



Rousay Horticultural Society

Annual Show 2026

Sunday 2nd August

SHOW OPENS
2.30pm

PRIZE GIVING
4pm

Raffle

Tea & Cakes

Tattie-in-a-Bucket



**FLOWERS,
FRUIT,
VEGETABLES**

CRAFTS

BAKING

PHOTOGRAPHY

**CHILDRENS
SECTION**

Entry on show day (cash only):
£3 for adults, children FREE

All exhibits to be entered on Saturday night at
Rousay School between 7pm and 8.30pm
Please bring your trophies back then too!



BORO WORKSHOP

THE SPACE, ROUSAY

**Friday 14 August 2026
10:30am to 4pm, fee £20**

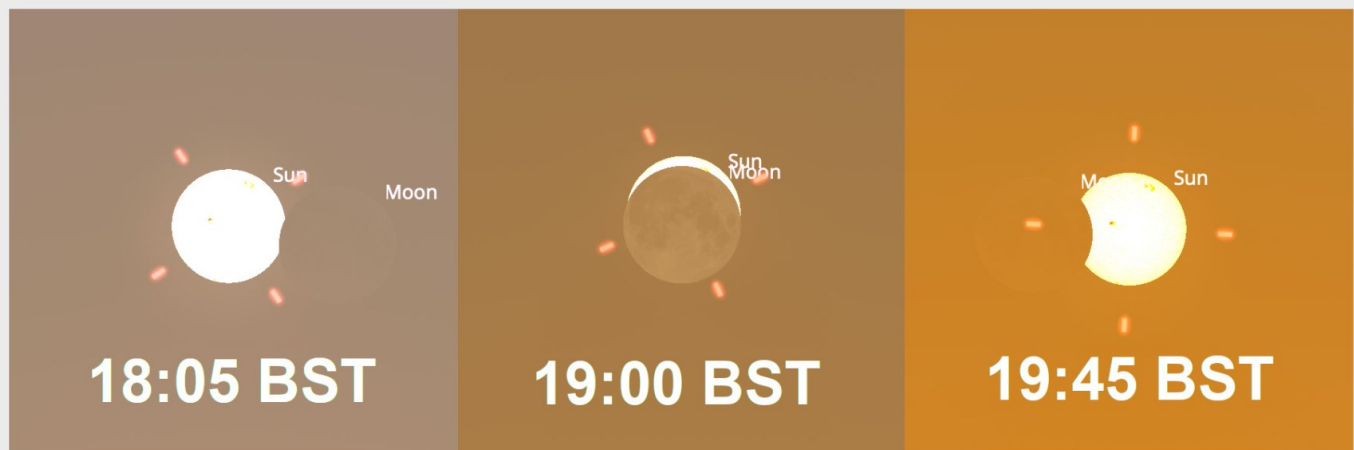
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL
maximum 8 places**

**All materials and
refreshments provided
to book email
projects@orkneyjapan.com**



Partial Solar Eclipse

August 12th 2026



On August 12th from 6pm the Sun will be partially obscured by the Moon, reaching over 90% at maximum.

To safely watch the eclipse, there will be solar telescopes and eclipse glasses at Midhowe Car Park (6pm to 8pm)

Weather Permitting

Looking at the Sun can be dangerous so come along to the event



For more info visit
rousaydarkskies.org.uk





Run, Cycle or Walk



ROUSAY LAP

13 MILES

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026

The Space, Rousay starts at 12:00 noon
Online registration
or register on the day from 10:30.

www.evententry.co.uk/rousay-lap-2026
Free entry, donations to island charities.



Crafthub @ The Space Rousay

Thursday 27th August
Doors open 7:30pm Concert starts 8pm
Donations on the door. BYOB

Dan Tuffy & Madelief van Vlijmen



*"Dan's songs are
of that rarified level
that make him
the envy of most
singer-songwriters"*

Americana UK



● **Rousay, Egilsay and** ●
Wyre

Sheepdog Trial

By kind permission of E. Shortland and C. Rae

Save the Date



More details to follow

Open to all Orkney handlers

Courses to suit all abilities

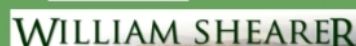
Sheep will be well worked prior to trial

For early enquiries please contact
hannahshell@gmail.com or **07821 282688**

**Location: Trumland
Farm, Rousay**

Lunch will be available at
The Pier Restaurant. Bar
open afterwards
(before last ferry).
Accommodation can be
arranged.

