

The Islands

2019 information and travel guide
to the smaller islands of Orkney

of Orkney



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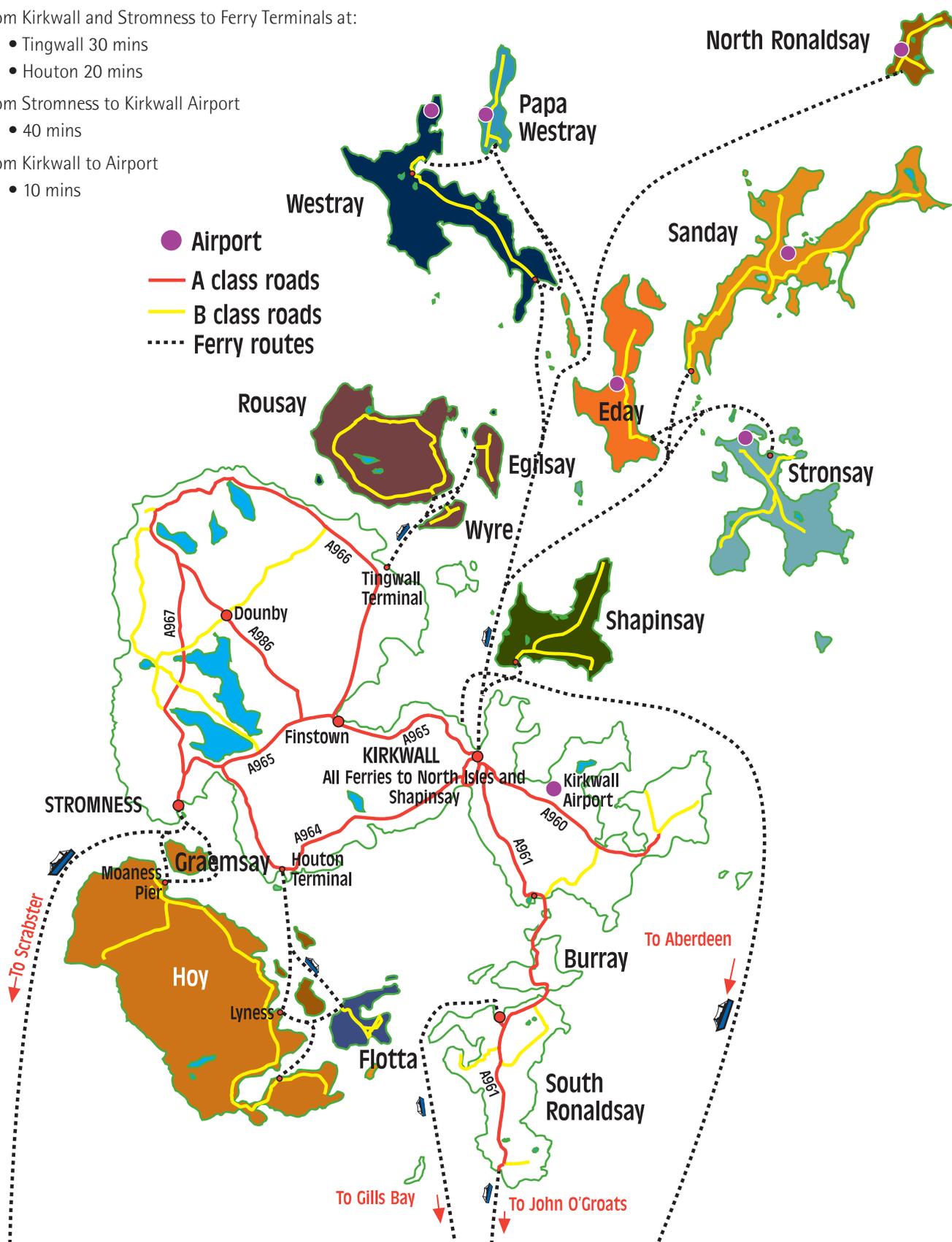
- Tingwall 30 mins
- Houton 20 mins

From Stromness to Kirkwall Airport

- 40 mins

From Kirkwall to Airport

- 10 mins





rousay - drew kennedy

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The Countryside Code

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- do not light fires
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- keep mountain bikes on the paths
- take your litter home or use receptacles provided
- do not park in passing places
- do not pick wild flowers

Remember – the island roads are very often single track with passing places, so please take care.

The countryside code helps keep the islands a joy to visit.

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Island teu-names or nicknames rhymes written by the late George Scott courtesy of Mrs. N. E. Bain (Scott).

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Out among the

Be warned, adventuring along Orkney's island fringe can be habit forming. For years now travellers to the jade necklace of isles which surround and illuminate Orkney Mainland have returned with stories of friendly faces, sociable seals and endless horizons. Once bitten by the island bug, Gerald Durrell's strange 'islomania', there is no escape. You will return - as surely as our Arctic Terns reappear every spring after their epic journey from the bottom of the world and archaeologists scramble across a landscape where you are literally tripping over history.

You will return. It is a sweet compulsion.



swans - charles tait

The ten islands and their attendants featured in the pages following offer a rich experience of breath-taking scenery, secure community life and sense of purpose and togetherness which you may have thought lost in the bustle of a new century's dawning.

The names alone promise adventure and romance - Hoy, Stronsay, Papa Westray, Wyre, each with its own distinctive personality, its own vitality.

In recent years, access to most of the islands has been greatly improved with a new roll-on, roll-off ferry service allowing far more people to encounter this world apart, where you are never merely a tourist but, in a very real sense, still a cherished guest. To reach the more remote islands, flying with the island hopping Loganair eight-seater Islander is a popular option. Out on the isles be prepared to wave a greeting to almost everyone you meet. It's compulsory. And passing the time of day by the roadside or along the shore track is expected. The pace is slower, the breathing is easier and everything begins to make sense once more.

Emphasising their individuality, every parish in Orkney, including the islands, has an

isles

broch of gurness, roosay - drew kennedy

ancient nickname which, over the years, has become very much a local identification tag. Now as you voyage around our island chain, you have the opportunity to share these labels, to become an honorary Limpet or Gruillie Belkie.

For the record, these odd aliases are Scarfs (Eday); Flukes (Flotta); Hawks (Hoy); Selkies (North Ronaldsay); Mares (Rousay); Gruillie Belkies (Sanday); Sheep (Shapinsay); Limpets (Stronsay); Auks (Westray) and Dundies (Papa Westray).

Reasons for each island being so named are lost in the mists of time.

They may simply be island totems, but Orkney folklorist Tom Muir points to a local tradition that these island emblems were perhaps the pooled food supplies brought by islanders working on the construction of St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall.

More recently, during World War II, the island labels were used to confuse the enemy when they were included in sailings bills to identify destinations.

What precisely can you expect as you journey away from Orkney Mainland and the pattern

of isles unfolds along the horizon? First of all, you are unlikely ever to have felt quite so close to the natural world. Our islands are a feast for the senses. An opportunity for you to stock up on the feelgood factor for the winter ahead as you get to know the locals, human and otherwise.

Seals, or Selkies, are found around all our islands, Common and Grey Seals, the former identified by their dog-like faces and the Greys by their horseshaped heads. Despite

their name, the Common Seal is now less widely found than the Grey Seal.

As you walk the beaches, these inquisitive creatures will follow a few yards offshore, skirmish in the surf or watch you lazily from the skerries. The best locations to sealwatch vary with weather conditions and the seasons, so ask locally.

Birds are everywhere - the sometimes raucous, sometimes melodic calls and the flutter of wings are sounds which will live



long-tailed duck, 'caloo' - charles tait

with you long after leaving these shores. Guillemots, Kittiwakes, Razorbills, Fulmars and Puffins populate the cliffs and rock stacks, on the heaths you'll find Terns, Skuas, Ducks and Gulls galore. On the wetlands and lochs look out for Ducks and Swans as well as waders such as Redshank, Lapwing and Snipe. The list is as long as the endless summer days which these birds occupy, but listen carefully for one very special soundbite - the rasping call of the corncrake, now one of Scotland's rarest birds.

From the impressive sight of a school of killer whales out in the Sound to the rustle of the tiny Orkney vole stealing through the long grass, you'll very swiftly appreciate that the human population of these islands only form part of a rich, living tableau.

There are plants too, charming in their simplicity, such as the Primula Scotica, so much smaller than you can imagine from the photographs.

From the diminutive Primula Scotica to the simple elegance of the Grass of Parnassus, the wild plants flourish whether on the moors, old stone dykes or on croft roofs and maritime heath.

Please do not disturb them for they are all the more beautiful in their natural surroundings.

It is also very easy to lose yourself in time as you walk the shores or trek across the moors. The greystone dwellings and tombs of our earliest settlers are dotted across the landscape; some excavated, others merely green mounds lying tantalisingly unexplored. These are places where the veil between the physical and the spiritual world is at its thinnest.

Erosion along the coast, for these are wild windswept islands in the depth of winter, regularly exposes ancient settlement sites. Look out for tumbled walls and flagstoned passages on your shore walks.

Early Christian hermitage sites are found, usually perched precariously on top of rock stacks in the most remote corners of our isles. These were selected in the Dark Ages for their inaccessibility - please don't attempt to climb them.

And these islands are filled with mystery and romance. Countless legends are encountered of seal folk and sinister dwellers beneath the hill, of pirates, sea monsters, trolls and horned Vikings, of buried treasure, witches,



puffin, 'tammie norrie' - drew kennedy

lost cities and lands behind the fog, rites of birth, marriage and death, strange customs and beliefs. A folklore as rich as any in Northern Europe. Some of the islands are small - struggling to make ends meet with scarcely enough folk to fill a London double-decker - but they are busy places for the islanders with frequent dances and community activities. As an island guest you will always find a welcome at such events; just keep your eye on the notice boards in the shops, post offices and at the air and ferry terminals and you'll keep abreast of the social whirl.



rackwick, hoy - tom o' brien



Kirkwall harbour looking towards the north isles - tom o'brien



cormorants, 'skarflies' - eday



orcas, 'killer whales' - charles tait



primula scotica - charles tait

Eday

... Heart of the North Isles

The drawing room floor of Carrick House still has a dark stain said to be the blood spilled by the notorious pirate Gow during a failed escape attempt.

Situated centrally among the North Isles of Orkney, 14 miles north-east of Kirkwall, Eday, the isthmus isle, eight miles long and pinched at the waist, according to the novelist Eric Linklater, offers a unique blend of heather-clad hilly moorland with panoramic views over sea and islands, sheer cliffs, sweeping beaches and sand dunes.

Most of the crofts and farms are located on the fertile coastal strip, and the numerous derelict houses are clear indicators that Eday's population was once much greater.

There is a wealth of evidence of man's presence on this island over many thousands of years from the mysterious Standing Stone of Setter, often compared to a giant's hand and probably the finest stone of its type in Orkney, to 17th century Carrick House and the dwellings of today's farmers and crofters.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS: Birdlife

Migrant birds appear here in Autumn through Spring, such as Redwing, Fieldfare, Waxwing, Snow Bunting and Brambling, Dunlin and Sanderling plus varieties of warblers such as the Yellow-Browed and Blackcaps. Eday's resident birds such as Oystercatcher, Snipe, Lapwing, Curlew and Turnstone show themselves more in Springtime. The birds of prey like Merlin, Hen Harrier and Short-eared Owl which vanish in winter become much more obvious, when they can be seen hunting in fields and over heather. Also returning are familiar spring breeders; Swallows, the wealth of seabirds and our island speciality, Red-Throated Divers. During 2017 and 2018 a Snowy Owl made an appearance on Eday and was seen frequently in the north end of the island. There have also been sightings of Long-eared and Brown Owls.

Seals, Otters and Other Wildlife

Otters make their home all over the island and can appear where there is a source of fresh water (beaches, sand dunes, old quarries and heather). We also have the Orkney Vole, a species unique to Orkney.

Grey and Common Seals can be seen throughout the year, although their breeding habits differ.

Orca can be seen from the West Side and Calfsound during the summer months and occasionally in winter. Other visitors are the tiny Harbour Porpoise and the second largest fish in the world, the Basking Shark.

Ancient Monuments

The first settlers arrived on Eday some 5,000 years ago. These early people were farmers and their chambered tombs are the most notable monuments on the island. It is thought that each of these tombs belonged to a small community and served as communal burial places. There is evidence of various types of tomb in use over a long period from well before 3,000 BC until sometime after 2,000 BC.

On the Calf of Eday, the group of structures, including prehistoric houses, chambered tombs and traces of field boundaries, is one of the most important prehistoric sites in the British Isles. Also on the Calf there are ruins of a 17th century salt works which is probably the best surviving examples of its type.

Traditional Skills

Evidence of the skills and crafts associated with Eday's traditional way of life can still be found. Peat is a popular fuel on the island and is cut in early summer using a traditional tool called a 'tusker'. Peat used to be exported widely to whisky distilleries as far away as Edinburgh.

Fishermen set out their creels amongst the rocks and from their fishing boats to catch crabs and lobsters. Visitors can find the remains of stone walls and structures at the shore edge used for harvesting and loading of kelp before transporting to factories down south.

Points of interest

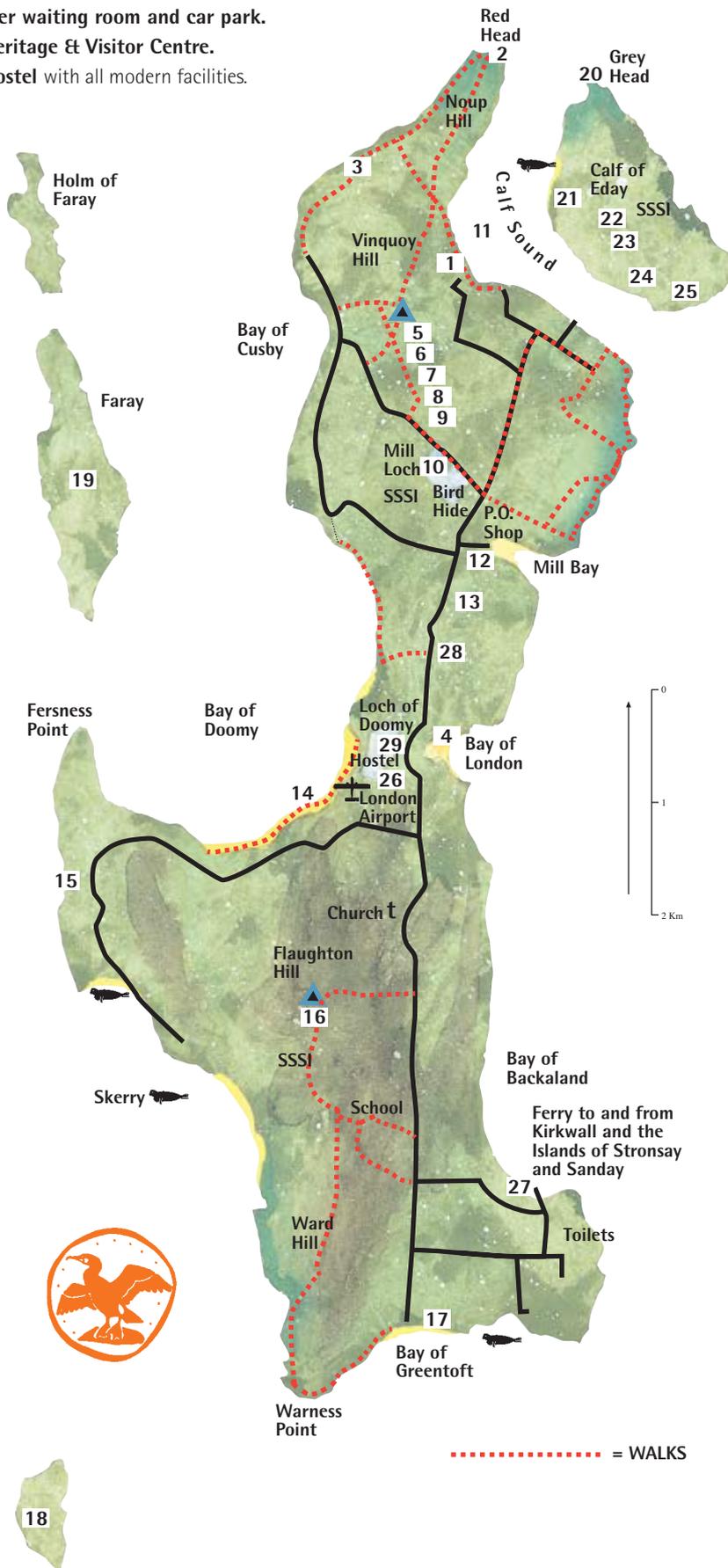
- 1 Carrick House:** Standing on the shore, the house was built in the early 17th century; a keystone dated 1633 is found on the courtyard gateway. John Gow the pirate was held here in 1725.
- 2 Cliffs of the Red Head:** Red sandstone cliffs with panoramic views of the North Isles and Fair Isle.
- 3 Prehistoric House and Ancient Field Boundaries:** Some of the best preserved field boundaries in Orkney sweeping round a large unexcavated prehistoric house containing a saddle-quern, a stone for grinding grain.
- 4 Bay of London:** Excellent Beach. Lots of seabirds including Gannets, Oystercatchers, Skuas and Curlews.
- 5 Vinqoy Hill Chambered Cairn:** This tomb consists of a central chamber with four small compartments.
- 6 Huntersquoy Chambered Tomb:** This tomb had two chambers one above the other, reached by separate passages. The only other example of this in Orkney is on Rousay.
- 7 Braeside Chambered Tomb:** The roof of this tomb has been removed and its centre dug out but the internal layout can be made out.
- 8 Fold of Setter:** A circular enclosure marked by a low bank and protruding stonework some 90 metres in diameter.
- 9 Stone of Setter:** Probably the finest prehistoric single standing stone in Orkney. Though weathered, this monolith is still over 15 feet high and is sited between the Bay of Calf Sound and Mill Loch.
- 10 Mill Loch:** This loch supports numerous pairs of Red-Throated Divers, one of the densest concentrations of this species in the British Isles. Please use bird hide provided. Start of Eday Heritage Walk, information board.
- 11 Calfsound:** Sea caves, cliffs, a sheltered cove. Views of Cormorant colony on the Calf of Eday.
- 12 Estate Mill:** Once used to grind corn for the island.
- 13 Chambered Tombs:** Two well-preserved chambered tombs. Most interesting visible



photo- len garson

- aspects are the horns or spur-walls which extend out from the corners.
- 14 Mussetter & Doomy Sands:** Behind the dunes Birds Foot Trefoil can be found. An excellent beach.
- 15 Burnt Mounds:** Two large hillocks of burnt stones - possibly an ancient cooking station dating from the Bronze Age (1500-500 BC).
- 16 Whitemaw and Flaughton Hill:** Eday sub mountain heath supporting Orkney's only regular breeding Whimbrel.
- 17 Castle of Stackel Brae:** A small Norse castle dating from 11th, 12th or 13th centuries and Norse burnt mound. At the eroding shore edge, walls and a burnt mound can be seen.
- 18 Muckle Green Holm:** The Norse island of Hellisey where Viking Sweyn Asleifsson hid in a cave to escape his pursuers.
- 19 Faray:** This uninhabited island is grazed by sheep and its caves and beaches are a major breeding ground for Grey Seals.
- 20 Grey Head & Calf of Eday:** The Calf of Eday supports 32 species of breeding birds.
- 21 Saltworks:** The ruins of 17th century salt works and one of the best surviving examples in the UK. These works are thought to have begun operating in the 1630s.
- 22 Stalled Cairn:** A long cairn containing two chambers of different periods.
- 23 Iron Age Houses:** The main house was a large roundhouse with radial internal divisions and dates from the Early Iron Age, the last few centuries BC.
- 24 Chambered Tombs:** Two chambered tombs of the Bookan type, the first built into the hillside. The second is complete except for the hole in the roof through which it was entered in 1855.
- 25 Cormorant Colony:** An important Cormorant colony with over 100 nests.
- 26 London Airport:** Named after its location at the Bay of London.

