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Project updates

The Taversoe

We are almost ready to re-open the Taversoe. Josh and Tania have been recruited to manage the Inn for the community. There will be a public opening on 25th April for the community, and the first paying guests arrive in early May. Look out for information on posters and social media to keep up to date with events planned for the Taversoe.

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.

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.

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Housing



The first new house going up

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.



Approved plans for the Manse

Project updates

New Bike Shelter

HiTrans and the OIC have completed the new bike shelter by the Sharing Shed. This provides a safe place for residents and visitors to temporarily leave their bikes with some shelter from the weather. Please feel free to use it!





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T A V E R S O E
INN

**GRAND
OPENING!**

A NEW CHAPTER. A WARM WELCOME.

Your island, your inn, and Rousay's future.



WE'RE OPENING THE DOORS

2PM *on* SATURDAY
25TH APRIL

Come and raise a glass with us as we celebrate new beginnings,
great company, and the stunning spirit of Rousay.

 **GREAT DRINKS** |  **TASTY FOOD** |  **WARM WELCOME**

Everyone Welcome. Let's make it a day to remember!

GOOD TIMES. STRONG COMMUNITY. BRIGHT FUTURES.

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Save the Dates



◆ Peedie Lap ◆
14th June



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



◆ Rousay Lap ◆
22nd August



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COMMUNITY TRANSPORT DATES

Trips to Town

Thursday 7th May

Thursday 21st May

Passengers pay foot passenger fare

Trips to Marion's Shop

Friday 15th May

Friday 29th May

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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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 for 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

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Thanks to everyone who came along to our day at the Picky, we hope you enjoyed yourselves!

We will keep you updated with details of our event in May in due course

Rachel



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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

Fused Glass Workshop

Date to be confirmed,
Look out for more details being advertised soon!

Essential Oil Workshop

Date to be confirmed,
Look out for more details being advertised soon!

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



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 **Rousay Visiting Podiatry Service**

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist



Gemma Reid, Podiatrist
Monday 11th May

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

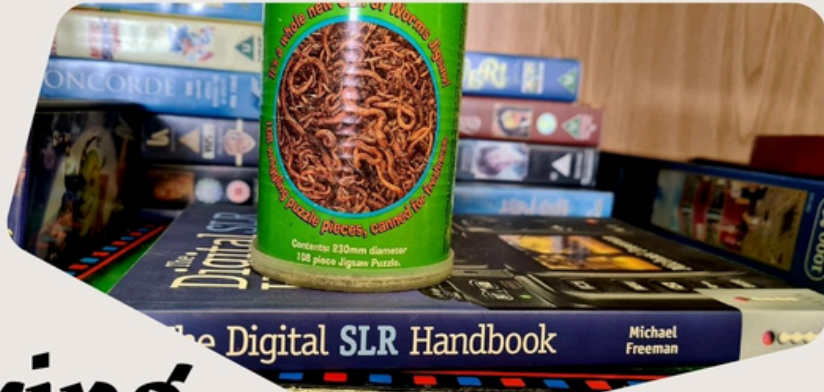
Home visits can be arranged.

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





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



Orkney Ferries

FER2618 – Master, REW Service

A permanent vacancy exists for a Master to serve onboard Orkney Ferries vessels, primarily on the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre service. However, you may be required to cover on other routes as required.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced officers to fill this post. Applicants must hold as minimum:

- Valid Masters STCW CoC or Boat Master License - Passenger Vessel Operations: up to 250 passengers within following areas: Cat D Kirkwall / Rousay.
- GMDSS ROC or equivalent.
- Valid ENG1
- Updated STCW Personal Survival Techniques
- Updated STCW Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting
- Updated STCW Elementary first aid

Ideally candidates should also hold the following, but training will be provided for the right candidate.

- STCW Crowd Management
- STCW Passenger Safety, Cargo Safety and Hull Integrity
- STCW Crisis Management and Human Behavior

The successful candidate will be required to adhere to the company's policies, including the Drug and Alcohol Policy which includes provision for random testing without cause.

Candidates must be prepared to reside on Rousay when on duty shift.

The salary scale for this post is £49,371 to £58,243 pa inclusive of DIA (currently £2,997) subject to qualifications and experience.

The Company operates a contributory pension scheme currently at 15% and a sick pay scheme.

Closing date for applications: Sunday 03 May 2026

For further details please contact recruitment@orkneyferries.co.uk. Application forms are available from the Orkney Ferries Office, Shore Street, Kirkwall, KW15 1LG or from the careers section on our website <https://www.orkneyferries.co.uk/info/vacancies>



Orkney Ferries

FER2617 – GP Deck Rating, REW Service

A permanent vacancy exists for a General Purpose Deck Rating to serve on board Orkney Ferries vessels, primarily on the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre service, however you will be required to cover on other routes as required.

Duties will be varied between deck rating, purser or cook as required. This post will require a high level of interaction with the travelling public. On duty periods will be defined by the shift rota for the position.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced officers to fill this post. Applicants must hold as minimum:

- Valid ENG 1 medical certificate.
- STCW PSSR.
- STCW Elementary First Aid.
- STCW Personal Survival Techniques.
- STCW Fire Prevention & Fire Fighting (3-day course).

Ideally candidates should also hold the following, but training will be provided for the right candidate.

- STCW Crowd Management
- STCW Crisis Management and Human behaviour
- STCW Passenger Safety Cargo Safety and Hull Integrity
- Elementary Food Hygiene

Efficient Deck Hand (EDH) is desirable, but candidates not holding an EDH will be considered and will be required to gain their EDH certificate within 2 years.

Candidates must be prepared to reside on Rousay when on duty shift.

The salary scale is £34,904 to £38,825 inclusive of DIA which is currently £2,997, subject to qualifications and experience.

The Company operates a contributory pension scheme currently at 15% and a sick pay scheme.

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Contact us

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01856 821229

Office opening hours

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 12:30

Appointments outside of
these times can be arranged

Sharing Shed opening hours

Monday - Wednesday
09:00 - 12:30

Staff

Lloyd Gudgeon
CDO

Helen Castle
Admin/Finance

Julie Akid
Admin Support

Rachel MacGill
Youth Worker

Ellie Roberts
Grants Officer

Christine Briggs
Project officer

Hannah Shell
Community Estate Manager

Nicky Jacques
Wellbeing Coordinator

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Vice Chairman

Alison Mainland
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Director

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Director

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Director

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Co-opted

Joy Henderson
Director

Lisa Croft
Director

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