**Made possible with generous
support from:**



CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE

AUGUST EVENTS 2026

03, 10, 17,
24, 31
AUGUST

Pop-up Cafe

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

05, 12, 19
AUGUST

Chair Yoga

10am - 10:45am Drop-in session - free for residents
For more details contact: Nicky@REWDT.org

09
AUGUST

Stitch Sunday - Stash Swap Table!

2pm to 4pm Stash Swap
Learn how to use & make the most of your sewing machine.
Machines are available to use.

14
AUGUST

Boro - workshop

10:30am to 4pm. £20 per person, all materials included.
Booking essential, max of 8 places
Book & pay by email: projects@orkneyjapan.com

22
AUGUST

Rousay Lap

Starts 12 noon from The Space
Register online: evententry.co.uk/rousay-lap-2026
Or register on the day from 10:30am.

23, 30
AUGUST

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

10:15 - 11:45

27
AUGUST

Dan Tuffy & Madelief van Vlijmen

Musical Evening
Doors open: 7:30pm Concert starts 8pm
Donations on the door. BYOB



info@crafthuborkney.com

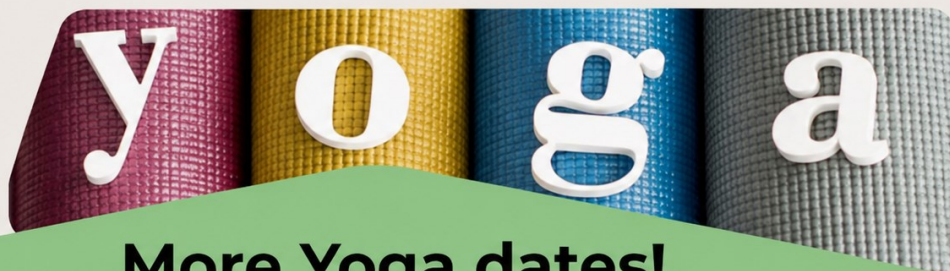


Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

Company Registration No: SC318527 Charity No: SC040407

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

email: info@rewdt.org website: www.rewdt.org



More Yoga dates!

Yoga sessions with Lisa Croft

Hatha Yoga- Tuesdays 17.30 to 18.30
in the School Hall

**Dates: July 14th, 21st, 28th and 4th,
11th and 18th August**

Chair based Yoga- Wednesdays 10 to 10.45
(followed by refreshments) at

The Crafhub at The Space
**Dates: July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and 5th,
12th and 19th August.**

All adults (16yrs+) welcome

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



Rousay Visiting Podiatry Service

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist



Gemma Reid, Podiatrist

Tuesday 22nd September

Clinic Appointments are in the Small
Community GP meeting room at
Rousay School.

Home visits can be arranged.
Appointments are £35 payable direct to
Gemma at the time of your
appointment.

The REWDT Wellbeing 250 Grant can
also be used to fund the appointment
cost- terms apply.

To book an appointment
or to find out more please
email Nicky@rewdt.org
or phone 821229



2026 Rousay Lap



Saturday 22 August

Race starts 12 Noon



**Urgently Needed
Volunteer Marshals for the day**

£10 island gift voucher

(Nicky's shop, Crafhub or Taversoe)

for all Marshals.

Come and join in the fun.



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust
info@rewdt.org Tel 01856 821229



**COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT**

**AUGUST
SCHEDULED TRIPS**

****KIRKWALL****

THURSDAY 13TH & 27TH

****MARIONS SHOP****

FRIDAY 7TH & 21ST

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
EMAIL :**

**Communitytransport@rewdt.org
OR**

**LEAVE A VOICEMAIL
ON 01856 821229**



Community Fund Grant



Last year, we announced that we had been successful in our application to The National Lottery Community Fund and had been awarded £10,000 to distribute in small grants to our local REW community groups.

Over the last 12 months we have awarded 12 Community Fund Grants, supporting local group events or activities through the funding of equipment, transport, venue hire, refreshments, and other related costs. Many of these activities have been enjoyed by a wide range of our REW community members.

The Community Grant is currently still open for applications. If you would like more information about the funding, or to apply, please contact grants@rewdt.org or call the office on 01856 821 229.



