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Project updates

The Taversoe

We have recruited a couple to manage the Taversoe for the community. They will start work on 1st April and will open the Taversoe for guests on 1st May. We hope to have an open day for Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre folk towards the end of April, details to follow. Please come along and meet Josh and Tania and share your ideas for the Taversoe. **It's your pub – what do you want it to do for the community?**

LOST & FOUND

One padded jacket was left at the Pier Restaurant after the Darts night. If this is yours, please come and collect from the Cabin any week-day morning.

Save the Dates



◆ Peedie Lap ◆
14th June



◆ REWDT AGM ◆
(preceded by our roadshow)
20th June



◆ Rousay Lap ◆
22nd August



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BAG THE BRUCK!

Date: Sunday 29th March
Time: 10:30 - 12:30

Meet at Rousay Pier Cabin between 10:15-10:30. Bring wellies and waterproofs!

Refreshments provided. Donations gratefully accepted for the Marine Conservation Society.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



  



**Easter
Holidays
@ The Picky!**

Cafe will be open
but packed lunch
is recommended

Tue 14th April
08:50 meet at Rousay Pier
10:05 ferry home

Please confirm
attendance:
rachel@rewdt.org

Get ready for a jam packed day!
Inflatables, badminton, football, table tennis all available!
*Under 5's to be accompanied by adult please



The poster features a colorful illustration of five children playing. On the left, a girl in a yellow shirt and orange shorts is jumping rope. Next to her, a boy in a blue shirt and yellow shorts is playing with a ball. In the center, a girl in a yellow dress is jumping. To her right, a boy in a yellow shirt and blue shorts is playing with a ball. On the far right, a girl in a blue shirt and black pants is playing with a ball. The background is white with colorful Easter eggs and a blue wavy line in the top right corner.

A gentle reminder for anyone who would like to attend the Kids Day at the Picky during the Easter Holidays, please confirm attendance with Rachel, if you haven't already done so. Thank you!



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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT DATES

Trips to Town

Thursday 2nd April

Thursday 16th April

Thursday 30th April

Passengers pay foot passenger fare

Trips to Marion's Shop

Friday 10th April

Friday 24th April

How to Book

Email transport@rewdt.org or ring the office (leave a voicemail if no answer) on **01856 821229** at least 3 working days in advance of the scheduled trip. We will try to accommodate booking made at less than 3 days notice, but this is not guaranteed.

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RSPB Trumland update

RSPB Trumland is part of the wider Rousay Site of special scientific interest. (SSSI) Which is a designation that affords protection to a range of habitats and species. The inner part of the designation focuses on the blanket bog and wet heath habitat and the species that it supports. As you will be aware, in spring and summer on a walk around Trumland, it's a good time to see various iconic Orkney species such as Hen harrier, Short eared owl, Merlin and breeding waders. It is also a stunning landscape and habitat in its own right and at ground level plenty of interesting plants to deep dive into such as Sphagnum mosses, Sundews, Butterwort and Arctic bearberry

A key task for the RSPB on our part of Trumland is to tackle the small forest of Salmonberry and Fuchsia that has established itself on the west side of the reserve. Both these plants are categorised as invasive non-native species or INNS. For those wanting to know a bit more detail about INNS work in the UK this link is helpful -<https://nonnativespecies.org/>. Fuchsia and Salmonberry are by no means the worst issues we have in Scotland or the UK. Salmonberry is probably a bigger worry than the Fuchsia, as it can spread quite rapidly. Both species have taken a hold of a large area of designated land and working closely with NatureScot we are legally obliged to do something about it. We spend a few days and bit of budget each year cutting it back and burning on site. It's a task that we can only do between September and March to avoid disturbance to breeding birds. On a good day in winter, it is a nice office. On other wet, cold and windy days, it isn't as much fun. I've lost count of the days I have planned work which has then been postponed because of wind, rain, gales and snow. We also try and use contractors with chainsaws and clearance saws for 1 or 2 days each year, which makes a huge difference and all we have to do is drag and burn the cut vegetation.

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Gorse, a native plant, is another we also try and keep on top of. It's a bright beautiful shrub to see in Spring, with a lovely coconut smell, but it can soon take over a hillside and we spend as much time as we can on the east side trying to ensure it doesn't overwhelm the entrance to the reserve, core paths or encroach onto our neighbours' gardens.

Over the years various RSPB volunteers have helped with this work and last September we even managed to persuade a group of conservation students from Aberdeen to come up for a week to get stuck into it. They stayed for a week in the Trumland Hostel. In addition to some hard days of cutting and burning, we gave them a tour of our peatland restoration work on Birsay Moor and a morning on Onziebust looking at land management for breeding waders. The good news is they are coming back in September 2026 to do some more work for us.

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