- 27 Pier waiting room and car park.**
- 28 Heritage & Visitor Centre.**
- 29 Hostel with all modern facilities.**



vinquoy hill chambered cairn



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John Gow the Pirate

The island of Eday and Carrick House are associated with the capture of one of Orkney's most notorious sons, John Gow the Pirate. In February, 1725, Gow in his ship 'Revenge' set out to seek help from his old school friend, the laird James Fea, at his home, Carrick House. Unfortunately for Gow, his ship ran aground on the Calf of Eday. Gow required a large boat to refloat 'Revenge' and sent ashore five fully-armed men to force assistance from the islanders. The pirates were met peaceably and taken to an inn for a drink and subsequently overpowered. Gow was held prisoner in Carrick House until he was transported to London for trial. The pirates were hanged at Execution Dock, Wapping on June 11, 1725. On a visit to Orkney in 1814, Sir Walter Scott collected tales about John Gow which he incorporated into his novel 'The Pirate' published in 1821.

Building Blocks

Eday is made up of red and yellow rocks of the Middle Old Red Sandstone, the sandstone magnificently displayed in the cliffs of the Red Head. The quality of Eday stone has long been recognised. Much of the stone used to build St Magnus Cathedral and the Earl's Palace in Kirkwall was quarried at Fersness on Eday.

Eday's Renewable Energy

The European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) is the world's leading test facility for wave and tidal energy converters. The Fall of Warness on the west coast of Eday is home to EMEC's grid-connected tidal test site, with an onshore substation sited at Caldale. With tidal flows up to 4 metres per second (8 knots) - that's half a billion tonnes of water flowing through an hour at peak tide - the tidal turbines tested here are truly put to the test.

Some of the world's most innovative tidal energy technologies have been tested at the site, with more tidal technologies tested off Eday than at any other single site in the world (9 companies have tested 18 prototypes on site, as at January 2018).

Currently testing at the Fall of Warness is Scotrenewables, a local tidal energy developer. They are testing their SR1-2000 - a red and yellow floating tidal turbine which is rated as the most powerful tidal turbine in the world. This machine regularly comes and goes from the site as part of its testing schedule.

EMEC are also pioneering the conversion of renewable energy into hydrogen to help overcome local grid constraints. A 500KW electrolyser, located at the Caldale site, converts tidal and wind energy to hydrogen which can then be used as an alternative source of fuel for transport and heating.

Eday Renewable Energy (ERE) is a trading arm of Eday Partnership, the island's Development Trust, and operates the island's 900kW community-owned wind turbine. Eday Partnership uses turbine revenue funds for community benefit. ERE's work, alongside that of EMEC, Surf 'n' Turf and Orkney Micro Renewables, has made Eday a local centre for renewable innovation.

Services

Accommodation

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SELF-CATERING

Sties: Two bedroom traditional cottage, modernised throughout with panoramic views across neighbouring islands. Sleeps 5 (★★★★SC) - Dr W.J. Cormack. t: 02089 415291. www.sties.co.uk

Eday Youth Hostel: (★★★★Hostel) Community run and affiliated with SYHA. Single and double rooms, all bedding and towels provided, lounge, kitchen, two shower rooms, laundry room and full disabled facilities. Two caravan connection points and a large sheltered grassed area for up to 4/5 tents. To book please phone 07447 460169 or e-mail Hostel@eca.islands.scot for further details www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/eday-youth-hostel-p1123751

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BED and BREAKFAST

Roadside: Small house overlooking the pier offers B & B, lunches and evening meals. One double room, one twin room. Twin room can accommodate 2 extra single beds if required. Both rooms en-suite. Anne Cant, t: 01857 622303.

SELF-CATERING

Pirate Gow's Chalets, Caldsound, Eday, KW17 2AB. 6 comfortable self-catering cottages, each with kitchen, bathroom and living area set in peaceful grounds just a few feet from the Caldsound shore. t: 01857 622270 m: 07432 008431. www.pirategows.co.uk

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Pets welcome. Anne Byers, t: 01857 622269 or e: thedalecottage@outlook.com. For further information see www.dalecottageorkney.co.uk

The Ruah: Beautifully renovated cliff top cottage in stunning secluded location, sleeps 2 Self-catering weekly or short breaks. Rockpooling by arrangement. t: 01857 622263 or e: theruah@btinternet.com www.orkneyfarm.co.uk

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Camping: Most farmers will be pleased to let you camp on their land provided that you ask their permission.

Other Services

Eday Community Enterprises Ltd.: We have a fully refurbished, community owned, well-stocked shop and post office with tea and coffee space, off-licence. t: 01857 622283.

Eday Kirk: Eday Church of Scotland has a service every Sunday at 11am and a bible study each Thursday at 7.30pm. Hot drinks and biscuits to follow. All welcome. Eday kirk is located at the middle of the island on the main road.

Doctor: There is a GP and Practice Nurse service at Eday Surgery. Phone 01857 622283. In an emergency phone Balfour Hospital switchboard 01856 888000 and ask to page the Eday Nurse.

Eday Tourist Association: For visitor information including transport, tours and accommodation contact Louise on 01857 622262 or Anne on 01857 622269.

Visitor Attractions

Eday Heritage and Visitor Centre

Offers an interesting All-weather attraction which is open to visitors 10am to 4pm daily 1st May to 30th September and at other times by appointment. t: 01857 622331.

The carefully-renovated old Baptist Chapel provides exhibition space on two floors, showcasing the island's historical and natural heritage as well as capturing the important role played today by Eday at the forefront of international renewable energy technologies. The centre hosts a display on tidal energy by European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) and visitors can watch a short film about the Eday community project in 2018 to build a Newton Battery. This film was first show to an international audience in Barcelona.

Exhibits include artefacts, models and a range of information, documents and photographs - many of which have been supplied by the island's residents, rangers and schoolchildren. It is an ideal venue in which to research family connections to the island and visitors can make themselves a hot beverage and relax on the comfortable sofas with panoramic views as they search the centre's archives - census data, plans of the old kirkyard, maps and photographs as well as accounts of the impact of World War I on the island.

Community events such as guided walks, educative talks, public meetings, craft exhibitions and sales of work are advertised at the community shop and on the Eday Heritage Centre Facebook page. The centre and its airy meeting room can also be hired for private functions. Entry to the exhibits is free of charge but we ask visitors to leave a donation to help with the upkeep of the building.

Eday Heritage Centre Association (SCIO) is a registered charity run by volunteers, some of whom may be on hand to welcome visitors and help with any questions. Volunteers may also be able to assist those researching their family links to Eday or trying to locate old homes and crofts. For all enquiries, please call our secretary

Sarah Powell on 01857 622331.

Carrick House – Open occasionally in the summer months by appointment only, t: 01857 622260.

Old North School Classroom – Old schoolroom display. Also model boats and aircraft. Featuring a walkthrough submarine display of the control room of HMS Otter as seen on "Channel 4 Collect's Lot". Situated close to Eday shop. Entry is free of charge. Open most days (or call at the house for entry). Mike Ilett 01857 622225.

Walks on Eday

Eday Heritage Walk provides access to the most complete and closely grouped archaeological sites on Eday and is a good place to begin exploring.

You can start the trail from the community shop where parking is easy or at the Mill Loch bird hide. From here a short walk takes you to the Stone of Setter – Orkney's tallest single standing stone. At 4.5m high, the heavily weathered stone is estimated to be only three quarters of its original height but still dominates the skyline between Mill Loch and Calf Sound. The walk continues past the remnants of an iron age stone and turf enclosure called the Fold of Setter before passing a series of three Neolithic chambered cairns. The third in the group, Vinquoy chambered cairn is situated at the top of Vinquoy Hill, affording the visitor panoramic views across the north isles. The Trail also passes the 17th century Carrick House and the associated 19th century Vinquoy conifer plantation. The walk takes approximately 4.5 hours.

Warness Walk – Arrow on map indicates beginning of walk which takes approximately one hour of easy, flat walking. It embraces panoramic views of the Green Holms, Mainland and Hoy.

Eday Guided Tours of the Forgotten Isle. See this fascinating island as never before! Day long tour including a handmade lunch £35, Whistle stop tour, or guided Heritage Walk £15. Contact Emma Wallington at edayguide@gmail.com, on 07519652106 or @edayguide on Facebook or Instagram.

Transport Hire

J & J car hire and taxis: Near to pier. Stackald, Eday. t: 01857 6222206/07526 735350.

Eday Minibus Tours: Please contact Laura on 01857 622267.

Donna Adams at Eday Loch Ventures: Private Hire, Self Drive, Phone 07739 286350 or 07494 298292, email happycampee@me.com

By Sea

Eday

Effective from 5 May until 30 September 2019

The services to Eday are carried out by the vessels **m.v. Earl Thorfinn** (190 passengers and 25 cars), **m.v. Earl Sigurd** (190 passengers and 25 cars) and **m.v. Varagen** (144 passengers and 32 cars). Hot/cold drinks and cold snacks are available on all vessels at modest prices. Bookings should be made at the Kirkwall Office: t: 01856 872044, f: 01856 872921, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk



		Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Kirkwall	dep		0740B	0700B	0700B	0740B		0700B
Eday	arr		0855			0855		0815
Eday	dep		0905B			0905B		0830B
Stronsay	arr			0840	0840			0905
Stronsay	dep	0815A		0855B	0855B		0730B	0920B
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Sanday	dep		0935B			0940B		
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A - Vehicles must be booked before 1400 hrs on Saturday.

B - Vehicles must be booked before 1600 hrs the day before sailing.

All other vehicle bookings must be made one hour before the departure from Kirkwall.

NOTES:

- 1) Vehicle check in times: **20 minutes** before departure. Passenger check in times: **10 minutes** before departure.
- 2) **No show Charges** - All cancellations must be made not less than 24 hours before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply.
- 3) In order to accommodate certain local events these timetables will be subject to change. (See page 47).
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the Company's vessels, offices and premises.

For full fares please enquire at Ferry Services Offices

By Air



LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

A School term only (24 April - 10 July and 21 August - 16 October 2019)

B School holidays only (10 July - 14 August and 16 - 23 October 2019)

MONDAY				WEDNESDAY			
Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall	Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0735A	0806A	0814A	08229	0735	0819	0816	0826
1445A	1455A	1502A	1512A	1730B	1740B	1747B	1821B

Bookings can be made on the Eday Monday morning flight from 1500 the day before departure; however, this is subject to availability.

Summer 2019 effective 26 February - 27 October 2019.

Flotta

... Key to Scapa Flow

The island of Flotta took a pounding during World War II air raids on Scapa Flow because, when the ground and ship-based defences put up an incredible curtain of metal, the Germans turned for home, dumping their cargo of bombs on the nearest island.

For a thousand years Flotta, the 'flat' isle of the Norsemen, at the gateway to Scapa Flow, slumbered.

During those long years, perhaps the most sensational event came in 1725 when the Laird of Flotta Sir James Stewart, an 'irascible and belligerent Jacobite', murdered Captain James Moodie of Melsetter in Hoy, in Kirkwall's Broad Street. Then within the past century, the island suddenly found itself in the spotlight, firstly as a strategic military base in two World Wars, and latterly as the location for an oil terminal that has helped keep Orkney's economy afloat.

Like most of the island fringe, Flotta's population has been in decline since the turn of the 20th century, despite the sensationally busy War years (the Imperial War Museum holds a remarkable photograph of a First World War boxing match on Flotta with an audience of 10,000!) and the arrival of the terminal. In 1910, the island had two blacksmiths, four carpenters, three dressmakers, a teacher, doctor, minister and postmaster, all serving a population of 431. Flotta has one of the most spectacular 360 degree panoramas in the United Kingdom - the sweep of the Hills of Hoy, the great expanse of Scapa Flow and the hills of Mainland Orkney beyond, to the east Burray and South Ronaldsay, completing the circle by looking out across the Pentland Firth to the Scottish mainland.

Interestingly Flotta is thought to be perhaps the only place in Orkney where you can see Kirkwall and Stromness at the same time.

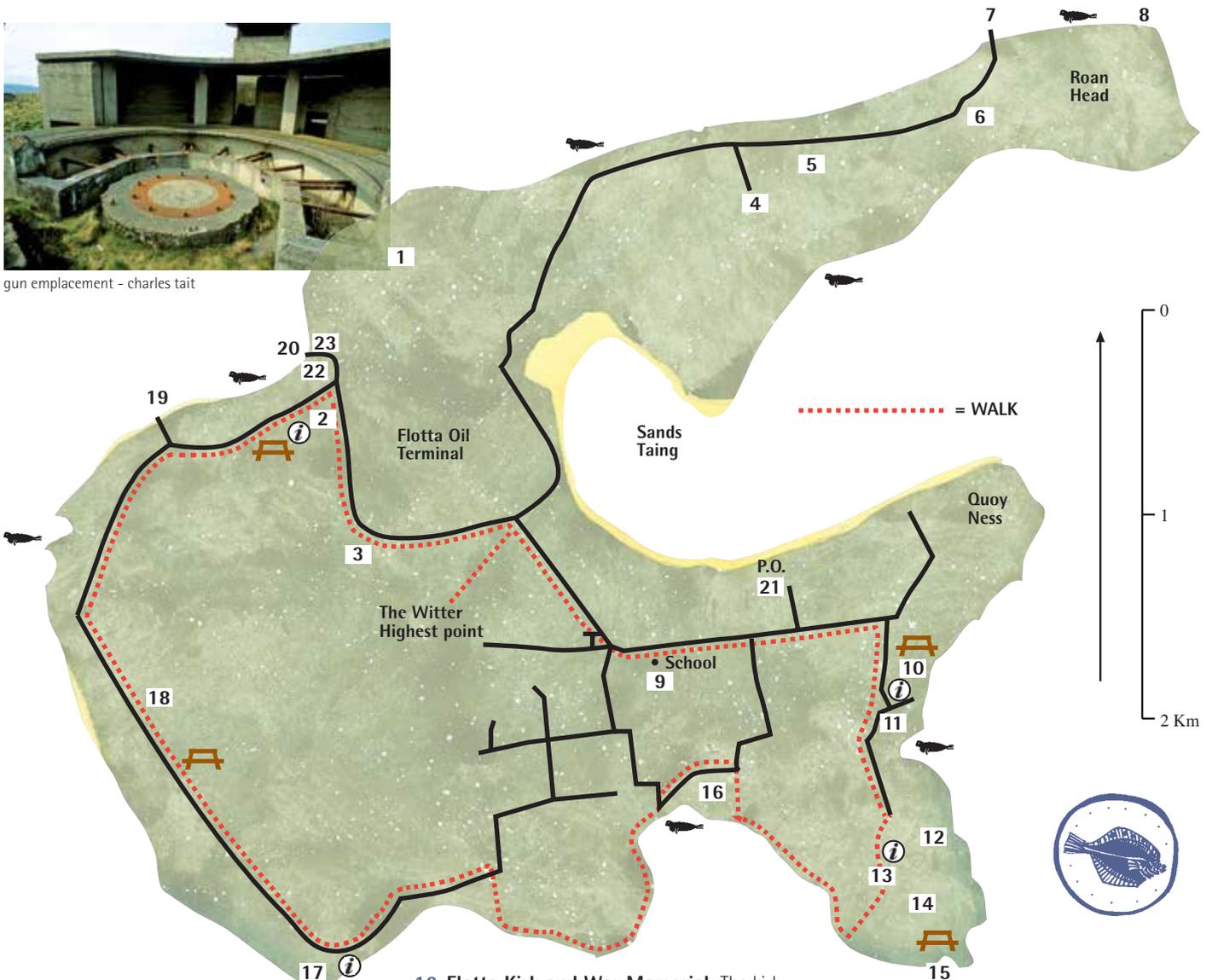


Points of interest

- 1 Flotta Oil Terminal:** The terminal became operational in December 1976 when crude oil arrived from the Piper platform.
- 2 Cinema:** Constructed during World War II, this building was designed to hold an audience of 1500. The roof now covers a garage in Kirkwall and after the end wall was removed in the 70s, the building was used as a sand store.
- 3 Memorial Seat:** In memory of an islander this bench has proved a welcome resting point on one of the flat island's 'steep hills'.
- 4 Rocket Batteries:** This WWII rocket firing battery was designed to protect important targets from low flying enemy aircraft. The 132 now crumbling shelters form a perfect grid and were used to protect the gun crews and store ammunition for the 66 rocket projectors.
- 5 Golta:** This part of the island was common grazing for the sheep population, as was the West Hill. Together they form about one third of the island's area. Wartime relics are found.
For access please contact Flotta Terminal Security on 01856 884359 before visiting Golta.
- 6 Y.M.C.A.:** This once magnificent stone-built construction was completed in 1917. Only part of the wall and the huge fireplace now remain. A post-war plan to re-open the building as a hotel fell through.
- 7 St. Vincent Pier:** This landing pier was erected by men from H.M.S. St. Vincent and as the foundation stone indicates was finished in 1915. It was used by the navy to land personnel at the Y.M.C.A., where they could enjoy a game of golf.
- 8 Boom Net and the Calf of Flotta:** The objects sticking out of the water between Golta and the Calf may look like rocks but are in fact hundreds of tons of anti-submarine cable dumped here after World War II; a narrow channel allows boats to pass between the two islands.
- 9 Community Centre:** There are regular sporting or social activities in the centre and the licensed bar is open on Friday evenings. The putting green and a modern play park are nearby. Teas may be available in the centre if pre-booked. The impressive mural there, depicting life on Flotta, was created and painted as a community project. To book teas or to view the mural if the centre is not open, contact Christine on 01856 701439.
- 10 Buchanan Battery:** The well-preserved coastal defence battery here was built to guard the navy's main entrance to Scapa Flow. Feel free to explore the many shelters, but remember that extreme care is necessary.