Community Grant

Grant funding of up to £500 to run group events or activities

* Groups do not need to be constituted and do not need to have a dedicated group bank account

For more information or to apply:

 grants@rewdt.org  01856 821229

 Pier Cabin, Rousay.
Office open Mon-Fri 9am-12:30pm





COMING SOON to THE SPACE, ROUSAY



- 27/09/26 **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**
2-4pm
Donate a raffle prize by 25/09 and get a table at the Autumn Fair for free!
- 10/10/26 **Autumn Fair**
10am - 2pm
For local food and crafts
Tables - £5
- 13/12/26 **Christmas Celebration**
2-4pm
Raising money for RNLI



MORE EVENT DATES TO COME

Crafthub @The Space



info@crafthuborkney.com



Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council

The next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 19:30 at Rousay Community School.

Any items to be included on the agenda should be submitted to the clerk by emailing rewgclerk@gmail.com before Monday 17th August 2026.



ISLES SPECIAL COLLECTION

OIC Special Collections for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

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 873535.

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

Rousay Garden Day Thank You

To all the volunteers who made the day possible; garden owners, garden helpers, bakers, drivers, gate keepers, greeters, bark and gravel rakers, sandwich makers and servers, plant growers and sellers, helpers for setting and cleaning up, funders of grants and those who donated generously, epic endurance tea and cake servers, dish washers, craft makers and sellers, caterers without a kitchen, a gate keeper without relief, the last shuttle driver who kept going till the end..... And most of all, thank you to everyone who believed in this mad idea, turned up, joined in and helped it grow into something joyful — a celebration of community, kindness and all the good things that flourish in this garden where we are planted.

Tri▲ngle Club

Rousay Triangle Club is now
on a summer break
throughout

July and August 2026.

Our weekly Tuesday
meetings will restart on
Tuesday 1st September
2026.

We hope everyone has a
great summer, see you then!



AUGUST *Offers*



FULL FACIAL
£40.00

SAVE
£10.00



PEDI WITH
GEL POLISH
£35.00

SAVE
£10.00



BACK FACIAL AND
BACK MASSAGE
£50.00

SAVE
£10.00



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
BOOK AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL

 **07731428809**



Programme of Updates

GP PRACTICES SYSTEM UPDATE TIMETABLE

STROMNESS SURGERY

- Migration week commencing 20 June
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Tuesday 23 June**, returning to regular service on **Thursday 25 June**. This includes flotta.

DOUNBY SURGERY

- Migration week commencing 6 July
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Wednesday 1 July**, returning to regular service on **Monday 6 July**.

HEILENDI SURGERY

- Migration week commencing 20 July
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Monday 20 July**, returning to regular service on **Wednesday 22 July**. This includes Shapinsay and North Rondaldsay.

ORCADES PRACTICE

- Migration week commencing 3 August
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Wednesday 5 August**, returning to regular service on **Friday 7 August**. This includes Hoy, Sanday, Stronsay, Eday, Westray and Papa Westray.

SKERRYVORE SURGERY

- Migration week commencing 17 August
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Tuesday 18 August**, returning to regular service on **Thursday 20 August**.

ISLANDS VIEW/ROUSAY

- Migration week commencing 31 August
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Tuesday 1 September**, returning to regular service on **Thursday 3 September**.

DAISY VILLA

- Migration week commencing 7 September
- Practice expected to operate emergency appointments from **14:00 on Wednesday 2 September**, returning to regular service on **Tuesday 8 September**.

Please note, these dates and times may be subject to change, we'll do our best to ensure they are updated and are as accurate as possible.

Islands View Surgery, Rousay

Tel: 01856 821 265

Email: ORK.rousaysurgery@nhs.scot

Opening Hours

Monday	09:00-13:00	
Tuesday		13:00-17:00
Wednesday	09:00-13:00	
Thursday		13:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-13:00	

**The Surgery will be
CLOSED
on
Monday 10th August**

In an emergency, or if you have an urgent medical problem that cannot wait until the Surgery is open, please contact the Balfour Switchboard on 01856 888 000 and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.

As we approach the date for our migration to a new IT system, we ask all patients to ensure they have an adequate supply of medication in plenty of time. We are hopeful that there will be few periods when we are unable to order medication, but we would recommend ordering the week beginning 24th August, if you would normally be ordering in the week beginning 31st August.

Medication can be ordered via email, and we would encourage you to do this, where possible.

Thank you!



As many of you will be aware, it's been a couple of months since we first confirmed that a stoat was present on Rousay. We want to provide an update on our progress since last month's newsletter, and to continue to thank everyone for their strong support.

Since our last update, we have picked up new stoat images on monitoring cameras and have had two more stoat sightings reported to us by passers-by.

Most recently, on the morning of 14 July, a stoat was captured on an AI camera set up near the Loch of Loomachun. We also received a report from somebody who, that afternoon, saw a stoat near the Burn of Cruar, to the east of the island – at a different location to all previous reports or sightings by camera.

