



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, whoever and wherever they are.

The Space, Rousay

27th September 2026

2pm – 4pm

Raffle - Contributions by 25/09/26



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC20383



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

ROUSAY CINEMA

Presents



Every night a shepherd reads a murder mystery to his sheep. When he is found dead, the sheep realise that it was a murder and go about solving it.

Saturday 5th September

Rousay School - 8.00pm

Cert PG - 1 hr 39m



Brand new projector

Optional silver collection

Crafthub @ The Space

Stash Swap Table!



Stitch Sunday

September 13th

2pm - 4pm

The Space, Rousay

Come along and learn how to use, maintain and play with your machine.

There are machines available to use at The Space

Stash Swap Table - bring your unwanted stash to swap.



info@crafthuborkney.com





Rousay Community Drop-in Event

Rat Surveys and Future Opportunities for Nature Recovery

Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC), Bellrock Offshore Wind and Habitat Assessment & Restoration Ltd (HAR) are considering locations for seabird recovery programmes.

HAR will be carrying out surveys across 15 - 17 September 2026 to assess the feasibility of protecting Rousay's seabird habitats through a predatory rat management approach, which is widely recognised as an effective conservation method.

The survey work is intended to inform future discussions and decision-making for Rousay's seabird habitat restoration. Participation in any future project would be subject to further consultation, agreement and assessment.

We invite you to drop in, learn more, share your knowledge and ask any questions you may have at the following sessions:

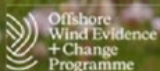
Tuesday 15 September 2026
13:15-14:00
Triangle Club

Wednesday 16 September 2026
16:00-20:00
The Pier Bar (tbc)

We look forward to meeting you!

Contact:

HAR: enquiries@habitat-restoration.com



Rousay Community Drop-In Event

Rat Surveys and Future Opportunities for Nature Recovery

We'd Like to Hear Your Views

Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC), Bellrock Offshore Wind and Habitat Assessment & Restoration (HAR) invites Rousay residents, landowners and community members to attend an informal drop-in event to learn more about forthcoming predator surveys and discuss opportunities for nature recovery on the island.

These events provide an opportunity to meet members of the project team, ask questions, share local knowledge and learn more about the work taking place in Rousay. Refreshments will be provided by HAR.

Why Are Surveys Being Undertaken?

HAR will be carrying out surveys between 15 and 17 September 2026 to assess the feasibility of protecting Rousay's seabird habitats through a predatory rat management approach, which is widely recognised as an effective conservation method. The survey work is intended to inform future discussions and decision-making regarding seabird habitat restoration and nature recovery opportunities in Rousay.

No decisions have been made regarding any future management measures. The survey work is intended to gather information and support informed discussions with the community. Any future project would be subject to further consultation, agreement and assessment.

Come Along and Find Out More

At the drop-in events you can:

- Meet the HAR survey team
- Learn more about the September survey programme
- Understand why the surveys are being undertaken
- Ask questions and share local knowledge
- Discuss any concerns, ideas or suggestions you may have

Event Details

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Time: 13:15 to 14:00
Venue: Triangle Club
- Wednesday 16 September 2026
Time: 16:00 – 20:00
Venue: The Pier Bar (tbc)
Refreshments provided by HAR

Local Knowledge Matters

Rousay residents, crofters, farmers, landowners and community groups possess valuable knowledge of the island's wildlife, history and landscape. We welcome the opportunity to listen to local perspectives and ensure they help inform our understanding of the island and its future nature recovery opportunities.

About HAR

HAR works with local communities, landowners and stakeholders to support evidence-based conservation, habitat restoration and nature recovery initiatives. To learn more about HAR's work, visit their website: <https://www.habitat-restoration.com/>

