

Large items by prior arrangement only please, email nicky@rewdt.org
Thank you!



REWDT Wellbeing is planning an Optician Visit to Rousay (& possibly Egilsay & Wyre)

For NHS Funded Eye Examination Home Visits Only

To be eligible for an NHS funded eye examination at home you must be unable to leave your house unaccompanied and without assistance from another person due to a physical or mental health condition.

Nicky is currently planning the visit date and arrangements subject to demand.

To request a slot and/or to check eligibility for you or a relative/friend please email Nicky@rewdt.org or telephone REWDT office on 821229

REWDT 2026-27 Grant Funds

The REWDT 2026-27 Grant Funds are now open for applications from community groups and REW residents.

For more information, or to apply, please email grants@rewdt.org, visit www.rewdt.org/grants or contact the office on 01856 821229.



Grants 2026-27

Funds open 1st April 2026



Well-being 250

Up to £250 per resident, funding activities in Orkney that improve well-being, can include a set of ferry tickets to travel to well-being activities on Mainland Orkney.



Education & Skills

Funding up to 90% of course fees, up to £750 per resident, £100 travel costs and £100 accommodation costs.



Driving Lessons

Funding driving lessons for residents, up to a maximum of £750.



Medical Support Equipment

Funding up to £500 for equipment to support a medical condition.



Emergency Stay

Funding of up to £100 for accommodation costs due to flight or boat being delayed or cancelled.



Community Activity

Funding of up to £1,000 to support community groups and individuals to organise and run community activities and events.



www.rewdt.org/grants grants@rewdt.org 01856 821229





ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*
TUESDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*
THURSDAY 6.30 - 9.00pm*
SATURDAY 4.00 - 5.00pm

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty.
No buddy required.

* We may close early if the gym is empty of session users half an hour before the advertised close time.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Mon -Thur 9am to 4pm
Friday 9am to 3pm

Should Mrs Ferguson be unable to remain open till 4pm we will do our very best to inform the buddies as soon as we can through Facebook.



Please check out our various Facebook pages for updates:

"Rousay Healthy Living Centre"
"Rousay HLC - Group X Classes"
"RHLC Buddy System"

ROUSAY GROUP X CLASSES

WHAT KIND OF CLASSES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SEEING ON THE ROUSAY HLC SCHEDULE?

HAVE YOU SAY IN THE POLL AVAILABLE AT THE GYM OR SEND US AN EMAIL OR MESSAGE US VIA FACEBOOK.



MEMBERSHIPS

Full details: www.pickaquoy.co.uk/activelife

If you have recently become an Active member please could you contact us to arrange a brief gym safety induction.

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

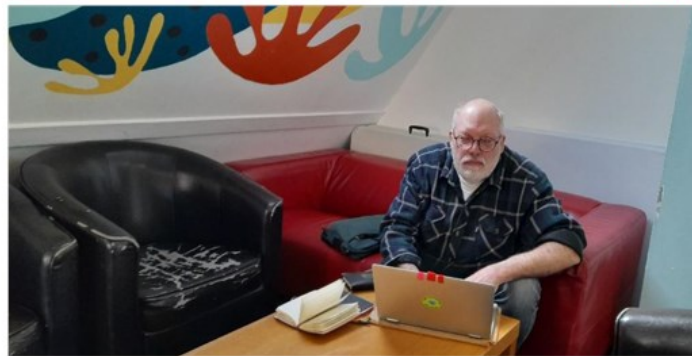
Tel: 01856 821 443

Email: rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

A reliable analogue report on what your councillor is doing on your behalf in a dubiously digital world.

On the 16th March, folk in six of Orkney's North Isles discovered just how vulnerable new technology has made them, when damage to the subsea cable between Evie and Westray cut off their Internet connection. Anyone who had migrated to fibre broadband suddenly found themselves disconnected, and this included their home telephone if they had opted for a "Voice over Internet Protocol" (VoIP) or "Digital Voice" service. (Those whose landline was still attached to the trusty old copper-wire network were spared, and they are probably very glad they'd not made the change yet!) This outage (or "outrage" as I branded it in *The Orcadian* of 26th March, page 6) has affected telecare, web-based registrations, tax submissions, remote working, on-line study, card-payment systems, Internet banking ... We have all been lured into becoming so reliant on digital services. With proper strategic resilience planning this outage would never have happened. A single point of failure is not acceptable for a service on which we all now depend so much. The Orkney Local Emergency Co-Ordination Group (OLECG) met from time to time to co-ordinate the response and recovery, although this primarily concerned Council facilities such as schools and Kalisgarth, and GP surgeries. I am disappointed they were unable to do more to assist the residents and households affected. I am also unhappy that they did not engage better with our community councils, who are our elected community representatives. In the vacuum created, our Island development trusts must be congratulated for stepping up to the crease. The photograph immediately below shows me able to carry on my council work thanks to Sanday Development Trust's NorseNet wireless Internet connection at Heilsa Fjold. The broadband service was eventually fully restored on the 20th April, but it's come to my attention that during this lengthy outage, BT has nonetheless been billing affected customers for their broadband packages as if their service had never been interrupted. As your ward councillor, I have been in touch with BT about this and have also asked about compensation, but they tell me they require every customer to contact them individually. To save time and frustration hanging on the telephone, you can contact them by e-mail at consumer-resolutions@bt.com



Owing to the Easter break, there have not been too many Council meetings this month, so I have taken the opportunity to get out and about engaging with other organisations. For example, I was invited to attend an evening meal with Scottish Government representatives from the National Planning Hub, and I received a warm reception at Warmworks to discuss constituent concerns. I also arranged a meeting with station commanders at Kirkwall Fire Station to talk about bolstering recruitment to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) in the Isles, and how I might assist. Almost all the islands (most notably Eday, as recently reported in the press) need more on-call firefighters to boost resilience. Remember, this is a paid position, so not only will you be doing your bit for your community, your bank balance will benefit too. More information can be found at <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/careers/on-call-firefighter/> or speak to a member of your local crew.

At the Meeting of the Education, Communities & Housing Committee, I noted how in 5 of the last 7 years, the National 5 examination pass rate in our Isles junior high schools has not only exceeded the pass rate in our two senior high schools, but also exceeded the Scottish average. I asked what our island schools are doing right. Although a clear explanation was not forthcoming, long may it continue! We were presented with the draft budget for UHI Orkney (formerly Orkney College), which can only be balanced by means of loans from OIC, thus incurring the additional cost of interest for the College. Given we agreed as a council to take responsibility for our college (the only council-owned partner left in the UHI), I proposed it is time we look into a deficit funding model along the lines of how OIC supports Orkney Ferries. I brought this up again at the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, and we have been promised a report on alternative funding models.

Other meetings I have attended at School Place include: a seminar on the mid-term review of our Council Plan 2023-2028 and our Delivery Plan 2023-2028; a confidential members' briefing; and a meeting of the Monitoring & Audit Committee.

In the Isles, I've been along in person to meetings of Shapinsay Community Council and the Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council. Whilst in Rousay, I was kindly given a tour of "The Space". The photograph below shows me sitting in a first-class railway carriage compartment installed there by the previous owner, the inimitable "John Shuttleworth".

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