gun emplacement - charles tait



- 11 Magnificent Lane:** This steep winding road was built by the men from H.M.S Magnificent and leads to Stanger Head.
- 12 Kings Hard:** Remains of a stone jetty where on 9 July, 1915 King George V landed to inspect troops at Stanger Head.
- 13 Signal Station:** Built for the Royal Navy this large complex was used as a communication centre and connected with other stations around the Flow.
- 14 Quarry:** Most of the stone used in the construction of the oil terminal came from Stanger Head. Much of the army camp that once stood here has been removed.
- 15 Cletts:** The name given to the stone stacks which can be viewed from the cliff. This part of Stanger Head can be dangerous because there are also ghoups or blow-holes in the vicinity that are extremely dangerous. Keep a close eye on children and pets!

- 16 Flotta Kirk and War Memorial:** The kirk is open to visitors; inside are photographs of those commemorated on the war memorial. There are also many interesting gravestones surrounding the kirk. Across Kirk Bay is the uninhabited island of Switha.
- 17 NEB Battery:** Along both sides of the road are to be found the remains of many buildings and huts which once stood here. The pump house that once supplied water from the burn stands at the edge of the road. There are two dams, the lower was built in World War II and the higher dam in World War I. The battery and ammunition stores are well worth a visit.
- 18 Airstrip:** The airstrip is 2,000 feet long and was built to transport workers during the construction of the oil terminal which has meant so much to the prosperity of Orkney.
- 19 Sutherland Pier:** This pier was built during World War II and extended in the 1990s.

- 20 Gibraltar Pier:** Constructed during World War II, this pier was modified in 1983 to accommodate the linkspan for Orkney's first inter-island ro-ro ferry.
- 21 Flotta Heritage Centre/Peerie Museum:** The collection of wartime, oil-related and other Flotta memorabilia that was housed in Peerie Lurdy's Silent Cabin (see overleaf) for several years has now transferred to the new Flotta Heritage Centre next door (a distance of two miles from Gibraltar Pier). Visitors are still welcome to make themselves a cup of tea/coffee and use the toilet facilities at Peerie Lurdy.
- 22 The Flotta Trail:** The marked trail, with information panels, begins at Gibraltar pier.
- 23 Economic Life of Scapa Flow Display:** This small exhibition is on display in the Gibraltar Pier waiting room.

History

The first European to be buried in Australia was said to have been a Flotta man, Forbie Sutherland, a member of Cook's Endeavour expedition. The Flotta Stone, held by the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, is unquestionably Flotta's most cherished artefact. It is a sculptured slab which was found in the site of a ruin which was supposed to have been an ancient church. After having being in possession of Mr George Petrie of Kirkwall for a number of years it was bought by the Edinburgh museum in 1877. It is thought to date from the 8th century.

As you walk around the island, see how many of Tom's 21st century artefacts you can spot. There are guns, a World War II Doodlebug, and a penny-farthing bicycle that he has made from re-cycled scrap metal. If you go past the Rotten Gutter you may well find penguins that you can walk right up to!

Natural world

Oblivious to the presence of the great industrial enterprise on the north side of the island, Flotta's bird population nest on cliffs and moor. The colony of seals can be best seen from the southeast corner of the island overlooking Hoxa Sound, or in Golta. A wide variety of plants and flowers are also found here. Flotta's 'forest' is a surprise for many visitors. In the vicinity of the old cinema the Royal Navy planted 1,000 trees during World War II and about ten per cent survived. Then the oil company planted 40,000 trees and shrubs. There is a scurrilous island legend that rather than becoming victims of Orkney's balmy breezes, many wartime trees disappeared for Christmas decoration. They were a designer's dream – without branches on the weather side they fitted flush with the wall!

The oil terminal

The flare at the top of its 223-foot stack can be seen all around Orkney and the North of Scotland and has become a symbol of modern Orkney in the way that The Old Man of Hoy represents the island heritage. The majority of the workforce commute daily by fast launch to the terminal from Orkney Mainland.

Silent cabin & the UB116

Joined to the dwelling house of Peerie Lurdy is a First World War I hut dragged there by oxen at the end of the War and tagged on as a bedroom/sitting room. It was dubbed the Silent Cabin because it had served as the hydrophone hut at Quoyness. The observers sat with their headphones listening for submarine activity. From this hut, the approach of a so-called 'suicide' mission by the UB116 was tracked. The submarine slipped under the boom defences but was destroyed in the minefield. This wreck and that of a German destroyer in deep water just off Buchanan Battery on the east shore are regularly dived on. Wartime relics are everywhere. One of the most interesting is the rocket battery where probably the world's first surface-to-air missiles were tested. Folk from Flotta still recall the 'Whoosh' and sheet of flame from these rockets under test, although they were never fired in anger.

The wreck of the battleship Vanguard, which blew up at her moorings with the loss of over 840 men, in 1917, lies only a couple of miles from Flotta. As a result of the huge explosion, flaming debris landed on the island and set fire to the heather on Golta.



flotta - charles tait

James Hay

One of the most famous sons of Flotta was islander/poet James Hay who died in 1950. His published works are now cherished by connoisseurs of poetry in the style of the legendary William McGonagall, the Dundee poet. Here is 'Roon Flotta's Isle' by James Hay:

*Roon Flotta's Isle we twa hae gane
 Frae Stanger Head by Hanging Stane,
 The Flossie Geo and Kirkie Ting,
 Then by the Burn o' the Mill
 Past Waster Noust and Langabar,
 The Cave o' Banks and Scatwick's ware;
 The Point o' Neb and famous Spence,
 Warth shore, then onward to the fence.
 At Quoy o' Weddel, then to shore
 Where scent of ware's felt more and more;
 This part is called the gutter rotten,
 One whiff of it is ne'er forgotten.
 Our way now lies by Sutherland Pier,
 Past the Boat Noust and Crubb is near,
 Next Whanclett's shore then Golta Hill,
 We journey on and on until
 The head called Rone is passed, and we
 Old Winsters Well now clearly see;
 Then the Red Face and Sinnesting,
 Where little birdies blithely sing.
 Past Curries firth and Busta Burn
 Our way now takes another turn
 By Sarraqoy and Lurdy's shore,
 The Pan and Quoyness lie before.
 Then Scartan point where sheep is loose
 Straight onward to the Giral's Hoose,
 Rinnagie, the King's Hard too,
 And Stanger Head again we view.*

Services

Accommodation

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BED & BREAKFAST

Old Schoolhouse: Breakfast included, other meals available. Contact Nigel Cheeseman t: 01856 701894 or e: nigelcheeseman@yahoo.com or book online via Airbnb.



oil terminal on flotta - leonard bain

SELF-CATERING & HOSTEL

13 Burnside: Self-catering with one double, one twin and one single room, sitting room, bathroom and fully equipped kitchen. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Marina on 01856 701252 or Phyllis on 01856 701215, e: flottarian@aol.com. Further info: www.lurdy.wordpress.com.

14 Burnside: Self-catering with three rooms, sleeping up to five. Sitting room, bathroom and fully equipped kitchen. Open all year. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Marina on 01856 701252 or Phyllis on 01856 701215, e: flottarian@aol.com. Further info: www.lurdy.wordpress.com.

Other Services

Post Office and convenience store: Petrol. t: 01856 701252.

Doctor: Stromness Surgery.

Island Nurse: 01856 701769.

By Road



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Kirkwall to Houton (Hoy & Flotta)

Service 2

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Kirkwall Depart	Houton Arrive	Houton Depart	Kirkwall Arrive
0715	0735	0745	0822
0925	0945	0950	1017
1055	1115	1140	1207
1250	1310	1315	1342
1435	1455	1505	1532
1710	1730	1735	1802

SATURDAY

Kirkwall Depart	Houton Arrive	Houton Depart	Kirkwall Arrive
0915	0935	0935	1002
1350	1410	1410	1437
1545	1605	1605	1632

SEE PAGE 48 FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Stromness to Houton

Service 5

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

Stromness Depart	Houton Arrive	Houton Depart	Stromness Arrive
0940	0955	1005	1020
1247	1302	1315	1330

All services will wait up to 15 minutes for a ferry connection, and from the terminal may run up to 15 minutes later through every timing point for the remainder of the journey.

t: Kirkwall (01856) 870555

www.stagecoachbus.com

By Sea

Flotta and Hoy

Effective from 5 May until 29 September 2019

The islands of Hoy and Flotta are served by the roll-on/roll-off ferry **m.v. Hoy Head** (125 passengers and 24 cars). All bookings should be made at the Houton Terminal in Orphir on the Orkney Mainland t: 01856 811397, f: 01856 811701, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk



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Lyness	dep	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1700	1730	1935	1730
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Longhope	arr	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1740	1750	1955	1750

The Sunday runs are effective as follows:

Sunday 1 – 05/05/19 to 02/06/19 • Sunday 2 – 09/06/19 to 11/08/19 • Sunday 3 – 18/08/19 to 29/09/19

A – On Request. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings by 1700 on the day before travel. At the very latest (except in emergency) bookings for these services **MUST** be made by 12 noon on the day of travel.

B – On Request. Bookings for this service **MUST** be made by 1400 on the day before travel.

NOTES:

- 1) All vehicle bookings must be made through the Company's Houton Office. **TELEPHONE: (01856) 811397, FAX: (01856) 811701.**
- 2) Vehicles **MUST** be available for boarding **fifteen minutes** before departure times, and passengers **five minutes** before departure.
- 3) **No Show charges** – All cancellations must be made by 1700 (1400 on Saturday for Sunday and Monday travel) on the day before the intended date of travel or charges may be applied.
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in Company's vessels, offices and premises.

Hoy & Graemsay

... The high point of Orkney

From the summit of Ward Hill on Hoy – the highest point in the county at 1570 feet – every island in Orkney can be seen with the exception of Rysa Little – which, ironically, is the nearest.

Hoy means 'High Island' from the Old Norse 'HAey'. It is the second largest island in Orkney at 57 square miles. The north and west are hilly and more 'Highland' in character, the south and east low-lying and fertile, more typical of Orkney in general.

Hoy is steeped in history with sites which date from prehistoric times, through the Viking period and into the 20th century. Here you'll find the only rock-cut chambered tomb in Britain and discover Hoy's key role in British maritime history.

The richness of heritage is equalled by a treasure trove of natural history, for example you'll find plant communities normally associated with mountain areas. An ornithologist's paradise, a number of northern species can be seen in a natural setting which has few equals in Britain.

Hills and stunning sea cliffs offer excellent hillwalking, the west coast in particular is one of spectacular natural beauty. The dramatic summits of Ward Hill and the Cuilags stand in splendid contrast to the rest of Orkney and can be seen from almost anywhere on Orkney Mainland.

The weather can deteriorate rapidly in the hills. Please ensure you have warm, waterproof clothing and stout footwear. Make sure you have a map and compass if you wish to explore off the footpath network. Take great care around the cliff tops, particularly in windy or foggy conditions.

Geology

Much of Hoy is composed of Upper rather than Middle Old Red Sandstones which have been weathered into a complex of steep and craggy hills. The resulting landscape is unique within Orkney. The upland mass of Hoy generated its own glaciers during the last Ice Age. Evidence of this can be seen in the small corries and wide glaciated valleys of northwest Hoy.

Plants and mammals

Hoy's upland character, its northern latitude and great exposure has resulted in a plant community which is normally associated with mountain areas. At heights of less than 1,500 feet you'll find several arctic-alpine species such as the Least Willow and Yellow Mountain Saxifrage. General lack of grazing has encouraged native tree growth and in Rackwick Valley, at Berriedale, you'll find the most northerly native woodland in Britain. Look out for the numerous and conspicuous mountain hares in the hills. Otters are common along the Scapa Flow coastline and have been found in the Rackwick Burn.

Points of interest

- 1 The Dwarfie Stone:** Only rock-cut tomb in Britain; according to Sir Walter Scott it was the residence of the 'Troll', a legendary Norse dwarf.
- 2 Ward Hill:** At 1,570 feet (479m) this is Orkney's highest hill and with the neighbouring Cuilags has a sub-arctic, glaciated environment attracting geologists, botanists and hillwalkers.
- 3 Rackwick:** This crofting township is considered one of the most beautiful places in Orkney. Bounded by towering cliffs and steep heathery hills, Rackwick rests beside a fine sand and boulder strewn beach.
- 4 Berriedale Wood:** The most northerly native woodland in Britain; pollen analysis suggests that woodland of this type was more widespread in Orkney around 5000BC.
- 5 The Old Man of Hoy:** Famous 450 foot sea stack, first climbed in 1967 in a televised assault, is perhaps Orkney's most famous landmark. Occasionally steep footpath from

Rackwick to the stack requires a three-hour round trip.

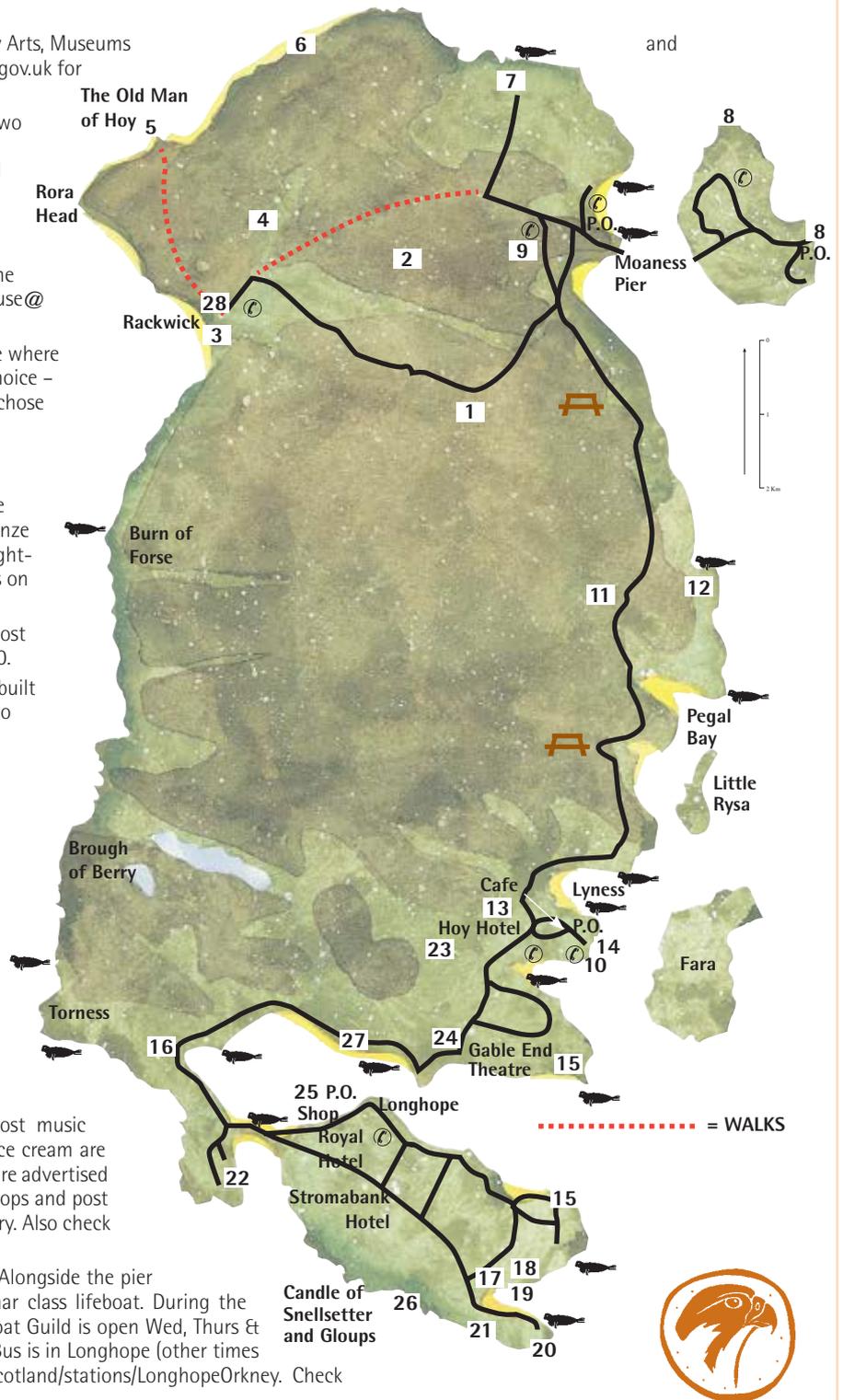
- 6 St John's Head:** Highest vertical cliff in Britain, the first direct ascent was made in 1970 by Edward Ward Drummond and companion who spent six nights on the face sleeping in hammocks.
- 7 Broch of Braebister:** This promontory provided protection for an Iron Age fort built some 2,000 years ago. Remains are still visible in the form of a six to nine foot high mound.
- 8 Hoy High & Hoy Low Lighthouses, Graemsay:** Completed in 1851 Hoy High's white 108-foot tower tapers to a balcony supported by Gothic arches. At the foot of the tower are keepers' houses, built in a style reminiscent of Assyrian temples.
- 9 Hoy Kirk:** Now a community venue, has recently begun a heritage project. Visit the Hoy archive and see exhibitions and local films – details at www.hoyheritage.co.uk. The pulpit has wooden panels believed to be from the Spanish Armada.
- 10 Arctic Convoys Memorial, Lyness:** To commemorate all who served in the Arctic Convoys to Murmansk and Arkangel in Russia.
- 11 Betty Corrigan's Grave:** A young girl from Lyness abandoned, pregnant, by a visiting sailor last century, took her own life and was buried away from hallowed ground on the parish boundary. Surely one of Britain's loneliest graves.
- 12 Scad Head Viewpoint:** A bench by Scapa Flow Landscape Partnership overlooks a wonderful panorama of Scapa Flow and the Orkney Mainland.
- 13 Lyness Naval Cemetery:** Here rest the heroes from some of the most famous incidents in modern naval history – the Battle of Jutland (1916); HMS Hampshire sunk by a mine off Birsay (1916); explosion of the Vanguard off Flotta (1917) and the Royal Oak torpedoed in Scapa Flow (1939).
- 14 Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum, Lyness:** Scapa Flow was the main fleet base for the Royal Navy during both World Wars and the Naval Base at Lyness was home to over 12,000 servicemen and women during WW2. The main museum at Lyness is closed for a major refurbishment project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Orkney Islands Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Museums Galleries Scotland and LEADER. There is a temporary exhibition in the Hoy Hotel, Lyness, c. half a mile away from the ferry terminal and regular guided walks around the remains of the former Naval Base take place during the summer season. Please check the museum website <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/scapa->