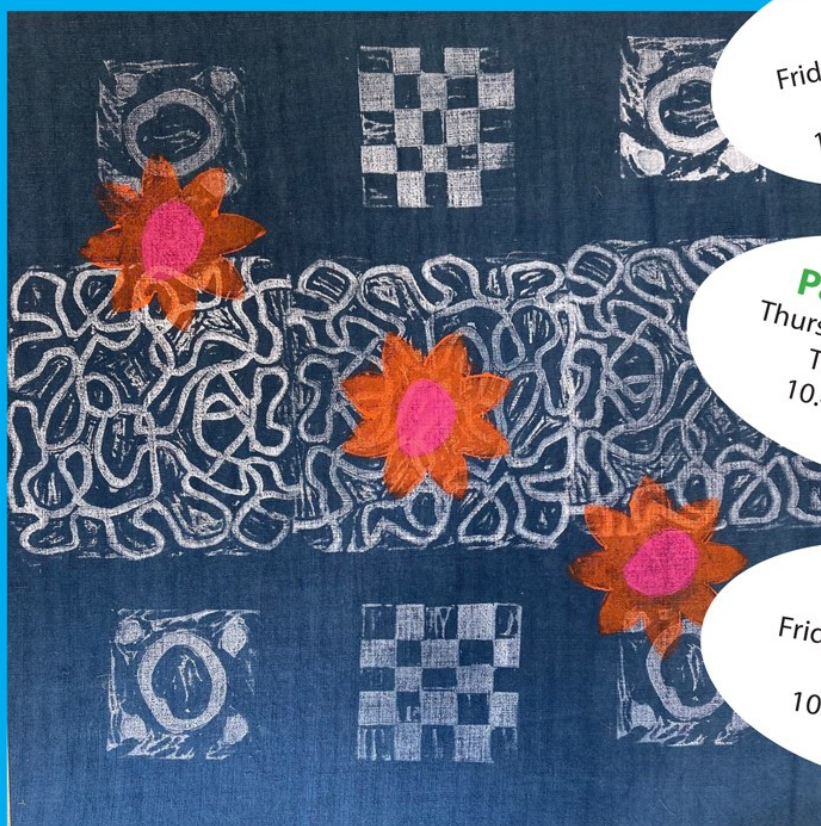
SOULISQUOY PRINTMAKERS

WASPS Stromness Studios, Hellihole Road, KW16 3DE
Soulisquoy Printmakers Ltd is a registered Scottish Charity No SC078868

Block Printing on Fabric

using simple linocut blocks to create a repeat design
on fabric suitable for a small cushion or bag

BOOKING ESSENTIAL To book a place
or for further information email
studio@soulisquoy.co.uk



Sanday

Friday 11 September
Heilsa Fjold
10.30am-4.00pm

Papa Westray

Thursday 17 September
The Kelp Store
10.45am-3.45pm

Rousay

Friday 25 September
The Space
10.30am-4.00pm



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot



presented with assistance from OIC
Community Led Local Development
(CLLD) Fund

Soulisquoy Printmakers

Isles Workshops - Block printing on fabric

Rousay, Friday 25 September, The Space 10.30am-4.00pm

Using lino cuts to create a colourful repeat pattern on fabric suitable for making a small cushion or bag.

Booking Essential (6 spaces available)

To book a place or for further information email

studio@soulisquoy.co.uk

Presented with support from OIC Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Fund

Tri▲ngle
Club

SEPTEMBER

WELCOME
= BACK! =

**Rousay Triangle Club
meets on Tuesdays
from 11am to 2pm in the
Rousay School
Community Room**

**You don't have to stay for the full day, there are
several options to suit everyone's needs and
time pressures. Everyone and all ages welcome.**

**Option 1: Coffee Morning,
£3**

Join us from 11am for tea or coffee and biscuits and have a catch up with friends or even meet new faces!

Option 2: Lunch Special, £7

Join us at 12.45pm to enjoy a warming veggie soup and sandwich lunch, followed by tea & a homebake. A selection of veggie and meat sandwiches are available.

**Option 3: Full
Experience, £7**

Come along from 11am for coffee, biscuits and a chat, option to join in with board games of your choice from 11:30am and enjoy a warming soup and sandwich lunch at 12.45pm, followed by tea & a homebake.

**It is essential to let Alice Mainland know each
Sunday if you would like lunch for catering**

numbers:

07552387109 / alicemnln@btinternet.com

CRAFTHUB @THE SPACE, ROUSAY

SEPTEMBER EVENTS 2026

07, 14, 21, 28

SEPTEMBER

Pop-up Cafe

Every Monday 11am to 3pm
Come and enjoy some food and a natter
Hot & cold drinks, soup with scone or bread, & homebakes.

06, 13, 20, 27

SEPTEMBER

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

10:15 - 11:45

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SEPTEMBER

Stitch Sunday

2pm to 4pm Stash Swap
Learn how to use & make the most of your sewing machine.
Perhaps make something for the Autumn Fair in October.
Machines are available to use.

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SEPTEMBER

Photography workshop

10am to 4pm
Free for REW residents, lunch, drinks and bakes included.
Build on skills learned in 2024 workshops.
Limited places email Nicky to book: nicky@rewdt.org

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SEPTEMBER

Block Printing on Fabric Workshop

10:30am to 4pm
Use linocut blocks to create a repeat design on fabric.
Suitable for making a small cushion or bag.
Free, limited spaces (6) Book online: studio@soulisquoy.co.uk

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SEPTEMBER

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

2 to 4pm
Join us for drinks and bakes and raise some money for Macmillan.
There will be a raffle, donations by 25/09/26.



