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The Taversoe

A big thankyou to everyone who supported the grand opening of the Taversoe, and has been supporting it subsequently. Why not pop in and meet Josh, Tania and Midge if you haven't already? You will get a warm welcome from all three! Walk ins always welcomed, but booking for large tables in the evening is advised.

Johnsons Road housing

Some rapid progress to report at the Johnsons Road site. The two new houses have their walls up, and the roof joists are on their way. Meanwhile, the water and electricity have been supplied to the site, and can be connected to the houses when they are ready. Internal fixtures and fittings are being stocked at the contractors warehousing so should be ready for transport over to us when needed.

Ebikes

There are still two e-bikes available for long-term loan to local residents. If you are interested please pop in to the office one morning or send an email to transport@rewdt.org

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REWDT AGM

The Trust's AGM will be on Saturday June 20th, and everyone is invited. Free ferry travel from Egilsay & Wyre for those wanting to attend from there. Let us know by Friday 19th June so we can book you on as foot passengers. The AGM is the time for new people to join the Trust Board. If you are interested in becoming a Director, please pop in to the office before the AGM for chat about what it involves, or send me an email at lloyd@rewdt.org. Note that this year we have additional vacancies for up to 3 Directors of the new REW Trading Company Limited. REW Trading is currently overseeing the development of the Taversoe Inn, but in the future it may have other projects on the go. If you are interested please contact me.

Website

Some of you have noticed some problems with the Trust website. After considerable work from a very generous local resident, we think most of the glitches have now been ironed out. However, if you do come across anything that isn't working or doesn't look right, please let us know.



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Confirmed Stoat Sighting

The Orkney Native Wildlife Project would like to share an important update with the Rousay community. On Thursday 7 May, photos taken on one of our trail cameras confirmed that a stoat had made its way to Rousay. Since then, our dog handlers and trappers have been working hard on the ground to locate and remove the animal as quickly as possible. We have located some scat in the area around Muckle Water although all of this is at least two weeks old. Our team have deployed trail cameras, AI cameras as well as various models of traps. We have also had a further potential sighting from the north of the island that we are investigating. Our team will continue working intensively over the coming days, and we kindly ask that if you do spot a stoat, please report it straight away through our website, quick reports give us the very best chance of catching it. We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the fantastic support shown so far, particularly through allowing land access and sharing sightings and the volunteers who are supporting our team in the field. Your help truly makes a difference in protecting Rousay's native wildlife.

To report anything suspect please visit

<https://www.orkneynativewildlife.org.uk/report>

Or contact the office and we can report on your behalf

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**COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT**

**JUNE
SCHEDULED TRIPS**

****KIRKWALL****
4TH & 18TH

****MARION'S SHOP****
12TH & 26TH

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

EMAIL :

Communitytransport@rewdt.org

OR

LEAVE A VOICEMAIL

ON 01856 821229



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

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

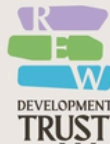
Join us at this fun session and learn how to use
Essential Oils safely in the home.
See how easy it is to incorporate these natural plants
extracts into your daily life to enhance your
wellbeing and make your own mix of oils to take
home with you.

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

To book a place email
Nicky@rewdt.org



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Orkney Glass Hut
Fused Glass & Naïve Art
By Liz Rickard

Wellbeing Fused Glass Workshop
with Liz Rickard, Orkney Glass Hut

Thursday 16th July
12.00-15.00 in the
Community Room,
Rousay School

Free for REW residents aged 16yrs+

All equipment is provided

Hot drinks and bakes from Brinian
Bakes will be available

For more information about
the workshop and to book a
place email
nicky@rewdt.org

Website [Orkney Glass Hut | Fused Glass Artist | Orkney Islands, United Kingdom](#)
Facebook [@orkneyglasshut](#)



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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.



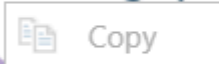
Driving Lessons

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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Community Group Activity Grant Funding

We have helped fund various community group activities over the last 12 months. These group activities are often run by hard working volunteers in our community, and we were delighted to support them through this funding.

Grant funds are now open for new applications this year. If you would like more information, or to apply, please email grants@rewdt.org or call us on 01856 821229.



REWDT Community Group Grant Funding



Some of the group activities we have supported in the last 12 months
If you would like to apply for grant funding to help you run group activities on REW this year, please get in touch.

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Rousay Peedie Lap 2026

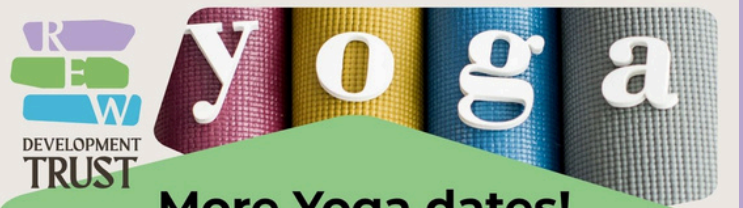


Sunday 14th June

**Registration from 10:30
Starts 12:00 Noon at The Space.
Cycle, Run or Walk to the Fire
Station and back.**



Details and Online entry
available see www.rewdt.org



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 Craffhub
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

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REW DR Director Vacancies



The Community & REW DT Needs You.

Become a Director?

If you wish to put your name forward for election at the AGM, please notify the Office in writing (by letter or e-mail), no later than: -

Friday 12th June 2026.

Write to: REW DT, The Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney, KW17 2PU. or E-mail: info@rewdt.org

All full members are welcome to get in touch with our current Board or staff to ask any questions you may have about being a Director.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre
Development Trust

2026 AGM

Saturday 20th June

Doors open 09:30, AGM 11:00
Rousay School Community
Rooms

This year's AGM will be in the same format as recent years, with a community 'showcase'. We will be inviting our local groups, along with organisations from the wider Orkney area, to show off the great work being done and provide information for REW residents.

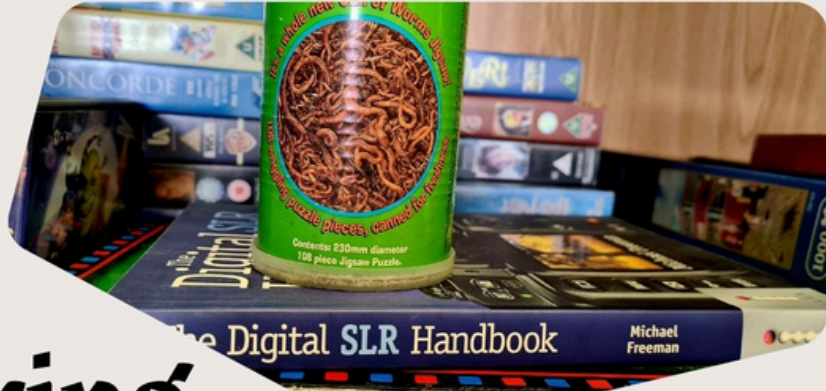
The doors will open at 09:30 and the 'formal' AGM will take place from 11 a.m.

Refreshments will be provided.





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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!



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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

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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Alison Mainland
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Director

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Co-opted

Joy Henderson
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Director

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