hoy hills from stromness - drew kennedy

flow-visitor-centre-and-museum_2.htm and Orkney Arts, Museums Heritage Facebook page, or email museum@orkney.gov.uk for further details.

- 15 Martello Towers and Longhope Battery:** These two towers, constructed between 1813 and 1815, were built as protection for the Baltic convoys. Renovated in 1866, they were used during World War I. Open for visitors.
- 16 Melsetter House and Chapel:** Visits by appointment only on Fridays and Saturdays during the months of May, June and September. e: melsetter.house@gmail.com
- 17 Osmondwall:** This was a favourite Viking anchorage where in 955 Jarl Sigurd the Stout was given his famous choice – baptism into the Christian faith or decapitation. He chose baptism! The kirkyard contains a stone carved bench depicting the story commissioned by the Scapa Flow Landscape Partnership.
- 18 Longhope Lifeboat Memorial:** At Osmondwall the Kirkhope burial ground is dominated by the lone bronze figure of a lifeboat man, erected in honour of the eight-man crew of the T.G.B. which was lost with all hands on 17 March, 1969, en route to a rescue.
- 19 Moodie Burial Place:** The Moodie family owned most of Walls parish from the late 16th century until 1820.
- 20 Cantick Head Lighthouse:** First lit in 1858, it was built by David Stevenson to mark the southern entrance to Scapa Flow.
- 21 Green Hill of Hesti Geo:** This large green mound, not far from the Candle of Snelsetter, contains an unusually large broch. There are two ghoups nearby.
- 22 Longhope Lifeboat Station Museum:** Situated at Brims in South Walls, Longhope. Lifeboat station opened in 1834 and has saved over 500 lives. Boat shed is now being converted into a museum – to view t. 01856 701431. The current Lifeboat is now afloat at Longhope pier.
- 23 Wee Fea Viewpoint:** Panorama of the South Isles.
- 24 Gable End Theatre:** The Gable End is a 75-seat community theatre, attracting music and drama acts from all over the world. The Gable End Film Society holds fortnightly film screenings. Most music and drama events have a licensed bar; coffee and ice cream are available in the foyer before the films. All our shows are advertised on www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/IOHDT, in local shops and post offices as well as in the passenger lounges of the ferry. Also check out our Facebook page.
- 25 Longhope Lifeboat Station:** Established in 1874. Alongside the pier you will find the lifeboat the Helen Comrie a Tamar class lifeboat. During the summer months a shop run by the Longhope Lifeboat Guild is open Wed, Thurs & Friday to coincide with the times the 'Hoy Hopper' Bus is in Longhope (other times by arrangement). http://rnli.org.uk/rnli_near_you/scotland/stations/LonghopeOrkney. Check out our facebook page: RNLI Longhope Lifeboat.
- 26 Hill of White Hamars:** A Scottish Wildlife Trust reserve which comprises spectacular coastal walks, overlooking the Pentland Firth. The reserve is one of the few places where you will find the rare Scottish Primrose.
- 27 St John's Trust Church, North Walls:** St John's is a fine example of a beautifully built Victorian church. It has been recently repaired and restored to the highest standard and retains all its original fixtures & fittings. Open Daily or by arrangement. t: 01856 791359 or 791216.
- 28 Three Small Museums – Rackwick.** The museums describe life from 1850's onwards. They include the Old School built 1718; Crow's Nest, the oldest croft in Rackwick; and the small archive museum which in 2019 will have a small display of photographs from World War I and ships from the sunken German Fleet from June 1919.



Birdlife

The RSPB Hoy reserve comprises almost 4,000 hectares of moorland with scattered lochans, woodland and huge seacliffs. The reserve is important for a wide range of birds, including white-tailed sea eagles, hen harriers, peregrine falcons, red-throated divers, waders and seabirds. Hoy holds around 12% of the World's breeding great skua population and you can see fulmars, puffins, guillemots, razorbills and shags around the Old Man of Hoy in the summer months.

History

In the beautiful valley of Rackwick lies the only prehistoric rock-cut chambered tomb in Britain. The Dwarfie Stane is an isolated block of red sandstone, some 8.5 metres long, which dates from about 3000BC.

Vikings used the many sheltered bays of Hoy and Walls as havens to haul their longships ashore. Longhope became the rendezvous point for Baltic convoys during the Napoleonic Wars. The construction of two Martello Towers fortified the hamlet against attack from the navy and privateers of the United States.



the dwarfie stane - drew kennedy

The World Wars

Hoy's major contribution to Orkney's heritage came in the 20th century when in 1914 Scapa Flow became the base of the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet, which sailed and engaged the German High Seas Fleet at the Battle of Jutland on 31 May, 1916. The captured German fleet was interned in Scapa Flow and subsequently scuttled on 21 June 1919. During World War II, thousands of navy personnel were based at Lyness and the now deserted naval base has been converted to a visitor centre with many exhibits from both world wars and the scuttled German fleet. In addition, there is an audio visual display within the remaining giant oil tank. Admission is free.

Services

Accommodation

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HOSTELS

Hoy Centre & Rackwick Hostel (★★★★Hostel): Open all year, sleeps 32. All bookings welcome. t: 01856 850907 e: Stromnesscs@orkney.gov.uk Open office hours 9-5pm Monday-Friday. For more information visit <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/campsites-and-hostels 2.htm>

Rackwick Outdoor Centre (★★★Hostel): Open April to September - sleeps 8. All bookings welcome. t: 01856 850907 e: Stromnesscs@orkney.gov.uk Open office hours 9-5pm Monday-Friday. For more information visit <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/S/campsites-and-hostels 2.htm>

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Stromabank Hotel: Small family run hotel with 4 en-suite bedrooms. One suitable for disabled.

Children welcome. Bar meals - 6-9pm. Lunches 12-2pm Sundays. (Residents only meals on Thursdays). t: 01856 701494. www.stromabank.co.uk

Hoy Hotel: 1 family room, 3 twin rooms, 1 single room. All en-suite. All ground floor. B & B, lunch and evening meals available. Richard & Inez Groat. t: 01856 791377. e: hoyhotel@btinternet.com

Royal Hotel: Longhope B & B, Mr A. White, traditional bar, fine views overlooking Longhope Pier and Scapa Flow. t: 01856 701276, e: walex76@btinternet.com

Cliffgate, Rackwick: Self-catering house, sleeps 8. Mrs Lorraine Buchan. t: 01856 771231. e: info@cliffgate.co.uk www.cliffgate.co.uk

Pools, Longhope: Mrs K. Kirkpatrick. Self-catering cottage, sleeps 6. Short lets available, min. 3 nights, open all year. 01856 701211. e: karen@hoy-selfcatering.co.uk www.hoy-selfcatering.co.uk

Burnhouse Cottage, Hoy: Sleeps 5. New extension 2012, room with a view! Hazel Mackay, Melfea, Cannigall Rd, St Ola, Orkney. t: 01856 870058. m: 07762689225. e: hazel.melfea@btinternet.com www.flickr.com/photos/100833914@N05/

Quoydale, Hoy: Mrs Clark, double/twin en-suite. t: 01856 791315. e: quoydale.hoy@gmail.com www.orkneyaccommodation.co.uk

Seaview: Contact Sandra Bews, www.seaviewcottagehoy.co.uk, t: 01856 874317.

Old Hall Cottage: Self-catering, sleeps up to 6. Level entry disabled access. Open all year round. B & B also available. Autism friendly. Contact Mark and Sandra t: 07809 135362. e: info@oldhallcottage.co.uk, website: www.oldhallcottage.co.uk

Onedin Cottage, Longhope: Self-catering cottage to let; sleeps 5; all amenities. Mrs Kirkpatrick. t: 01856 701206. e: kirkpatrick274@btinternet.com

The Spinning Cottage, Melsetter House: Miss E. Scatter. t: 01856 791352.

Cantick Head Lighthouse Cottages: 2 cottages, each sleeps 1-4. t: 01856 701777. e: cantick@gmail.com www.cantickhead.com

The Kennels, Brims, Longhope: 1 bedroom cottage, sleeps 2. Anne Robertson. t: 01856 850216.

Lower Rumin, Rackwick: Traditional stonebuilt self-catering cottage with spectacular views of Rackwick. Open all year. Liz Dennison. t: 01856 771201 e: rehaurie@btinternet.com

Old School House, Longhope, Hoy: Book via Airbnb website.

The Lodge B&B, Longhope: 3 en-suite rooms (2 double and 1 twin or Super king), guest dining room and lounge in conservatory. sleeps 2. t: 01856 701772 e: thelodgelonghope@gmail.com

Salwick Cottage, Brims, Longhope: Kathleen McFadyen. Self-catering, sleeps 2. Cot or toddler bed available. All amenities - free wifi. t: 01856 701239 e: iandkmcfad@btinternet.com

Transport

North Hoy Transport, Quoydale: Taxi, minibus, Mr A. Clark. t: 01856 791315.

Hoy and Walls Community Bus: Regular weekday public service between Lyness and Longhope which meets most ferries with a Sunday Service extending to Moaness Ferry (Hoy); a Summer Service also runs to Moaness (Hoy) on Wednesdays. For further details contact: Office 01856 701356 m: 0783377760. Timetable available on website: www.hoyorkney.com

Shops & Eating Out

Hoy Hotel and Anchor Bar, Lyness: Lunch served 12 till 2.30pm (May-Sept.) Sunday lunches bookings required. Anchor Bar open every evening from 7pm. Evening meals by request, please book. t: 01856 791377/701273. e: hoyhotel@btinternet.com

Royal Hotel, Longhope: t: 01856 701276

J.M.F. Groat & Sons, Longhope: General Merchants & Grocers, Petrol & oils - Calor and camping gas; off licence; hardware. Open 9-12.30pm and 2-6pm. Open all day July, August and September. t: 01856 701273. f: 01856 701251. e: jmfgroat@btinternet.com

Benethill Café, Moaness Hoy: Open daily 10 till 6.30pm 7 days a week, April to October. Licensed and specialising in local food. A short walk from Moaness Pier. t: 01856 791119 e: admin@benethillcafe.co.uk

Stromabank Hotel: Bar Meals daily except Thursday. (6-9pm) Lunches Sat-Sun only 12-2pm. t: 01856 701494.

Wild Heather Crafts: www.wildheathercrafts.co.uk. Orkney-made gifts, handmade crafts and so much more. Opening hours: Summer, April-September, Monday-Saturday 0900-1700. Winter, October-March, Friday and Saturday 1100-1600. t: 01856 791213, e: enquiries@wildheathercrafts.co.uk

Emily's 1940's Ice Cream Parlour: Summer times: Monday-Saturday 0900-1700. Winter times: Thursday,



rackwick bay - drew kennedy

Friday and Saturday 1100-1600. t: 01856 791213, e: enquiries@wildheathercrafts.co.uk

Post Offices

Longhope: within J.M.F. Groat's shop. t: 01856 701273/701251.

Hoy Post Office: t: 01856 791261.

Lyness PO is located in the Hoy Hotel and open Monday only 11am till 1pm.

Other Services

Chiropodist: Regular treatment for painful corns, hard skin and nails. Appointment includes a warm footbath and moisturising massage. C. Shepherd, HPC registered podiatrist. t: 07848 008145 or 01856 701414. Facebook Island Chiropodist.

Doctor: Hoy and Walls Surgery, Health Centre, Longhope. t: 01856 701209.

Nurse: Community Nurse. Contact Health Centre. t: 01856 701224.

North Walls Healthy Living Centre: t: 01856 791085 e: northwalls.hlc@glow.orkneyschool.org.uk

Development Trust: www.hoyorkney.com

Leisure & Recreation

Odin Tours of Orkney: Tours of Hoy and Walls with qualified tour guide. Up to 6 passengers. Enquiries Frank or Meg t: 01856 751757 or 07541039321 www.odintoursofornkney.com e: meg.lythes@btinternet.com

Hoy Tours with Albert: Visit places of interest, Dwarfie Stane, Martello Tower, Rackwick, etc. Enquiries to Albert Clark. t: 01856 791315. e: quoydale@supanet.com

Island Tours of Hoy with a *STGA Green Badge guide. Enjoy stunning scenery, wildlife, wilderness, accounts of island life and history. Up to 16 passengers. (*Scottish Tourist Guide Association). Maxi Tour (whole island-full day) - £59.00, Standard Tour (northern half-3/4 day) - £49.00. Price per person, under 16YO half price. Specialised tours available on request. Steven Rhodes, t: 01856 701632, m: 07887 995730 e: ness.longhope@gmail.com www.islandtourshoy.com

Find your inspiration on the beautiful island of Hoy. Creative art and craft holidays, painting, crafts, drawings, printmaking and sculpture. Beach accommodation available. t: 07848 008145 or 01856 701414 www.beachgallery.co.uk

Tours of Hoy: Mr T Thomson. t: 01856 791263.

RSPB Warden: Guided walks on the RSPB reserve with the warden in the summer months. t: 01856 791298. e: lee.shields@rspb.org.uk

North Walls Centre: Swimming pool and various sports activities. S. Kettle t: 01856 791081.

Moorings available at Longhope pier and mooring buoys just off the pier. Public shower and toilets on the pier.

There is a **playpark** in Longhope, just behind the Royal Hotel.

Hoy Half Marathon: Sunday 16 June.

Longhope Lifeboat Open day: Sunday 7 July.

Longhope Regatta: Saturday 29 June.

Check www.hoyorkney.com/hoy-community/events-calendar/ for up to date events around the island.

Churches

St Columba's, Longhope: Church of Scotland. All denominations welcome. Services advertised locally.



hoy high lighthouse, graemsay - charles tait

Step back in time with a visit to Graemsay. A fifteen minute sail from Stromness (forty five minutes via Hoy) will bring you to a small, green, unspoilt island lying at the northern entrance to Scapa Flow, between Stromness and Hoy.

The virtual absence of traffic makes walking a pleasure, enabling you to enjoy the abundant wild flowers and appreciate the superb views of Stromness and North Hoy. Relax on the safe coral and sandy beaches at Sandside, within comfortable walking distance of the pier. There are picnic benches around the island.

Explore the rocky shoreline where you can still find small pieces of crockery from the vessel Albion, shipwrecked off the Point of Oxan on New Year's Day 1866, on its way from Liverpool to New York. Meet seals, terns, Oystercatchers, Ringed Plovers, Redshank, Curlew, Lapwing, Fulmar, and Skuas, or just study the exposed rock strata.

There is no shop on the island and the Post Office is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7.30am till 9.30am.

By Sea

Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)

North Hoy (Passenger and cycle service only)

Departing Stromness to Moaness Pier

Effective from 5 May until 29 September 2019

The services to Graemsay and North Hoy are carried out by **m.v. Graemsay** (73 passengers and 8 tonnes of cargo).



		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Stromness	dep	0745*	0745*	0745*	0745*	0745*	0930	0930
Hoy	dep	0810*	0810*	0810*	0810*	0810*	1000	1000
Graemsay	dep	0825*	0825*	0825*	0825*	0825*	1015	1015
Stromness	dep	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
Hoy	dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030		
Graemsay	dep	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045		
Stromness	dep	1200A		1200A	1200A			
Graemsay	dep	1230A		1230A	1230A			
Hoy	dep	1240A		1240A	1240A			
Stromness	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		
Graemsay	dep	1615	1615	1615	1615	1615		
Hoy	dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1630		
Stromness	dep	1745	1745	1745	1745	1745	1800	1800
Graemsay	dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1815	1815
Hoy	dep	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1830	1830
Stromness	dep					2130		
Graemsay	dep					2145		
Hoy	dep					2200		

A - Cargo Sailing - Limited Passenger Numbers - Booking Essential. These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

*Sailings subject to possible alteration during May and June. Please check with the Company for details.