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ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE LAST EVENING SAILING OF 2026

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12th**

ROUSAY TO TINGWALL - 22:00

TINGWALL TO ROUSAY - 22:35

ROUSAY TO WYRE & EGILSAY - 23:10

WYRE TO EGILSAY or ROUSAY - 23:20

EGILSAY TO ROUSAY - 23:40

**ALL SAILINGS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED ONLINE
OR BY TELEPHONE. IF THERE ARE NO
BOOKINGS THE SERVICE WILL NOT OPERATE.**



David Miller, Carer Lead at Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership is visiting Rousay to speak to people to help shape the new 'Carers Strategy' for Orkney. He wants to hear about any experiences people have had caring for family or friends, any challenges faced and anything that worked well. Everyone welcome to come and share their views.

**TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER,
11AM
ROUSAY SCHOOL,
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Islands View Surgery

Limited GP Surgery Access

We have our go-live date for the new GP IT system on 1st September, and will be dealing with emergencies only from then until 3rd September. Thank you to everyone who has already ordered their medication early, we appreciate your help. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to order medication between the 1st and the 3rd, so please order by Monday 31st August if at all possible.

Contacting Switchboard

Some patients have reported frustration trying to get through to someone to page the Nurse Practitioner via switchboard, because of the amount of menu options. As of the time of writing, **the menu options you need are 2 followed by 9**. We will try to update you if these change, as they do from time to time.

**The Surgery will be
CLOSED
On
Monday 28th September**

In an emergency, or if you have an urgent medical problem that cannot wait until the Surgery is open, please contact the Balfour Switchboard on 01856 888 000 and ask them to page the Rousay Nurse Practitioner.



Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust

Registration No: SC318527 Charity No: SC040407

Pier Cabin, Rousay, Orkney KW17 2PU Tel: 01856 821229

rewdt.org

website: www.rewdt.org

Rousay Plants: Seed collection and ID'ing

With Tim Dean

A group session

- ID'ing
- Collecting seeds
- Discussions and planning for the Windbreck Wildflower project

When: 10th September 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



Farmers Market

SWAP AND SHARE

Coffee Morning

12TH SEPTEMBER

THE PIER RESTAURANT

ALL PRODUCE AND CRAFTS WELCOME

NO NEED TO BOOK

09:45 - 11:30

Please bring cash if you'd like to purchase goods



DOMINO LEAGUE

Gauging interest in starting up a domino league.
Date and venue TBC.

Please contact Rachel (07738857538) if you are interested in finding out more.

Kids Paddleboarding Session

with Sailing Club



water shoes/trainers & change of clothes recommended

Sun 20th Sep
Wester Loch
10:30-12:30

Contact Rachel or Katie Joss for further info; rachel@rewdt.org
katie.joss@btinternet.com



'We provide the most up to date equipment, marshalling and H&S. All marshalls are First Aid qualified and full health & safety gear is provided.

All you need is an old pair of shoes!'



ORKAN ADVENTURES LASER TAG!

Leave Rousay 10:05

SUN 13th

Packed lunch

Return to Rousay 14:45

SEPT

required



BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

The gun speaks to you. When you have been shot the gun gives a hair - raising cry "aah". They also tell you when your ammunition is low.



Autumn 2026

WELLBEING ACTIVITIES Upcoming Activities

Photography workshop with James Grieve
Saturday 19th September at The Space.
10.00-16.00

Painting Workshop with Ingrid Grieve
Saturday 24th October at Rousay School
10.00-13.00

Christmas Fused Glass workshop with The Glass Hut, Saturday 7th November at Rousay School. 12.00-15.00

**To find out more or to reserve a space
email nicky@rewdt.org**

Look out for event posters with
more details!



Photography Workshop with James Grieve

Free workshop for REW residents
If you understand your camera controls and have some knowledge of composition then this workshop will help you develop your photography skills further and builds on the content of previous workshops in 2024.

**On Saturday 19th September 2026
10am to 4pm at The Space.**



**Lunch, Drinks & bakes will be
provided by The Crafthub.**

**Places are limited, email Nicky to
book your place
nicky@rewdt.org**

Funded by the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing fund by Scottish Government and VAO



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEDULED TRIPS SEPTEMBER

KIRKWALL
10TH AND 24TH

ROUSAY SHOP
4TH AND 18TH

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
EMAIL :**

Communitytransport@rewdt.org
OR
Info@rewdt.org
OR
LEAVE A VOICEMAIL
ON 01856 821229



Wellbeing Painting Workshop with Ingrid Grieve, Toumal Art Studio

**Saturday
24th October
10am to 1pm
Community Room,
Rousay School**

Free for REW residents aged
16yrs+

All painting equipment is
provided
Hot drinks and bakes will be
available

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

Website <https://www.toumalart.co.uk>
Facebook @ingridgrieveart





Rousay Lap 2026

Thanks so much to all the participants, marshals, volunteers, staff and directors who came out for this year's Rousay Lap. Thanks also to the Craffhub for providing such lovely refreshments.

