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Project updates

Pier Restaurant update

A steering group of local volunteers is working hard to get the Pier Restaurant back into community use. The plan is to have it open for a few events over the winter, hopefully including at least one evening over Christmas or New Year. Each licenced opening will be hosted by a community group, and the café service will be open some daytimes as well. This will be without a major refurbishment, at this stage: just a good clean and some tidying up. Longer-term, we will be looking to make improvements to the building and its facilities. Keep looking for updates on the noticeboards and in the newsletters and social media.

Housing update

The Johnsons Road site is progressing, with retaining walls, groundworks and both floors having been completed. The house kits will be delivered to site over the coming weeks, while the joiners are working on North Ronaldsay, and then they will be put up and made wind and water-tight.





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Wellbeing Update

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Wellbeing Update

From 30 September 2025, VAO are no longer hosting the Island Wellbeing Project, however we are pleased that REW and many of the islands are continuing to offer a wellbeing service in some form. REWDT is continuing to provide a wellbeing service and Nicky is continuing to arrange and coordinate a wide range of wellbeing activities and events.

Nicky can also assist with signposting to people, services and groups that may be able to help with any issues that are affecting your wellbeing, and this support can be provided over the phone or by appointment at the Pier Cabin.

Nicky can be contacted by email at nicky@rewdt.org or telephone 821229 or mobile 07933 094597. Please note Nicky works part time and messages will be responded to on her next working day (usually Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday however this does vary).

We would like to thank VAO and everyone who has supported the project over the past 6 years. We are excited for the future opportunities and developments that may be possible as the wellbeing service enters its next phase and in the New Year we will be looking for your ideas and thoughts on how we can develop the Wellbeing service for REW, look out for more info on this after Christmas.



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Winter 2025/26

WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Activities

To reserve a space email nicky@rewdt.org

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop
Thursday 4th December, 11.30-13.30

Advanced Photography Workshop
Saturday 7th February at The Space,
09.30-16.30

Fabric Lampshade making workshop,
Friday 30th January at The Space,
11.30-14.00

*Coming up in New Year, look out for
more details coming soon!*

Soulisquoy Printmakers Workshop
January 2026 , date TBC



Wreath Making with Katie Irvine, The Wild Table
@the_wild_table



Thursday 4th December
Rousay School Community Room
11.30-13.30

All materials provided
Drinks and Bakes included



Free for REW residents,
16yrs+

To book a place
email
Nicky@rewdt.org
or phone 821229



Wellbeing
Lampshade Making Workshop
with Layla's Craft Corner

Friday 31st January

11.30 to 14.00 at The Space, Rousay

To book a place email Nicky@rewdt.org

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



Layla's Craft Corner

Lampshade Making Workshop

Learn how to handmade and take home a truly unique lampshade to brighten up your space.

Get creative and have fun.
No experience necessary.



MERRY XMAS

Rousay Christmas Pottery Decorating Workshop

For all ages, Children, Families & Adults!
Under 14's must be accompanied by an adult

Friday 21st November
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in the Community Room at the School.

Drop in between 6pm and 7.30pm
Workshop will finish at 8.30pm.
No need to book!

Come and join us for a fun workshop painting a lovely Christmas keepsake .
There will be one free flat ornament per REW resident included.
More ornaments will be available to buy on the day, cash only!

Drinks and Bakes available
Any queries please email Nicky@rewdt.org

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Sharing Shed

The Sharing shed is currently closed to donations as we are full with no room to accept items at present.

It 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!



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If you or someone you know has been affected by cancer, the Improving the Cancer Journey service is here to support you.

To find out more about ICJ and to access the self-referral form, visit: [Improving the Cancer Journey \(ICJ\) | NHS Orkney](#).

If you have any questions or would like to refer yourself or someone else into ICJ, contact us today:

- Email: ork.icj@nhs.scot
- Phone: 01856 888084 (Public Health Department)

Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) Service



Cancer affects more than just your health - it can touch every part of your life

Whether you're dealing with financial stress, emotional worries, or practical challenges like work or caring responsibilities, the Improving the Cancer Journey service is here to help.

Improving the Cancer Journey offers personalised, non-clinical support tailored to what matters most to you. From accessing benefits advice to connecting with wellbeing services, we're here to make sure you don't have to face it all alone.

Fuel Grant Closes
28th February 2026

REWDT Fuel Grant 2025-26

£150 grant funding open to ALL REW households affected by the current cost of living.