NOTES:

- 1) All enquiries to Company main office:- **TELEPHONE: (01856) 872044.**
- 2) Passengers are requested to be available for boarding **five minutes** before departure.
- 3) All cargo must be booked before 1600hrs (4pm) the day before sailing.
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, offices and premises.
- 5) **No Show Charges.** All cancellations must be made by 1600hrs Monday to Friday and 1400hrs Saturday for Sunday and Monday sailing or full charges may apply.

North Ronaldsay

Explore and enjoy the unique

A unique assembly – the ancient sheep court of North Ronaldsay – elected by the traditional townships on the island, manages the flocks of native seaweed-eating sheep.

Explore and enjoy the unique, from the ancient seaweed-eating sheep that graze around the foreshore managed by the ancient sheep court, to the lighthouses that stand proud at the north guiding the shipping with the tallest land based lighthouse in the UK.

The beautiful sandy shores to the south and east, the rugged coastline to the north and west, and the peaceful centre enable wonderful tours taking in the beautiful scenery and wildlife. Where the old traditions and customs are still prevalent and embrace the 21st century.

Natural history

Though only a small island with a low profile, North Ronaldsay supports an extremely rich and diverse population of wild flowers, mammals and birds. It lies on the migration crossroads with birds heading north towards Iceland and Greenland as well as into Scandinavia pausing or being grounded.

Thus from late March to early June and middle August to early November there are large concentrations of migrant birds visiting the island. All classes of birds are represented and several national rarities recorded annually. In summer, the island is alive with the calls of breeding birds. Areas of land are left uncultivated and corncrake may call from the hayfield.

Common and Grey Seals are numerous, both breed around the island and are easily seen and have become quite tame since culling was banned. Other sea mammals are seen offshore and Porpoises occasionally accompany the local lobster boats.

Inland, the island can broadly be divided into four distinct habitat types: foreshore, grazed links, marshland and agricultural land which together provide a wealth of opportunities for wildlife.



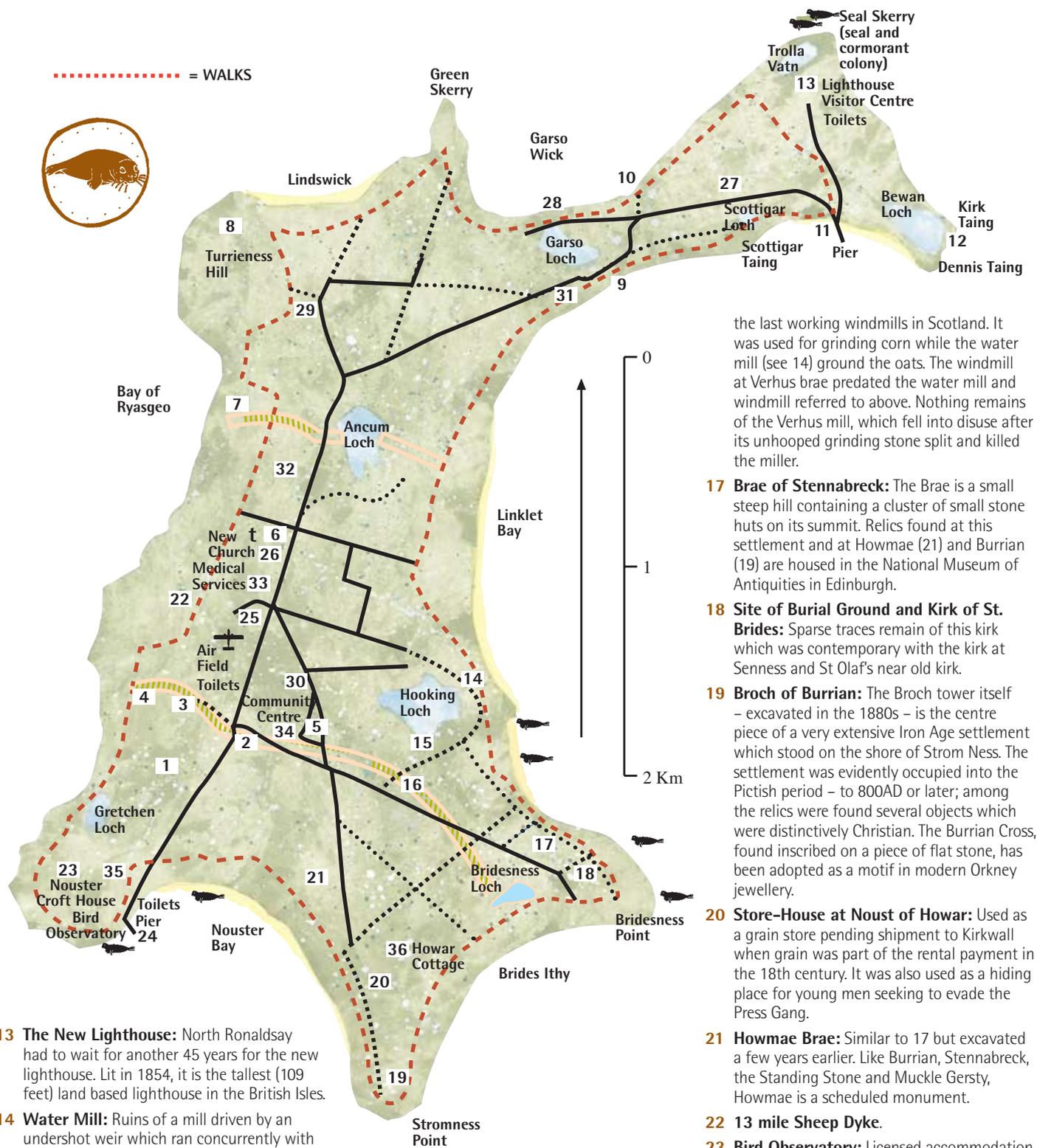
old beacon - charles tait

Points of interest

- 1 Standing Stone:** This lone sentinel stone over 13 feet high is unlike most standing stones in Orkney as it has a hole through its upper part. Some think the stone was an out marker for a stone circle which stood on Tor Ness.
- 2 Holland House:** Originally built by the Traill family who purchased the island in 1727 – the house is still owned by their direct descendants. Adjoining gardens have the only sizeable concentration of trees and shrubs on the island; focus for bird migration and ringing.
- 3 Old Kirk:** This church from the early 1800s predates its manse which was built in 1829.
- 4 Muckle Gersty:** According to legend, one of two dykes built of earth and stone by three brothers who apportioned the island amongst themselves. The dykes probably date from before 1000BC.
- 5 The Old School:** Evidence of education dates back to the late 18th century though formal education with a resident schoolmaster is only documented from about 1837 onwards.
- 6 Sites of Stone Burial Cists:** A number of burial cists have been found on the island, the most accessible can be seen at Antabreck and Senness.
- 7 Matches Dyke:** The most northerly of the two dykes described in 4.
- 8 Turrieness:** It is probable that at one time a stone circle stood on this plateau. Dotted over the plain are some 15 circular depressions measuring some nine feet in diameter. They have been identified as either barrow cemeteries or kelp burning pits.
- 9 Site of Store House:** This may have been used as a grain store up to the 19th century when grain was exported from the island as part of the tenant's rent payment. It is also associated with the rendering of whale blubber and the storage of kelp.
- 10 Senness:** Near this spot a stone cist containing human remains was excavated in 1872. There is evidence of a burial ground and chapel known as St Giles in the area.
- 11 The Fish House:** standing west of the pier this former dwellinghouse was, at one time, used for curing fish.
- 12 Old Beacon:** One of the first of the four early lighthouses built in Scotland. About 70 feet high, its fixed light was lit on 10th October 1789. However, ships continued to be lost and the light was extinguished in 1809. In 1806 Start Point in Sanday was in operation with Scotland's first revolving Lantern. The masonry ball at the top of the Old Beacon arrived from Sanday in 1810.



old beakon at Kirk Taing - charles tait



13 The New Lighthouse: North Ronaldsay had to wait for another 45 years for the new lighthouse. Lit in 1854, it is the tallest (109 feet) land based lighthouse in the British Isles.

14 Water Mill: Ruins of a mill driven by an undershot weir which ran concurrently with the windmill near Peckhole, until they were replaced by the new mill (see 16) in 1907.

15 Knowe o' Samilands: One of several mounds made by the dumping of burnt stones used to heat water for cooking in ancient times.

16 Mill and Windmill Pillar: The new engine-driven mill was provided by the Laird, Mr Traill, in 1907 and was used for grinding corn and oats. Nearby stands the pillar which supported a windmill - reputedly one of

the last working windmills in Scotland. It was used for grinding corn while the water mill (see 14) ground the oats. The windmill at Verhus brae predated the water mill and windmill referred to above. Nothing remains of the Verhus mill, which fell into disuse after its unhooped grinding stone split and killed the miller.

17 Brae of Stennabreck: The Brae is a small steep hill containing a cluster of small stone huts on its summit. Relics found at this settlement and at Howmae (21) and Burrian (19) are housed in the National Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh.

18 Site of Burial Ground and Kirk of St. Brides: Sparse traces remain of this kirk which was contemporary with the kirk at Sennes and St Olaf's near old kirk.

19 Broch of Burrian: The Broch tower itself - excavated in the 1880s - is the centre piece of a very extensive Iron Age settlement which stood on the shore of Strom Ness. The settlement was evidently occupied into the Pictish period - to 800AD or later; among the relics were found several objects which were distinctively Christian. The Burrian Cross, found inscribed on a piece of flat stone, has been adopted as a motif in modern Orkney jewellery.

20 Store-House at Noust of Howar: Used as a grain store pending shipment to Kirkwall when grain was part of the rental payment in the 18th century. It was also used as a hiding place for young men seeking to evade the Press Gang.

21 Howmae Brae: Similar to 17 but excavated a few years earlier. Like Burrian, Stennabreck, the Standing Stone and Muckle Gersty, Howmae is a scheduled monument.

22 13 mile Sheep Dyke.

23 Bird Observatory: Licensed accommodation and shop. Visitors welcome.

24 Pier

25 Airfield

26 New Kirk: (North Ronaldsay Archive Exhibition).

Sheep

There is little evidence of the true origin of North Ronaldsay's seaweed-eating sheep. They live on a narrow strip of beach and foreshore outside the 13-mile stone dyke which surrounds the island, being brought inside the wall only at lambing. When the clipping and dipping seasons arrive the sheep are herded off the beaches into the stone-built 'Punds' by the collective efforts of the island's sheep farmers. The act of punding is perhaps one of the last remaining elements of communal farming in Orkney.

Seaweed

The scarcity of natural resources, together with the island's isolation has taught the inhabitants the value of its abundant supply of seaweed, washed up on the shores by the strong tides. Initially the only use made of seaweed was as a fertiliser (applied untreated to the land) and for burning when supplies of coal and peat were low. The kelp-making industry began in the 1720s generating a huge demand for both seaweed and labour. The seaweed was hauled up and dried on the beaches then burned in shallow stone pits. Look for them on your shore walks. It was further processed in the south to obtain chemicals. North Ronaldsay fishermen are said to have felt the aroma of kelp 'half roads to Foula'.

Shipwrecks

There were many shipwrecks on the island and one of the first recorded was the Swedish East Indiaman 'Svecia' grounded on the Reef Dyke in 1740 with the loss of some 90 lives.

Four years later the Danish East Indiaman 'Crown Prince' was wrecked at Savie Geo; on this occasion all the crew and its cargo of silver coins were saved. In 1908, the sailing ship 'Isle of Erin' was lost with all hands off North Ronaldsay. The subsequent Board of Trade inquiry led to the installation of the Post Office Wireless Station on the island within a year or two.

Fishing

Before the trawlers came, good hauls of cod, ling and halibut were caught off the shores of North Ronaldsay. In the Firth, saithe were frequently taken though this posed many dangers as the fish were found where tides ran strongest. Lobster and herring were also caught but today there is less fishing from the island.

Services

(see map for locations)

Accommodation

Accommodation providers listed below are members of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme and have been graded as part of the national scheme. Please refer to the disclaimer on the inside of the back cover.

GUEST HOUSE

23 - Bird Observatory, (★★★Guest House): Open all year. Range of accommodation including dormitory, family and en-suite rooms in low energy building. Lounge bar, Café and Restaurant open to non-residents. t: 01857 633200, e-mail alison@nrbo.prestel.co.uk, www.nrbo.co.uk

HOSTEL

23 - Hostel and Camping (★★★★Hostel): Annex to the Bird Observatory with self-catering kitchen, etc. Ten bed spaces in three dormitories. Adjacent camping ground. Contact details as for Observatory Guest House above.

SELF CATERING

35 - Nouster Croft House (★★★★SC): Overlooking Nouster Bay with its seals and seaweed-eating sheep. J. Morris. t: 01857 633253, howar.cottage@hotmail.co.uk, www.howar.co.uk

36 - Howar Cottage (★★★SC): Overlooking Nouster Bay. Alpacas and 5 ancient breeds of sheep. J. Morris. t: 01857 633253, howar.cottage@hotmail.co.uk, www.howar.co.uk

13 - Lighthouse Keepers Cottages (★★★SC): Two refurbished self catering Lighthouse Keepers Cottages at the New Lighthouse. Reservations for one night or more available throughout the year. Contact either National Trust of Scotland on www.ntsaholidays.com or North

Ronaldsay Trading Company on 01857 633257 or e: wtmuir@yahoo.com

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27 - Dennishill: Self-catering. Renovated croft house, fully equipped. Ideal for a quiet stress free holiday. Weekend lets available. Free cycles provided. Jennifer Smith, t: 01856 874486. e: island-cottage@hotmail.com, www.island-cottage.co.uk

28 - Garso Guest House: T & C. Muir, B & B, lunch and dinner. t: 01857 633244. e: muir886@btinternet.com

29 - Brigg Self-catering: Fully equipped cottage. Mrs Muir, t: 01857 633244.

30 - The Doll's House, Roadside: Self-catering and B & B and evening meals. S. Mawson t: 01857 633221.

31 - Quoybanks: Self-catering Croft or B & B, fully equipped 3 bedrooms, evening meals supplied. S. Mawson t: 01857 633221.

32 - Verracott: Fully equipped self-catering cottage with original features. Contact H. Scott t: 07710 519753, e: verracott@yahoo.com

Shops & Transport

23 - Obscafé: Breakfasts, lunches and evening meals. Free WiFi available.

23 - Obshop: General grocery store, fresh and frozen food, off licence. Open daily, advance orders welcome.

23 - Lounge Bar: Open year round, extensive selection of malt whiskies, wines, local beers and restaurant meals by arrangement.

28 - Garso No. 1: Taxi, self-drive cars, minibus hire and tours; lunch by arrangement. T. & C. Muir. t: 01857 633244

28 - Calor Gas: Garso No. 1- Mr T. Muir. t: 01857 633244

14 - Petrol: Hooking (near watermill) Mr W. Muir. t: 01857 633257

30 - Roadside Tea Room: Soups, snacks and soft drinks available. S. Mawson. t: 01857 633221

13 - Lighthouse Visitor Centre (★★★★): 4 star visitor attraction. Gift Shop with a wide variety of North Ronaldsay Woollen products, Lighthouse memorabilia and North Ronaldsay artefacts. Open 10am-4pm daily from 1 May to 31 August, and at other times by prior arrangement. t: 01857 633297 in season (May to September) and 07526 629654 outwith season. e: northroncafe@yahoo.com. Regular updates on Facebook at North Ronaldsay Lighthouse Visitor Centre. w: www.northronaldsay.co.uk

13 - Lighthouse Café: Lunch, dinner, takeaway and bakery (by order) available in season (May - September). t: 01857 633297. Outwith season t: 07526 629654. Orkney's most northerly licensed premises (off sales available). Free WiFi available nearby the bothy. e: northroncafe@yahoo.com

13 - Bike Hire: Daily or weekly hire. Adults and childrens bikes. Helmets and Panniers available free of charge. Contact 01857 633297 m: 07526629654 or visit northroncafe@yahoo.com

Tours

13 - The North Ronaldsay Lighthouse is the tallest, land-based lighthouse in Scotland - 109 feet high with 176 steps to the top. First lit in 1854, it was automated in 1998. The North Ronaldsay Trust organises lighthouse tours, available on Orkney Ferries' Sunday excursion trips to North Ronaldsay (see timetable) and at other times by arrangement. Transport available - Contact W. Muir on 01857 633257 or 7809 770082. View webcam on nl.org.uk. e: wtmuir@yahoo.com - Best to book prior to arrival to avoid disappointment.

13 - North Ronaldsay Woollen Mill: The fleeces from the Rare Breed, seaweed-eating sheep is spun into yarn and also made into felt on site. Tours of the mill are available by arrangement with Helen Galland on either 01857 633297 in season (May to September) or 07526 629654 outwith season, as well as during Orkney Ferries Sunday Excursion trips (see timetable) e:northroncafe@yahoo.co - Best to book prior to arrival to avoid disappointment.

23 - Natural History and Bird Walks with expert staff by arrangement. Call 01857 633200.

Crafts

13 - North Ronaldsay Woollen Mill: Craft workshops provided throughout the year by local, textile artist, Helen Galland: wet felting, needle felting (unsuitable for children under 12 years) and hand spinning. Workshops tailored to meet your needs and time available. t: 07951 449136 or e: woolywally@gmail.com for details. Meals and tours available at the Lighthouse Visitor Centre.

30 - Roadside: Knitted, handmade garments and jewellery. S. Mawson. t: 01857 633221.