We are waiting for the final figure from the donations (just the online donations to come in). The funds will go to the Rousay Girl Guides' Japanese trip.

Thanks also to Kayleigh for taking photos, these are on the Around Rousay Facebook page. More photos are on the REWDT Facebook page.

Hope to see you again next year.

Rousay.
Horticultural Society.

Advance Notice of AGM

on

Tuesday 6th October 2026

at 7pm

**in the GP Room,
Rousay Community School.**

**Please come along with
your ideas to help plan the
2027 Show Schedule**

All welcome!



COMING SOON to THE SPACE, ROUSAY



- 27/09/26 **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**
2-4pm
Donate a raffle prize by 25/09 and get a table at the Autumn Fair for free!
- 10/10/26 **Autumn Fair**
10am - 2pm
For local food and crafts
Tables - £5
- 13/12/26 **Christmas Celebration**
2-4pm
Raising money for RNLI



MORE EVENT DATES TO COME

Crafthub @The Space



info@crafthuborkney.com





ROUSAY LIVING CENTRE

2026

SUPERVISED SESSION OPENING

MONDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*

TUESDAY 6.30 - 8.30pm*

THURSDAY 6.30 - 9.00pm*

SATURDAY 4.00 - 5.00pm



SUPERVISED SESSIONS

Supervisor on duty.

No buddy required.

* If the gym is empty we will close half an hour before the advertised finish time.

** You must have a "buddy" with you during these times. Please do not use the gym whilst you are alone.

BUDDY SYSTEM **

(During School Terms)

Monday to Thursday

9am to 4pm

Friday Only

9am to 3pm

Should the Buddy System need to finish early due to school commitments we will do our best to let you know.



Active Islands



Active Life

MEMBERSHIPS

Full details: www.pickaquoy.co.uk/activelife

If you have recently joined please could you email us on the address below to arrange a very brief gym safety induction.

GROUP X CLASSES - RETURNING IN OCTOBER

FATBURN
EXTREME

BOXERCISE

SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS

Tel: 01856 821 443

Email: rousay.hlc@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

Stephen Clackson's Letter from School Place

Reporting back to the folk of the North Isles of Orkney, the "cool place" to be.

Given the state of drought over most of the rest of the country, I shouldn't really complain about the weather during the councillors' recess, when I usually manage to get many outstanding outside jobs done. I remember the Great Drought of 1976. (It was also the year of the Great Ladybird Plague.) Back then, I was a teenager living on the edge of the Somerset Levels, normally a very damp place, but the rivers and rhynes were depleted of water revealing World War II relics and huge fishes I'd never dreamt were there to catch. We had a wild fire in our village churchyard, which threatened the house of my uncle and aunt, and which my friends and I helped put out. My aunt showed her gratitude for our saving her home by telling the vicar she thought we'd been responsible for starting the fire!



The partial solar eclipse on the 12th August was disappointing for me (see photograph above, taken at home in Sanday). The situation made me think of the Joni Mitchell song *Both Sides, Now*: "But now they only block the sun - They rain and snow on ev'ryone - So many things I would have done - But clouds got in my way." (In contrast, on the 20th March 2015, I did manage to get a good pinhole image on our white-painted doorjamb of the previous partial solar eclipse observable in Orkney.) The only total solar eclipse I have ever witnessed was from a hill near the village of Ochsenwang on the Swabian Alb on the 11th August 1999 under similar cloudy conditions but with sufficient reprieve at the right moments.

The Clackson family had successes at this year's Sanday Show. Our black cock "Satan" won 1st *Light Breed Cock/Cockerel* again, and some of our other chickens got prizes. After their enforced absence last year, the Anseriformes were back, and all the geese we entered won something, including the trophy for *Best Goose or Gander* (for our gander "Gozilla"), but the poultry judge was clearly not a fan of Muscovy ducks. We also got some prizes for our eggs.



At the end of our recess, I enjoyed a day at the Stronsay Massive Weekend. It was a grand opportunity to catch up with Stronsay constituents (and also Eday, Sanday and Papay constituents who'd come along for the day).

Back at School Place we were treated to seminars on budget strategy and transport. At our 6-monthly Internal Transport Forum (attended by the island community council transport reps), we were informed that, from when it was introduced on 1st April 2025 to June this year, the number of free journeys undertaken by under-22-year-olds (all funded by the Scottish Government) on Orkney Ferries has amounted to some 64,000. (To give this figure some context, it is over three times the number of episodes there have been of *The Archers* since the BBC radio series started in 1951 !)

Stephen

Cllr Dr Stephen Clackson
Member for the North Isles Ward,
Depute Convener Orkney & Shetland VJB

West Manse, Sanday
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Letter from School Place is also
available on-line at clackson.info



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