An additional £150 funding open to those households adversely affected by high fuel costs or who meet certain criteria.

Further information and T&Cs can be found on our website or get in touch for more information.



grants@rewdt.org

01856 821229

www.rewdt.org



Pier Cabin, Rousay
drop in Mon-Wed
9am-12:30pm

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Community Transport

Dial-a-Ride Update

We are grateful to have had a couple of offers of periodic assistance with community transport driving which we have gladly taken up. Despite this, unfortunately, we still do not have the required level of driving capacity available to enable us to sustain a permanent and consistently reliable Monday to Friday dial a ride (on demand) service. Consequently, we will not be positioned to resume the on-demand aspect of our Community Transport service for the foreseeable future.

This additional capacity does, however, allow us to design resilience into our scheduled services (Trips to Town and Trips to Marion's shop). It also allows us to work in collaboration with the GP surgery to provide assistance – when possible – in supporting NHS patient transport for residents with non-emergency hospital appointments. The surgery will contact us directly as and when occasional help is required.

Should we be successful in increasing our driver capacity to the required level, we will certainly reevaluate the situation.

Scheduled Services

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our free* scheduled service offers, comprising the twice monthly Trips to Town & Trips to Marion's Shop, available to residents either temporarily or permanently without household transport.

We often have spare seats on these trips, in which case any resident is welcome to join us. See the information on "how to book" at the foot of the page.

Upcoming Trips to Town

- Thursday 20th November
- Thursday 4th December
- Thursday 18th December

*Passengers pay own foot passenger fare

Upcoming Trips to Marion's Shop

- Friday 14th November
- Friday 28th November
- Friday 12th December

How to book a place

Email transport@rewdt.org at least 3 working days in advance of the scheduled trip.

Please note: as we no longer offer a Dial a Ride service the Transport mobile phone number is **no longer in operation**.

*** If you need to speak to someone please ring the office on 01856 821229. ***

Community Transport



Free vehicle hire for groups, clubs and families

When not in use for Community Transport purposes, our electric Vauxhall Vivaro is available for residents to hire. It seats 7 passengers and is a great option for reducing multi-car travel – especially when several residents or families are heading to the same destination, on or off the island.

We ask that residents wishing to hire the vehicle join the Car Club, which requires a driving licence check and an induction. Please email transport@rewdt.org for more information.

Car Club - new wheelchair accessible electric vehicle

Car Club members can now hire our new wheelchair accessible electric vehicle, free of charge.

Funded through a government grant for community transport, it accommodates four passengers plus one wheelchair user, though it's available to all Car Club members, regardless of mobility needs.

Even if you are already in the Car Club, a vehicle induction is required before first use, after which booking is available via the Car Club's online system in the usual way.

To join the Car Club or to book an induction please email transport@rewdt.org.

Please note: the Leaf car remains unavailable while repairs are underway following a failed MOT.



E-bikes

We are delighted to report that we have secured funding for a further **three e-bikes:**

- Two **updated versions** of the current bikes; and,
- One **trike**

Watch this space!

Rousay Cat Neutering

In partnership with Cats Protection
Neutering to take place at a Mainland Veterinary surgery

Barn / Feral cats

Free neutering - courtesy of Cats protection

Pet cats

For households earning under £25,000

- The Cats Protection will organise a voucher subsidising neutering and microchipping - for £10
- The Trust will cover the cost of the £10, pay for foot passenger travel/bus travel and provide a £10 cat food voucher for each neutered cat.
- The trust has one cat carrier we are happy to loan - this can be dropped off.

Please call the office or email hannah@rewdt.org to organise





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Contact us

Please call into the office, email info@rewdt.org or call us on
01856 821229

Office opening hours

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 12:30

Appointments outside of
these times can be arranged

Closed for Christmas
19/11/25 - 05/01/26

Sharing Shed opening hours

Monday - Wednesday
09:00 - 12:30

Staff

Lloyd Gudgeon
CDO

Helen Castle
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Julie Akid
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Rachel MacGill
Youth Worker

Ellie Roberts
Grants Officer

Christine Briggs
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Director

Carole Maguire
Director

Richard Tipper
Director

Kayleigh Tipper
Director

Mark Hull
Co-opted

Joy Henderson
Director

Lisa Croft
Director

Three vibrant, self-sustainable islands