13 - A Yarn from North Ronaldsay Ltd: Local knitwear and yarn spun from the unique North Ronaldsay sheep available on the island. Contact Mrs J. Donnelly. t: 01857 633242 or visit website www.northronaldsayyarn.co.uk

Other Services

26 - North Ronaldsay Archive Exhibition: Contact I. Scott t: 01857 633222. Open Daily.

33 - Medical Services: Linklet House. t: 01857 633226.

34 - Bank: Monthly, please inquire at Post Office.

30 - Post Office: Roadside. t: 01857 633221.

34 - Community Centre: Contact A. Duncan t: 01857 633333.



north ronaldsay sheep - kerry martin

Local Events

3rd Annual Sheep Festival: Sunday 29th July - Friday 10th August. Two week festival of dyke building, music, social events and fun!

Find us on facebook or at www.nrsheepfestival.com

By Air



LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

MONDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0735	0752	0759	0826
1050	1107	1114	1146
1730	1747	1754	1811

TUESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0735	0752	0759	0816
1030	1102	1109	1126
1730	1747	1754	1811

WEDNESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0735	0752	0759	0826
1335	1352	1359	1431
1730A	1747A	1754A	1811A
1730B	1757B	1804B	1821B

THURSDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0735	0752	0759	0816
1420	1437	1444	1516
1730	1747	1754	1811

FRIDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0735	0752	0759	0816
1420	1452	1459	1516
1730	1747	1754	1811

SATURDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
1030	1047	1054	1111
1500	1517	1524	1541
1600	1617	1624	1656

SUNDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
1030	1102	1109	1126
1730	1747	1754	1828

A School term only (24 April - 10 July and 21 August - 16 October 2019)

B School holidays only (10 July - 14 August and 16 - 23 October 2019)

North Ronaldsay Bird Observatory: Wind and solar powered buildings. Lunches, teas, evening meals, lounge bar and beer terrace, information; Visitors welcome. **Roadside Tearoom:** Teas, Snacks. Visitors Welcome.

Lighthouse Café: Orkney's most northern licensed premises, offering fresh food daily. Visitors Welcome.

By Sea

North Ronaldsay

Effective from 7 May until 27 September 2019

The services to North Ronaldsay are carried out by the vessels **mv Earl Thorfinn** and **mv Earl Sigurd** (190 passengers and 25 cars). Hot/cold drinks and cold snacks are available on all vessels at modest prices.

Bookings should be made at the Kirkwall Office: t: 01856 872044,

f: 01856 872921, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

Proposed Sailing Times from Kirkwall for North Ronaldsay and Return

All North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray departure times are estimates and are subject to alteration due to cargo operations, weather and tide. All arrivals in Kirkwall subject to change due to cargo operations. Sailings are all "weather permitting" and subject to confirmation the day before sailing.



Tuesday Sailings

Kirkwall		North Ronaldsay		Papa Westray		Kirkwall	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1030	1310	1340	1455	1525	1715		

On 14 May, 2019 the sailing will be replaced by:

Kirkwall		Papa Westray		North Ronaldsay		Kirkwall	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1130	1330	1400	1515	1545	1825		

On 17 September, 2019 the sailing will be replaced by:

Kirkwall		North Ronaldsay		Kirkwall	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
1030	1220	1300	1415	1445	1725

Friday Sailings

	Kirkwall		North Ronaldsay		Kirkwall	
	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
10 May 2019	0730	1010	1040	1320		
17 May 2019	0900	1140	1210	1450		
24 May 2019	0745	1025	1055	1335		
31 May 2019	0830	1110	1140	1420		
07 June 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
14 June 2019	0800	1040	1110	1350		
21 June 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
28 June 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
05 July 2019	0630	0910	0940	1220		
12 July 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
19 July 2019	0630	0910	0940	1220		
26 July 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
03 August 2019 (Sat)**	0800	1040	1110	1350		
09 August 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
16 August 2019	0800	1040	1110	1350		
23 August 2019	0800	1040	1110	1350		
30 August 2019	0930	1210	1240	1520		
06 September 2019	0830	1110	1140	1420		
13 September 2019	0630	0910	0940	1220		
20 September 2019	0700	0940	1010	1250		
27 September 2019	0830	1110	1140	1420		

** Subject to change re: Sanday Show

Sunday Sailings

	Kirkwall		North Ronaldsay		Kirkwall	
	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
02 June 2019 via Westray	0920	1215	1620	1925		
23 June 2019 via Eday/Stromsøy	0840	1220	1550	1940		
07 July 2019 via Sanday	0900	1155	1600	1905		
21 July 2019 via Westray	0920	1215	1620	1925		
04 August 2019 via Eday/Stromsøy	0840	1220	1550	1940		
18 August 2019 via Sanday	0900	1155	1600	1905		

NOTES:

- Vehicle check in time: **20 minutes** before departure. Passenger check in time: **10 minutes** before departure.
- No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made not less than 24 hours before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply.
- For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the Company's vessels, offices and premises.

For full fares please enquire at Ferry Services Offices

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

... A calendar of lives

The Yetnasteen or Giant's Stone on Rousay was said to wander down to a nearby loch every New Year's morning for a refreshing drink.

Amidst the great tides of the Atlantic and the North Sea lies a group of islands that encompasses the unique heritage of Orkney. From the Stone Age to the present, the seas have brought to Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre a blend of peoples who have left a calendar of their lives for all to see.

With over 166 sites of archaeological interest and an important crofting history, the three islands provide as rich a spectrum of settlement as can be found anywhere in Northern Europe. The approach by modern car ferry provides the visitor with a first and most impressive memory of the islands. Rousay, the largest of the group is an unusually hilly island scarred by glacial terracing. It contains some of the richest and best preserved monuments in the North of Scotland and in the west the 'Great Ship of Death', as Midhowe has been called, lies along a famous route of cairns and brochs. They are freely open to the public, enabling the visitor to wander through 5000 years of history. The Trumland Orientation Centre/Visitors' Centre and Waiting Room contains detailed information and interpretation of many ancient sites as well as natural history, modern and historical Rousay. Much of Rousay has been officially designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The northwest coast in particular has a range of exciting cliff formations as well as a rich variety of wild flowers. Special seaspray-covered soils harbour a wide range of plants.

The uninhabited island of Eynhallow with its twelfth century monastic settlement can be reached from Rousay by boat. It's an island of beauty, mystique and legend with spectacular tidal roosts on either side.

On Wyre, according to the Orkneyinga Saga, Kolbein Hruga, the giant Cubbie Roo of legend, built the castle here about 1150 and it is the oldest dated square keep castle in Scotland. Close by the castle is the beautifully preserved St. Mary's Chapel which was founded either by Kolbein or his son Bjarni, Bishop of Orkney at the time.

The Norse church of St Magnus on Egilsay stands silhouetted against the sky, a constant reminder of the Vikings and their heritage which still lives on in the farm and place names of the islands. Egilsay secured its place in history when in 1117 Earl Magnus met his cousin Earl Hakon to discuss peace terms. Hakon came with evil intent and had Magnus murdered.

Wildlife

Rousay's richest habitats are its moors (with birds such as Red-throated Divers, Hen Harriers and Merlins) and its maritime heaths which are home to colonies of Arctic Terns and Arctic Skuas while, in addition, the western cliffs hold considerable colonies of Guillemots, Kittiwakes and Fulmars. In contrast, Egilsay is famed for its wetlands, with many breeding ducks and waders, and its traditionally managed farmland which has allowed that increasingly rare species, the Corncrake to survive. Seven calling Corncrakes were present in 1997 and a reserve, newly acquired by the RSPB, is being managed specifically with their needs in mind.

Rousay Lap

The Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust (REW DT) holds an annual half marathon called the Rousay Lap each year, normally at the end of August. Please contact the REW DT offices for more information on 01856 821229.

Clearances

Quandale and Westness in Rousay is the only area in Orkney to have suffered a major Clearance. Within this wild and open landscape of Quandale are found the relics of traditional crofting - turf dykes, runrig (strip farming) and ruined crofts. This deserted community is now home for some of Rousay's most rare and beautiful flowers and birds.

In the mid-19th century 210 people were evicted by George William Traill as part the modernisation of his Westness estate. Traill was succeeded by his nephew General Sir Frederick William Traill Burroughs, the man who commissioned Trumland House. Burroughs, known as the 'Little General' created such difficulties for crofters that he gained the reputation as the worst landlord in Orkney. His efforts resulted in troubled times and shaped the recent history of the island.

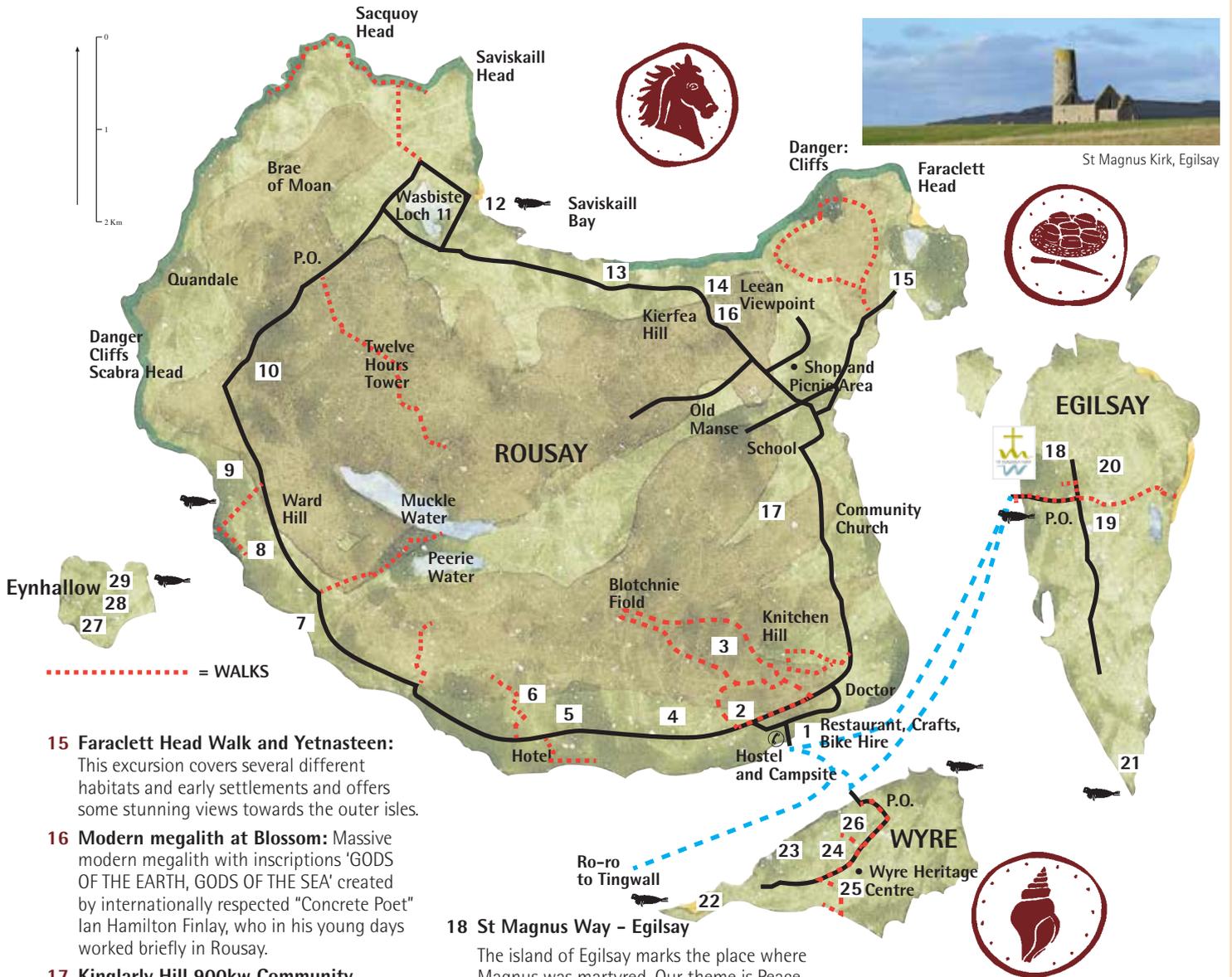
Points of interest

ROUSAY

- 1 Rousay Heritage Centre & Waiting room:** Exhibition on all aspects of this group of islands, with waiting room, toilets and picnic area. Just above ferry terminal.
- 2 Trumland House:** This Victorian Scottish Baronial style mansion was designed by the prominent architect David Bryce and finished in 1876. The recently restored grounds and gardens are open to the public from May to October (there is a small charge). There is at present no public access to the house due to ongoing restoration work.
- 3 R.S.P.B. Reserve:** A moorland reserve with a long and a short walk (a separate leaflet is available).
- 4 Taversoe Tuick:** A rare two-storied cairn.
- 5 Blackhammer Cairn:** An easily accessible stalled cairn.
- 6 Knowe of Yarso Cairn:** The highest situated of the famous Orkney tombs with spectacular views out over Eynhallow Sound and south towards Orkney Mainland and Hoy.
- 7 Westness House:** Historic laird's house (17th century). Private house, not open to the public.
- 8 Westness Walk:** Described as the most important archaeological mile in Scotland it spans settlements from the first Stone Age settlers, the Pictish Iron Age, the Viking invaders, the period of the Earls and the troubled crofting times (separate leaflet available).
- 9 Midhowe Broch & Cairn:** A fine example of a fortified dwelling built during the Bronze/Iron Ages; the Stone Age cairn is the largest known of its kind and is protected by a modern building.
- 10 Quandale Viewpoint:** A landscape frozen during the Clearances with traces of runrig farming and the ruins of Tofts, the oldest-known two-storied building in Orkney.
- 11 Wasbister Loch:** This attractive loch is the site of two crannogs or Iron Age fortified settlements built on artificial islands.
- 12 Saviskaill Beach:** A sheltered sandy beach with a nearby seal haul-out.
- 13 Green Gairsty:** A rare example of the ancient earth dykes found across the islands.
- 14 Leean Viewpoint:** Panoramic views from the hillside across to Westray and the Atlantic.

Wyre

north of rousay looking towards faraclett head - drew kennedy



- 15 Faraclett Head Walk and Yetnasteen:** This excursion covers several different habitats and early settlements and offers some stunning views towards the outer isles.
- 16 Modern megalith at Blossom:** Massive modern megalith with inscriptions 'GODS OF THE EARTH, GODS OF THE SEA' created by internationally respected "Concrete Poet" Ian Hamilton Finlay, who in his young days worked briefly in Rousay.
- 17 Kinglarly Hill 900kw Community Turbine:** A modern landmark for Rousay is the 900kw Community owned wind turbine. The income from which is used to benefit the communities of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre.

EGILSAY

- 18 St Magnus Kirk:** One of only two remaining examples of the distinctive round towered churches built by the Vikings.
- 19 Cenotaph:** Erected in 1938 it marks the spot where Earl Magnus was murdered.
- 20 R.S.P.B. Reserve (Three Sections):** You may hear and possibly see the rare Corncrake; here also are a large number of breeding waders and meadows rich in wildflowers.
- 21 Loch of the Graand:** A quiet place to watch waders and seals.

18 St Magnus Way – Egilsay

The island of Egilsay marks the place where Magnus was martyred. Our theme is Peace – thinking about the sacrifice Magnus made for the sake of peace in Orkney and our present need for peace in the midst of conflict. The route is short and easy in comparison to the other sections, linking the pier with the community centre, and the three key historical sites of the Magnus memorial, beach and St Magnus Kirk. You can download a detailed route description www.stmagnusway.com/route/egilsay

WYRE

- 22 The Taing:** Ideal viewing place for both Common and Grey seals.
- 23 Cubbie Roo's Castle:** The stronghold of the Viking chieftain was built around the year 1150.
- 24 St Mary's Chapel:** Beautifully preserved chapel founded by either Cubbie Roo or his son Bjarni who was Bishop of Orkney.

- 25 Wyre Heritage Centre:** Exhibition about the life of Wyre, with photographs and memories of bygone years. Special sections on Cubbie Roo and Edwin Muir. Small craft area.
- 26 The Bu:** Home for a time of Edwin Muir, recognised as one of the great Scottish writers of the 20th century.

EYNHALLOW

- 27 Monastery:** Remains of a beautiful 12th century religious settlement.
- 28 The Lodge:** Designed by the architect Lethaby this building is the base for a long-term research project studying Fulmar Petrels.
- 29 Monkerness:** Three prehistoric houses.

Treasure house of history

Rousay has a remarkably rich archaeological heritage, much of which has been uncovered thanks to the efforts of Walter Grant of Trumland House (1930s). His investments in whisky enabled him to invite some of the most influential archaeologists of the time to excavate sites now in the care of Historic Scotland. The best preserved are signposted and accessible but many more lie on privately owned land and permission for access should first be sought from the landowner.

On Rousay, along the west road from the pier, four well-preserved burial cairns can be visited - Taversoe Tuick, a most unusual two-storied cairn; Blackhammer and Yarso, both stalled cairns and by the cliffs at Scabra Head is Midhowe, the largest known stalled cairn which is protected by its own special building.

Close by is Midhowe Broch, the best of a range of fortified dwellings built along the shore of Eynhallow Sound dating from the Bronze/Iron Age. The Westness Walk, which is just over a mile long, has been described as the 'most important archaeological mile in Scotland'. It spans settlements from the first Stone Age farmers, the Pictish Iron Age, the Viking invaders, the period of the Earls and the troubled crofting evictions.

In this area Earl Paul Hakonson was kidnapped by Swein Asleifson and disappeared from Orkney forever. Earl Paul was hunting otters which are still found along this shore. Rousay's most spectacular relic, the Westness Brooch was found in 1963 in the grave of a Viking woman at Westness. It is thought to be Celtic in origin and may have been obtained on a raid around 750AD. It is now in the National Museum in Edinburgh, but silver replicas can be bought in the craft and jewellery shops.

Faraclett Head Walk is an exciting route covering several different habitats and early settlements.

