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Project updates

Affordable Housing

The new houses at Johnstons Road are taking shape. We hope they will be completed by the end of this year, with new tenants moving in early next year.

The proposed letting policy will be available at the AGM and if anyone is interested in possibly renting one of the houses, please have a look at the policy and come back with any questions.

The Taversoe

The pub goes from strength to strength. Plenty of you have been visiting the Taversoe since it re-opened, and Josh and Tania have made huge progress in getting it running. The take-out meals seem to be particularly popular. There is still a long list of work that needs to be done to your pub, including more improvements to the kitchen, additional energy-saving measures to cut costs, and work in the letting bedrooms. It does mean that occasionally the pub will be open but with some disruption, or occasionally it will have to close for half a day or so while work is carried out. Josh and Tania will try to keep everyone updated via social media and posters, but please be understanding if you go to the pub and find it temporarily shut.



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Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Trading Company Limited

We have set up this new company to oversee management of all the Trust's trading assets (apart from the turbine, which will continue to be run by REWIRED). At the moment that is just the Taversoe, but in future it could include the Pier Restaurant, the new Johnstons Road houses, the Manse flats and any other new community business. There is a skeleton Board for the new Company, but additional Directors needed. If you would like to be a Director of REW Trading Co, there will be an opportunity to become one at the Trust's AGM on 20th June.

And Finally.....

I have had to resign as your Community Development Officer due to an illness in my family. This is not what I wanted, as I have enjoyed working for this wonderful community and would have liked to carry on for a bit longer. But family comes first, and so now I would like to thank everyone for making me welcome during my time working for you. I will continue part-time and remotely for a few weeks during the recruitment of my replacement, so do feel free to contact me at: lloyd@rewdt.org if you need to. Best wishes to you all.

Lloyd



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Stoat incursion update

Since the confirmation of a stoat presence on Rousay in early May, the Orkney Native Wildlife Project has continued to work closely with local volunteers and residents to determine the extent of the incursion and prevent stoats from becoming established on the island.

Recent investigations by our dog team at the start of May have identified fresh signs of stoat activity around the western end of Muckle Water, approximately two kilometres from the original sighting. In addition, one of our monitoring cameras captured footage of a stoat near the site of the first public report near the East of Muckle Water at the end of May. Since this incursion was reported an additional 53 traps and 23 cameras, including five AI-assisted cameras, have been deployed in Rousay to help us monitor activity and gather further information.

Although there have been no further public sightings since April, the recent discoveries indicate that a stoat remains active on the island. At this stage, it is too early to draw conclusions about the scale of the incursion, and our monitoring and response work will continue.

We would like to thank the Rousay community for the support shown so far, particularly the commitment of local volunteers who have played a vital role in the response. Community involvement remains essential, and we encourage anyone who thinks they may have seen a stoat to report it as soon as possible. Early reporting gives us the best opportunity to respond quickly and protect Rousay's native wildlife.

We will continue to keep the community informed as further information becomes available.

**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**

**JULY
SCHEDULED TRIPS**

****KIRKWALL****

2ND & 16TH

****MARION'S SHOP****

10TH & 24TH

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

EMAIL :

Communitytransport@rewdt.org

OR

LEAVE A VOICEMAIL

ON 01856 821229



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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



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](http://OrkneyGlassHut.com) | Fused Glass Artist |
[Orkney Islands, United Kingdom](http://OrkneyIslands.org)
Facebook [@orkneyglasshut](https://www.facebook.com/orkneyglasshut)



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Rousay Visiting Podiatry Service

WALKABOUT PODIATRY SERVICE

Gemma Reid, BSc Podiatry
Podiatrist



Gemma Reid, Podiatrist
Monday 13th July

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



Summer
OLD-SKOOL GAMES

SAVE THE DATE

FRI 26TH JUNE
AFTER SCHOOL
COMMUNITY HALL
3:30PM-5PM



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REWDT Well-being Grant fund

The REWDT Well-being Grant fund opened for new applications on 1st April 2026. The Well-being Grant can fund a wide range of activities, up to a maximum of £250 per REW resident. For more information or to apply, please email grants@rewdt.org , call the office on 01856 821229, or visit our website www.rewdt.org/grants

**The REWDT Well-being Grant can fund
a wide range of activities and events**



**Well-being
treatments**



**Art, craft, music,
sports lessons or
courses**



**Gym or Club
subscriptions**



**Overnight stays to
attend well-being
events and
activities**



**A set of ferry tickets
to Orkney Mainland
to attend well-being
events & activities**

and more.....

GET TO KNOW YOUR ROUSAY PLANTS

With Tim Dean



ID class looking at:

Wildflowers

Grasses

Sedges

Rushes

Ferns

Mosses



When: 1st August 2026 11:30 - 15:30

Where: Meet at the Cabin

Transport for the day included

Free for REW residents

Spaces will be limited - please book - hannah@rewdt.org /821229



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.



Development
Trusts Association
Scotland

**Travel
assistance
available
for Egilsay
and Wyre
residents -
please let
the office
know by
Friday
midday!**



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REWDT AGM - Proxy Voting Information

Our Articles of Association states that Full Members who wish to vote at the AGM but cannot attend in person have the right to vote via a 'Proxy'.

A full member who wishes to appoint a proxy to vote on his/her behalf at any meeting: -

1. Must lodge with the REW DT, at the registered office, The Pier Cabin, Brinian **not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting (11:00 a.m. Thursday 18 June 2026)**, a written instrument of proxy. This can be a signed letter or an email (info@rewdt.org).
2. The letter or email must state who you have appointed as your proxy, this person does not have to be a REW DT member but must be over 18. You can only appoint one person as your proxy.
3. The person named by yourself can be the proxy for up to 3 members (including yourself), they cannot cast more than 3 members votes at the AGM (plus their own vote, if a full member).
4. Any letter or email containing the appointment of a proxy, which does not conform with the above or which is not lodged or sent in as stated above, shall be invalid.
5. A proxy appointed to attend and vote at any meeting instead of a member shall have the same right as the member who appointed him/her to speak at the meeting.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this process, please contact the office as soon as possible.



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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

Ellie Roberts
Grants Officer

Helen Castle
Admin/Finance

Christine Briggs
Project officer

Julie Akid
Admin Support

Hannah Shell
Community Estate Manager

Rachel MacGill
Youth Worker

Nicky Jacques
Wellbeing Coordinator

Board of Directors

Peter Roebuck
Chairman

Lisa Croft
Vice Chair

Alison Mainland
Treasurer

Callum Flaws
Director

Carole Maguire
Director

Richard Tipper
Director

Kayleigh Tipper
Director

Mark Hull
Co-opted

Joy Henderson
Director

Grant Mainland
Director

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