With the distance and time between these sightings, it is still entirely possible that we are dealing with a single roaming male stoat. We've also received some promising news from the Cardiff University School of Biosciences, who have been carrying out DNA testing on stoat scat (dropping) samples taken from Rousay. In the latest round of tests, all samples were confirmed as belonging to a male stoat. As we continue to have no sightings of any kits or family groups, we can be cautiously optimistic that the incursion is limited to a lone male.

However, we need to be certain that this is the case, and it is still possible that multiple stoats could be present in Rousay. This is why we are focusing on large-scale deployment of trail cameras to increase surveillance across more of the island.

ONWP staff, and local volunteers from the Rousay community, are continuing with their hard work to catch and remove this stoat. As well as setting and checking new traps and cameras, we are also carrying out detection dog searches on trails and potential stoat runs extending across the whole island.

There are currently more than 130 traps and nearly 50 cameras (including five thermal AI cameras) in the field as part of the response, alongside the biosecurity traps that were already present. And we are increasing the number of traps and cameras each week.

We want to continue to warmly thank all local volunteers for their assistance with trap checks, as well as the huge and time-intensive task of collecting and checking images from the trail cameras. Please also continue to submit any potential sightings to our website at <https://www.orkneynativewildlife.org.uk/report>; they are so important.

If you'd like further information, we publish regular updates on our website, at www.orkneynativewildlife.org.uk/news/rousay-updates. You can also keep up to date with us on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/OrkneyNativeWildlifeProject.

With best wishes,

The ONWP Team

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Protecting our native
species together:



The RSPB is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654



ROUSAY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

2026

SUPERVISED SESSION TIMES

MONDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm *

TUESDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm *

THURSDAY 6.00 or 6.30 - 9.00pm **

SATURDAY 4.00 - 5.00pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

END ON MONDAY AUGUST 18th

* We will close early if the facility is empty of gym users half an hour before the advertised finish times.

** Thursday August 6th & 13th the RHLC will be open from 6pm.

From Thursday August 20th we will resume our 6:30pm opening time.

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

SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty.

No buddy required.

BUDDY SYSTEM ***

(resumes Tuesday August 18th)

Monday to Thursday

9am to 4pm

Friday Only

9am to 3pm

Should the Buddy System need to finish early due to school commitments it will be closed. On these occasions we will do our best to let you know.



ActiveIslands



ActiveLife

MEMBERSHIPS

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

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

Tel: 01856 821 443

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

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Serving a group of diverse communities separated from each other by sea.

There can be no other local authority subdivision in the country like Orkney's North Isles ward. Thirteen inhabited islands are served by eight community councils representing a wide diversity of communities. No two are alike.



I had the honour to be invited to attend an event of great significance to one of the smaller communities in my ward, The Sons of The Most Holy Redeemer on Papa Stronsay. As Councillor, I represented local secular authority at the Episcopal Consecration of the Most Reverend Father Michael Mary, their Rector Major, a ceremony that elevated his ecclesiastical rank to that of Bishop. It was the first such consecration to take place in Orkney for circa 976 years and was a splendid and moving occasion well befitting its historical status.

Elsewhere in the Isles: I went to a meeting of Shapinsay Community Council (followed by a tour of all the rough bits of road on the island); and at home on Sanday, I attended a meeting of the community council and managed to participate in some of the Sanday Foy (Inter-islands Ecoscapes Gathering & Conference) events and discussions. I travelled to North Ronaldsay to be at a meeting of their community council. Flying there and back gave me an aerial view of about half of the North Isles ward. Unfortunately, having to get back to Kirkwall the next morning for OIC's General Meeting meant I could not stay on the island for as long as I would have wished.

Following our last General Meeting before the summer recess, I visited the Orkney Community Vertical Farm project based at Orkney College's Agronomy & Agriculture Institute (see photograph below). It deploys a hydroponic system, which is a soil-free method of cultivating plants by delivering mineral nutrient solutions directly to the roots via water. This means the crop, when harvested, is very clean. The vertical aspect is the way this is carried out using an arrangement of "towers". When I visited, the fruit had already been harvested, but there were still some exotic vegetables growing. This horticultural technique could easily be adapted to the home polytunnel, Polycrub®, greenhouse or geodesic dome.

Thankfully, since my May [Letter](#), fuel prices have dropped sufficiently that the suggested surcharge on our ferry fares of 10%, due to come in (if required) on 1st July, was not necessary.

Stephen

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



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