Services

Accommodation

Accommodation providers listed below are members of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme and have been graded as part of the national scheme. Please refer to the disclaimer on the inside of the back cover.

The Taversoe (★★★★Inn): Rural Inn with on-site restaurant and public bar, situated two miles from the Rousay pier. At the Taversoe we offer Bed & Breakfast on four en-suite bedrooms. All of our bedrooms have panoramic sea views towards the Orkney mainland; TV, wifi and and tea and coffee making facilities. One of the rooms (Ramsay) is disability accessible, and a private resident's lounge is available for guests use. A collection service is available from the Rousay pier for residential guests. Open year round. t: 01856 821325, e: taversoe@hotmail.com, www.taversoehotel.co.uk

Trumland Farm Hostel (★★★Hostel): 2 dorms, sleeping 11, single and family room available, camp site. Bike hire available. Carol Rae. t: 01856 821252. e: trumland@btopenworld.com m: 07545 374029.

Trumland Farm (★★★Self Catering): Trumland Farm has 3 fully equipped self-catering units (all graded at three star) in renovated farm buildings, two with patios with south-west sea views. The Wyre (1 king, 1 sofa bed); The Rousay (2 doubles, 1 sofa bed, spa bath); The Egilsay (small studio with 1 sofa bed). Daily and weekend rates also available. Seasonal farm produce may be available. Courtesy transport to and from pier. Bikes for hire. Contact Carol Rae. t: 01856 821252. e: trumland@btopenworld.com m: 07545 374029.

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Faraclett Cottage, Rousay: Small, snug and well-equipped. Spectacular views. 1 Double, can provide cot/put-up. Pets welcome. Contact: Laura on 01856 821485

Cedarlee Self Catering: Cedarlee is a purpose built, cedar clad, self-catering cottage, situated five minutes walk from Rousay pier. Fully equipped and sleeping 6, Cedarlee is set

in its own grounds among trees, with panoramic views over farmland to the sea, and beyond, to Wyre, Gairsay and the Orkney mainland. Cedarlee has a spacious open-plan sittingroom (with sofa bed) and dining kitchen, with cathedral ceiling. There is one twin bedroom and one double, with ensuite, as well as a generous bathroom. Available all year round. Rates per week: £300-£400. Short breaks (minimum 4 nights) may also be available. For further information please visit our website: www.cedarleeselfcatering.co.uk or contact Alison Mainland e: alison@cedarleeselfcatering.co.uk, t: 01856 821243 m: 07745 256709.

Broland is a 2 bedroom house, overlooking Egilsay, with a fire in the livingroom, well equipped kitchen diner and lots of outside space. **Langstane** has an en-suite double bedroom plus two twin rooms, and a lovely view of Eynhallow Sound. Contact details for both these properties is 01856 821336.

Other Services

The Taversoe Inn, Bar and Restaurant: The Taversoe is ideally situated on the south side of Rousay, below the Knowe of Yarso, just two miles from Rousay pier. At the Taversoe we have a small established restaurant which overlooks the rear garden, with unparalleled sea views towards the Orkney mainland, and offering home-cooked meals, with vegetarian options and speciality diets available. The welcoming bar boasts an extensive selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, including hand-pulled ales from the Swannay Brewery. Open seven days a week from May to September, open five days a week (Wed.-Sun.) from October to April. t: 01856 821325, or e: taversoe@hotmail.com, www.taversoehotel.co.uk

Trumland House Gardens: Open from 1st Monday in May to last Friday in Oct, Monday-Friday inclusive, 10am-5pm.

Rousay Tours: Full escorted tours of Rousay. Contact Paddy Maguire t: 01856 821234, m: 07786 169364, e: patrick_maguire@hotmail.co.uk or www.rousaytours.co.uk

Rousay Heritage Centre: t: 01856 821374 or 01856 821359.

Marion's Shop & Filling Station: Marion's shop is a Fair-Trade shop with a wide range of local food products, as well as Orkney beers, wines and spirits are sold here. Attractive gardens and a picnic site, exhibit mature examples of the

many hardy containerised plants, which are offered for sale, and grown in the nursery. Locally made crafts. t/f: 01856 821365 e: marion365rousay@gmail.com

Tou Cottage, Rousay Sub Post Office: Hours of business: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-11am and 2pm-3pm. Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9am-10am. t: 01856 821352.

Brinian, Doctor: Island View Surgery. Open Monday-Friday. Reception t: 01856 821265. Fax 01856 821348, e: ork-hb.gp38084-rousay@nhs.net. Nurse t: 01856 821406 e: ork-hb.rousay-dn@nhs.net

VisitRousay (Rousay Tourist Association): Information on facilities and services on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre, go to www.visitrousay.co.uk, t: 01856 821234, m: 07786 169364.

AroundRousay.co.uk: A local website, featuring a *What's On* calendar of events and all of the essential information for your visit to this magical island. t/f: 01856 821360. e: info@aroundrousay.co.uk w: www.aroundrousay.co.uk

Discover Rousay and be inspired: Discover ancient tombs, rare birds and other wildlife, the rare *Primula Scotica*, and a location like no other... step off the beaten track and get closer to nature. A perfect day out for children and adults alike, or stay overnight to enjoy Rousay for longer. See what the amazing island of Rousay has to offer, on DiscoverRousay.co.uk

RAFT Services: Minibus taxi service around the Island of Rousay, with our 14-seat and 8-seat minibuses (including wheelchair lift). Group bookings welcome. t: 01856 821360 m: 07746 838761. www.aroundrousay.co.uk/taxi e: taxi@aroundrousay.co.uk

Healthy Living Centre: t: 01856 821443.

Egilsay: Egilsay Community Association extends a warm welcome to visitors. The community facilities are normally open between 10am and 5pm and residents and visitors are welcome to come and browse the books and use the WiFi. Tea and coffee are provided free of charge but donations are always welcome to help us with replenishing the stocks. Visiting groups can also arrange to hire the community hall and facilities. Please contact: t: (01856) 821301 David Basford or t: (01856) 821303 Debbie Corrigan. e: christinacox21@hotmail.com Please visit www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/egilsay

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust: The REW DT has a WiFi Centre complete with a computer and printer in the green room at Rousay Community School. This room is open during school hours and during normal weekly use of the school community facilities. There is also free Wi-Fi at the DT offices at the Manse, to book this please call the office on t: 01856 821229.

The Craffthub Community Interest Company: Quality Hand-made Arts and Crafts from Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre. Products for sale in the shop - Textiles, Paintings, Cards, Wood, Glass, Local Books, Pottery, Photographs and Jewellery.

Café - Serving light refreshments, Teas, Coffees, Soft drinks, Cakes, Soup and Sandwiches & Orkney Ice Cream.

2 minute walk from the pier, Rousay.

Free WiFi and local information

The Craffthub team extend a warm welcome to visitors - pop in feel free to browse or enjoy a cuppa while waiting for the ferry. We'd love to hear about your visit to Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre. Tel: 01856 821359

Email: craffthub@btconnect.com

Website: www.craffthuborkney.co.uk

Craft shop, workshops and Café

Open Daily 11am - 5.30pm April - September

Rousay Bus Service

On request public transport service, every Thursday.

7am - 7pm. Bookings advisable (by 7pm the day before travel). t: 01856 821360.

www.aroundrousay.co.uk/bus,
e: bus@aroundrousay.co.uk

By Sea

Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre

Effective from 5 May until 29 September 2019



The roll-on/roll-off ferry **m.v. Eynhallow** (95 passengers and 9 cars) serves the historic islands of Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre on a daily basis. Bookings should be made at the Tingwall Terminal in Evie on the Orkney Mainland. t/f: 01856 751360, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

		Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rousay	dep	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	
Egilsay	dep	0710	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	
Wyre	dep	0730	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	
Rousay	dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	
Tingwall	dep	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820	0840	
Rousay	dep	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850		
Wyre	dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900		
Rousay	dep	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0915
Egilsay	dep	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930A	0935B
Wyre	dep	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0955B
Rousay	dep	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1010
Tingwall	dep	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1045
Rousay	dep	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1120
Tingwall	dep	1150	1150	1240	1150	1150	1150	1155
Rousay	arr	1215	1215	1305	1215	1215	1215	1220
Rousay	dep	1315	1315		1315	1315	1315	1315
Egilsay	dep	1335A	1335A		1335A	1335A	1335A	1335B
Wyre	dep	1355A	1355A		1355A	1355A	1355A	1355B
Rousay	dep	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410
Tingwall	dep	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445
Rousay	dep	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520
Wyre	dep	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530
Tingwall	dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605
Rousay	dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1705B	1635
Egilsay	dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655		1655B
Wyre	dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B	1715B
Rousay	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730
Tingwall	dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Rousay	arr	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825
Rousay	dep	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	
Wyre	dep	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	
Egilsay	dep	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	
Rousay	arr	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	

A = On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings by 1700 on the day before travel, except for travel on Monday which must be made by 0900 on Monday.

B = On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings by 1430 on the day of travel, except for travel on Saturday or Sunday which must be made by 1115 on Saturday.

In the event of an urgent need for "on request" sailings outside of the above please contact the Company's Tingwall Office during normal office hours.

NOTES:

- 1) All vehicle bookings **MUST** be made through the Company's Tingwall Office. TELEPHONE/FAX: 01856 751360.
- 2) Vehicles **MUST** be available for boarding **15 minutes** and passengers **5 minutes** before departure times.
- 3) There is a connecting bus service between Kirkwall and Tingwall for most of these sailings - contact Stagecoach on (01856) 870555.
- 4) **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made by 1600 (1115 for travel on Sunday's and Monday's) on the day before the intended date of travel or charges may be incurred.
- 5) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in Company's vessels, offices and premises.

For full fares please enquire at Orkney Ferry Services Offices



Rousay Tours

All Year round - 7 days a week

Fully escorted day tours

Tours will be met on arrival of the 10:40 ferry from Tingwall. The tour circles the island with numerous stops at archaeological and scenic/wildlife sites and allows time for a picnic lunch (optional) at one of the sites. Booking is essential. Tour finishes for departure on the 17:30 ferry to Tingwall.

Paddy Maguire t: 01856 821234 m: 07786 169364

e: patrick_maguire@hotmail.co.uk or

www.rousaytours.co.uk

Tour Prices: Adult £35.00 - Children £15.00

(does not include ferry fare).

Picnic Lunches: Deluxe: £12.00 - Standard: £8.00.

(Please check the bus timetable to confirm departure times from the Kirkwall Travel Centre. (The bus that arrives at Tingwall for the 10:40 ferry passes the Tingwall turn-off, travels down Newton Road End in Evie, then returns to drop passengers at the ferry terminal).

By Road



Correct at time of going to print

Kirkwall to Tingwall (Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre)

Service 6

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Kirkwall KTC	Tingwall (Ferry)	Tingwall (Ferry)	Kirkwall KTC
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
0655	0809	0815	0845
0937	1029	1035	1100
1115	1140	1145	1210
1340	1433	1440	1505
1530	1555	1600	1625
1710	1735	1825	1850

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KTC = Kirkwall Travel Centre

t: Kirkwall (01856) 870555

www.stagecoachbus.com



Sanday

... History on your doorstep

Sweeping bays with white sandy beaches, an abundance of wildlife and an extraordinary density of historical and archaeological sites.

The attractive island of Sanday is the largest of the North Isles of Orkney and, as the name suggests, its most outstanding features are the beautiful white sandy beaches.

The island lies less than 20 miles northeast of Kirkwall; access by air and sea is comfortable and speedy. Sanday is a peaceful place; time is required to savour its gentle charm. You can fish for trout in the lochs or wander the beaches or eight way-marked walks, visit archaeological sites or watch the basking seals. Sanday offers unlimited opportunities for wildlife enthusiasts, both professional and amateur. You can watch fishing boats at Kettletoft and Loth, or farmers tending their fields in the long, light days of summer. You may gather your own thoughts and impressions in one of the island bars among the friendly and interested local folk. The island has a swimming pool, fitness suite and community centre adjoining the school as well as a nine-hole golf course. Sanday has two hotels, a hostel, a restaurant and several bed and breakfast and self-catering facilities.

Look for the Visitor Trail maps as you explore the island, and be sure to visit the Heritage Centre, The Croft Museum and the reconstructed Meur Burnt Mound in Lady.

Wildlife

Sanday is a diverse island encompassing a variety of habitats from fertile agricultural lands, rocky and long sandy shorelines plus sea cliffs, sheltered bays and freshwater lochs. The underlying geology, in combination with the effects of erosion, has created many bays and inlets. At low tide, great areas of sand-flats and rocks are exposed, providing rich feeding grounds for thousands of wintering wading birds and haul-out areas for both Common and Atlantic Grey Seals. There are spectacular machair dunes and links on the east side of the island, providing plentiful habitat for the endemic Orkney Vole. Offshore, kelp forests are crucial to the island's ecosystem as they provide shelter and rich foraging areas for seals, otters and Europe's smallest cetacean, the Harbour Porpoise as well as being the source of cast seaweed amongst which shore birds and other species feed on the abundant variety of invertebrate life. In the summer months, the variety of coastal habitats provides breeding grounds for a variety of breeding seabirds.

There are numerous Otters on Sanday and if you are quiet and patient, you may be lucky to see one. Their pathways, tracks in the sand and 'spraint' (droppings) on prominent knolls or rocks are frequently found; the animals prefer habitats within fairly easy reach of both seawater and freshwater habitats.

In recognition of the very special characteristics of Sanday, a significant length of coast has been designated both a RAMSAR site and Marine Special Area of Conservation, important for its Common Seals and wintering Et passage wading birds, most particularly Purple Sandpipers, Bar-tailed Godwit, Sanderling and Turnstone. There are several SSSIs on the island and the marine coast around the east of the island is designated a Special Protection Area due to the presence of sand dune and machair habitats, rare outside the Hebrides, as well as extensive intertidal flats and salt marsh. Sanday has a wide variety of plant habitats which means a diverse range of plants. Much of the land is not intensively farmed which helps to preserve these pretty swards.

Throughout the year, the island's Ranger, Emma Neave-Webb, runs a full programme of guided walks, tours, activities and excursions. Contact her in advance on ranger@sanday.co.uk or visit the Sanday Ranger website at www.sandayranger.org or on Facebook. Emma would be delighted to receive any records of wildlife sightings during your stay or offer advice on where to visit and what to see.

Archaeology

At least 6,000 years ago, farmers were settling here, attracted by the light sandy soils, which were easy to cultivate. Great stone tombs were erected, Quoyness being among the finest. The groups of hundreds of prehistoric mounds at Tofts Ness and Els Ness are among the most extensive and important funerary landscapes in Britain. Sanday offered the best conditions in Orkney for arable farming, reflected in the extraordinary density of prehistoric, Viking-age and later settlement. This wealth is indicated by Medieval taxation rolls which valued Sanday land higher than elsewhere in Orkney. Rich farmsteads usually remained in occupation for thousands of years resulting in massive accumulations of successively deserted buildings and midden deposits several metres thick.

Many archaeological treasures have been found on the island. Pool was a major excavation site in the 1980s when a succession of Neolithic, Pictish and Viking-age deposits was revealed. In 1991, a spectacular Viking-age find was made near Scar in Burness. This boat burial, which contained three human skeletons, was also richly endowed with ornaments, household goods and weapons. Another site of a Viking boat burial was rediscovered by a Time Team investigation in 1997; as suspected, the area was found to have been investigated in the 19th century, almost certainly by Sanday's famous folklorist Walter Traill Dennison. Winter storms, and a rescue dig, revealed a series of intricate and connected water features in a Burnt Mound at Meur in 2004. In 2014, archaeologists from St. Andrews University supervised a project that allowed enthusiastic islanders to be involved in a more detailed re-excavation of the site, which has led to even more exciting discoveries. This initiative also allowed the reconstruction of the site on the field between the Heritage Centre and The Croft in Lady Village.

The renovation of an old farmhouse led to a remarkable discovery in 2011. While taking up the flagstone floor, the builder noticed what looked like a cross inscribed on another flagstone lying beneath. Orkney's county archaeologist was alerted, and renovation work was halted until experts could examine and remove the artefact, which has been identified as the first definite class II Pictish Christian symbol stone ever found in Orkney probably dating back to 9th Century. Class II are carved in relief rather than incised. The Appiehouse Stone is hoped to be on display in the Heritage Centre for Summer 2018.

2015 saw the find, by a keen beachcomber, of a child's remains uncovered by winter storms and high tides at Tofts Ness. A rescue dig uncovered the child's grave in the sand - which is believed could be up to 4,000 years old. It is thought the skeleton could be that of a 10 year old child.

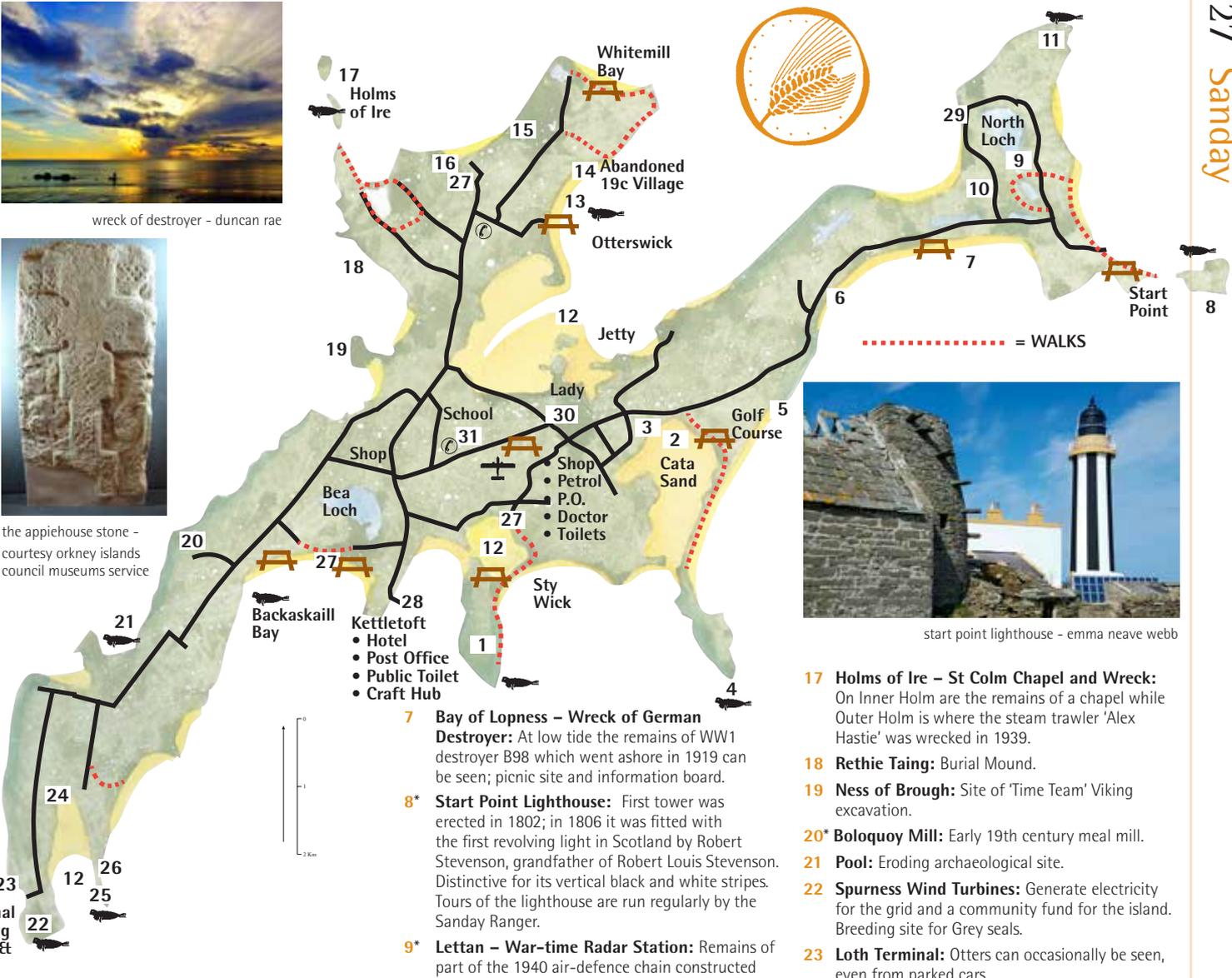
Most sites on Sanday are under grass with structures hidden from view, but Quoyness chambered tomb has been reconstructed and is open to the public. Of the many other archaeological sites on the island, most striking and accessible are those affected by coastal erosion. Take a walk around the coastline and you may come across one of the 100-odd sites currently being eroded by the sea. This can reveal buildings, artefacts and midden deposits. Finds are often made by visitors and can be reported to the museum in Kirkwall. Alternatively, contact the local archaeology group who can help with any finds you make. The group also carry out organised archaeological fieldwork activities most months and often have spaces for visitors to join in.



wreck of destroyer - duncan rae



the appiehouse stone - courtesy orkney islands council museums service



start point lighthouse - emma neave webb

Points of interest

- 1 **Elsness-Quoyness Chambered Tomb:** Neolithic chambered tomb, at least 2000 BC, one of Orkney's archaeological showpieces. It has a main chamber, six cells and served a whole community. Admission free, open all year.
- 2* **Cata Sand:** Tidal sandy bay flanked by a unique series of spectacular dunes with feeding habitat for wading birds.
- 3 **Brickie Hut:** Disused control room for a wartime dummy airfield.
- 4 **Tresness - Wasso Broch and Chambered Tomb:** Part of the wall of the broch can be seen and at the end of the Ness lies an eroding chambered tomb.
- 5 **Sanday Golf Club:** 9 hole Golf Course.
- 6 **Newark-** eroding archaeological site.

- 7 **Bay of Lopness - Wreck of German Destroyer:** At low tide the remains of WW1 destroyer B98 which went ashore in 1919 can be seen; picnic site and information board.
- 8* **Start Point Lighthouse:** First tower was erected in 1802; in 1806 it was fitted with the first revolving light in Scotland by Robert Stevenson, grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson. Distinctive for its vertical black and white stripes. Tours of the lighthouse are run regularly by the Sanday Ranger.
- 9* **Lettan - War-time Radar Station:** Remains of part of the 1940 air-defence chain constructed along the east coast of Britain.
- 10 **Northwa - Site of special scientific interest:** Botanically this area of shallow lochans and wet machair is very rich. Waders, breeding ducks, swans and migrants can all be seen.
- 11 **Tofts Ness:** Prehistoric Funerary Complex.
- 12 **Otterswick/Stove Bay/Peedie Sea:** Feeding habitat for waders. Common seals can be seen at Otterswick.
- 13 **Northskaill:** eroding archaeological site.
- 14* **Ortie:** Abandoned 19th century Crofting Township. Arranged in a remarkably long straight 'kloss', the village at one time housed more than 60 people.
- 15 **Scar:** Viking-Age Boat Burial.
- 16* **Scar:** 19th century Westove Estate House; extensive house steadings and garden wall indicate the size and importance of this estate. Close by are the remains of a circular stone windmill used for grinding meal.

- 17 **Holms of Ire - St Colm Chapel and Wreck:** On Inner Holm are the remains of a chapel while Outer Holm is where the steam trawler 'Alex Hastie' was wrecked in 1939.
- 18 **Rethie Taing:** Burial Mound.
- 19 **Ness of Brough:** Site of 'Time Team' Viking excavation.
- 20* **Boloquoy Mill:** Early 19th century meal mill.
- 21 **Pool:** Eroding archaeological site.
- 22 **Spurness Wind Turbines:** Generate electricity for the grid and a community fund for the island. Breeding site for Grey seals.
- 23 **Loth Terminal:** Otters can occasionally be seen, even from parked cars.
- 24* **Stove:** (Unfortunately no access to building): Ruined buildings of 19th century industrialised 'model farm' with steam engine house, red-brick chimney and boiler-house.
- 25 **Hacksness:** A favourite breeding site of the grey seal, which pups October-December.
- 26 **Neolithic Settlement:** eroding archaeological site.
- 27* **Cross Kirkyard, Lady Kirkyard and Burness Kirkyard:** ruins at Cross date from the 16th century but probably stand on the site of a Viking settlement.
- 28 **Kettletoft Pier.**
- 29 **Meur Burnt Mound site.**
- 30* **The Croft Museum/Heritage Centre/Re-use Centre/Meur Burnt Mound.**
- 31 **Swimming Pool, Fitness suite, Play-parks and Heilsa Fjold Drop-In Centre.**

* Social History Sites



Local events

Sanday Soulka (www.sandaysoulka.org) weekends are well-established and happen during the summer, check their website for dates. A mixture of talks, outings, special events, and music - all celebrating island life. The August weekend follows the highlight of the Farming year; Sanday Agricultural and Industrial Show, which gives an opportunity to view island cattle, sheep, ponies and poultry. Home-bakes, knitting, embroidery, craftwork, fruit and vegetables are also displayed and sold. The annual Harvest Home is held in October or early November when a meal is followed by a dance with traditional and modern music.

Throughout the year, the island's Community Association as well as many other interest groups host concerts, dances, talks and other activities. Local posters and the island's own monthly news-magazine 'The Sanday Sound' give details of such events, and the monthly 'What's On' calendar is also published on the website www.sanday.co.uk. Visitors are always made very welcome at any island events, just as they are at the local Golf course and at other sports practices.

Services

The roll-on roll-off ferry from Kirkwall takes less than an hour and a half and berths at Loth in the southwest of the island, where there is a waiting room, toilets and information board. You can travel with your car, or as a foot passenger, and then take the Sanday Bus - make sure you book in advance (Tel: 07513 084777).

Many of these services have pages on facebook.

Accommodation providers listed below are members of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme and have been graded as part of the national scheme. Please refer to the disclaimer on the inside of the back cover.

Ayre's Rock Hostel, Cottage & Camping: Self-catering or B&B and evening meal. (★★★★Hostel). Satellite TV in rooms and free WiFi. Campsite & camping pods with shower and toilet block, camper's kitchen, communal lounge and a modern four berth static caravan and self contained one bed cottage. Paul Allan. t: 01857 600410. Facebook, e: sandayhostel@gmail.com & www.ayres-rock-hostel-orkney.com Ayres Rock the iknow Orkney Partner with VisitScotland/Alba.

Bakehouse (★★★Self Catering): Self Catering house situated in Kettletoft, sleeps up to 8. Full weeks or short breaks. Free WiFi. Jacqueline Seatter t: 01857 600348, e: jqlnstr@aol.com, www.selfcateringsanday.co.uk & Facebook.

Quoyayre (★★★Self Catering): Self Catering, sleeps 4/6. Week(s) or short breaks, WiFi available. Jacqueline Seatter. t: 01857 600348 or e: jqlnstr@aol.com www.selfcateringsanday.co.uk & Facebook.

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Appiehouse: self catering, renovated farmhouse, sleeps 4, close to Lady Village, t: 07585 715424, e: info@appiehouse.co.uk, www.appiehousesanday.co.uk

Backaskaill Farmhouse: B & B and restaurant (open to non-residents - please book in advance); 1 king-sized room & 1 twin room (both en-suite) and 1 single room; residents' lounge with Sky TV. t: 01857-600305 Jane & Geoff. e: janey4geoff@btinternet.com www.bedandbreakfastsandayorkney.com

Belsair Hotel Restaurant and Bar, Kettletoft is situated at Kettletoft Pier, with 3 full en-suite rooms. Fresh baked home bakes, teas and freshly ground coffees available daily. Lunches and evening meals served every day in the bar or restaurant. For more information contact Kaye Towrie t: 01857 600206. e: thebelsairorkney@gmail.com & Facebook.

Braeswick B&B: 3 ensuite rooms, 2 doubles, 1 twin or super king. Evening meals catered for on request. www.braeswick.com t: 01857 600708 m: 07811326226 e: jon@braeswick.com

Kettletoft Hotel: Meals available, Thursday & Friday 12-2pm, 5pm-8pm. Tuesday 5-8pm. Wednesday & Saturday - Fish and Chip Shop, 4.30-8pm, eat in or take-away. Sunday roast dinner carvery 12-3pm. t: 01857 600217.

e: marktlawlor@btopenworld.com www.kettletofthotel.co.uk & Facebook

Ladybank: B&B, en-suite available. Evening meals cooked with local produce when available and free wifi. Denise Thomson. t: 01857 600339. e: ladybank@btinternet.com

Nouster: B&B and Nouster Dog Training. Jo Gilbert t: 01857 600485. www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/2376714

Park: Self Catering Cottage, sleeps 3. Richard Corser, t: 01857 600403.

Quivals: Self Catering - 3 bedrooomed (2 double and one twin) Luxuriously refurbished house, centrally located. t: 01856 878477/07795 574116 e: bookings@orkneyvillas.com www.orkneyvillas.com

Hayfield: 4 bedroom self catering, sleeps up to 7. Wifi t: 01857 600206.

Mid Breckan: Self catering renovated croft cottage, 2 bedrooms sleeps up to 8, full weeks or short breaks, telephone & wifi. t: 01856 871469, m:07851141133, e: mmuir126@aol.com

West Langamay B&B: We are a small B&B offering a twin room, with private bathroom and dining room. Evening meal by arrangement. Contact Robin & Penny Calvert, West Langamay, Sanday, KW17 2BP. t: 01857 600756 e: robin@rogartcroft.co.uk

Shops & Post Offices

Heilsa Fjold Cafe and Drop-in Centre: free access to WiFi, laptops available for public use, book swap, table football, pool table, xbox, games and much more. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-9.30pm and Sun 11.30am-5.30pm. t: 01857 600359. Cafe is open most of the year round on Tuesdays from 11.30am-2pm. Tea and coffee is available self service by donation at all other times.

Tangles Cafe within Kettletoft Hotel: light lunches, soups, snacks, freshly baked home bakes and Barista coffees. Open Wednesday - Saturday 11am-4pm. Contact Julia t: 01857 600217.

Sinclair General Stores: Award winning, very well stocked, licensed general store with fuel. Open Mon-Sat 9am-8pm and Sun 12noon-4pm. t: 01857 600312. Facebook: [@sinclairrandsanday](https://www.facebook.com/sinclairrandsanday).

Sinclair Haulage: Supply and deliver domestic fuels and building materials. t: 01857 600404.

Fresh vegetables throughout the year; callers welcome. Rendall, Neigarth, t: 01857 600327.

Sanday Post Office: Kettletoft. Opening times: Mon, Tue, Thur 9am-12.30pm, Wed closed, Friday 2pm-5.30pm. t: 01857 600206.

Sanday Community Shop: A Community owned licensed general store now incorporating Post Office. Full range of stock, fuels, transport and deliveries. Open Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5.30pm, Sun 1-4pm t:01857 600483, e:sandaycommunityshop@gmail.com and facebook.

Calor Gas: Andrew Rae, Greenspot. t: 01857 600366.

Re-Use Centre: Second-hand goods at bargain prices, including a wide range of books for both adults and children. Funds raised support the work of Sanday Development Trust. Lady Village. Open Tues & Sat mornings.

Local Crafts

Craft Hub: The community run Craft Hub offers a wide range of unique handcrafts for sale, all of which are 'Made on Sanday'. With knitwear, jewellery, woodwork, pottery, cards, artwork and homewares on offer from over 30 crafters, there's something for every taste and budget. Open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays - other times possible by prior arrangement. t: 01857 600359 Facebook [@sandaycraftshub](https://www.facebook.com/sandaycraftshub)

Ayre's Rock: Sanday mugs available from the hostel and chip shop.

Working Landscape Studio: paintings and prints by Carolyn Dixon. Kirkhall, Sanday. Open most days or ring to arrange. t: 01857 600282.

Stove House Art Studio: Rosey Priestman, viewing by appointment - t: 01857-600283.

West Manse apiary: Our bees transform the nectar and pollen from Sanday's flowers into a sweet, tasty, natural product. But the summers here are short, and often cool and breezy, so their honey is scarce and sought-after. Call past and purchase a jar. We are next to Heilsa Fjold.

Artist's Studio: Nortwa Gallery 3 Lettan. Bill McArthur seascapes.

Churches

Cross Kirk: Church of Scotland Sunday service 11.30 am.

Roman Catholic Church: Saville Sunday service 10.00 am.

Recreation

Ayres Rock: Sanday Tours, for one to four people, tailored to your needs; Blow cart and kite, windsurfer, twin kayak available for hostel guests. e: sandayhostel@gmail.com

Sanday Artist Studio Trail: Rosey Priestman, Stove House Art Studio, viewing by appointment. t: 01857 600283 e; www.fernfelix.com/roseypriestman. **John Webber,** Bu, Overbister. t: 01857 600273 e: johnwebber47@gmail.com

Nouster: Dog training including field. also pet sitting and dog walking servie. Contact Jo Burrridge t: 01857 600485.

Swimming pool: Monday & Thursday 6.30-7.15pm public session, 7.15-8pm length swimming, Friday, lane swimming 2.15-3pm, public session 3pm-4.45pm. Saturday 2-2.45pm, 2.45-3.30pm public sessions. *this session public during school holidays.

Fitness Suite: Monday & Wednesday 6-7.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday 4.30-6pm, Saturday 12-2pm. t: 01857 600795.

Nine-hole golf course: Open to visitors (day-fee £10). Tuesday evenings are the regular competition nights. Golfers play at their own risk and enjoy amazing island wildlife including the Club's own Arctic Skuas. t: 01857 600393.

Sea-angling & Loch-fishing: enquire locally.

Visitors' trail: enquire locally and see booklet.

Internet Access Point: Heilsa Fjold, Ayre's Rock, Belsair Hotel and Kettletoft Hotel.

Heritage Centre, Croft Museum & Burnt Mound: Discover some of Sanday's natural and man-made treasures and learn more about the community's history. Crafts and souvenirs available. Summer hours beginning of May to end of October 9.30 -5pm. Weekends and other times by arrangement over wintervisit www.sanday.co.uk for details.

Sanday Ranger: walks, activities, tours & expeditions throughout the year. t: 01857 600359. e: ranger@sandaydevelopmenttrust.org.uk, www.sandayranger.org and facebook.

Sanday Nature Tours: tailor-made guided wildlife tours of Sanday. Experience the sights and sounds of our beautiful island with our knowledgeable guides. Fully guided two hour to full day tours available all year. t: 07593 026957 e: info@sandaynature.co.uk www.sandaynature.co.uk

Sanday Archaeology Group: t. Cath Parker 01857-600443 e: sandayarchaeology@outlook.com

Transport

Taxi service: Local information point at Ayre's Rock, Paul Allan t: 01857 600410. e: sandayhostel@gmail.com, car hire www.easycar.club.com

Pendlebury Pedals: Cycle Hire, repair and servicing. Lady Village. t: 01857 600789, m: 07717 059583 e: peands@aol.com

Garage: Vehicle and machinery repairs, Andrew Rae. t: 01857 600366.



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Fuel - Petrol and diesel available from Sinclair Licenced Grocer and Sanday Community Shop: Gas cylinders from Andrew Rae's garage.

Bryan Willing Services, Annabrake: For all mechanical repairs. t: 01857 600365.

Sanday Bus to and from the ferry Terminal: See box advertisement below.

Other Services

Kettletoft Flowers: Sanday-grown bedding plants. Suppliers across Orkney. Plant sales throughout the summer. Hanging baskets, troughs and filled tubs by order. t: 01857 600257 or find us on facebook.

Farmhouse Kitchen proudly provides a freshly cooked meal, delivered to your door daily. Two courses for just £6.95 including delivery. Call Pam on 600408, text us on 07557 671772 or message us on facebook. We look forward to serving you.

Doctor Surgery: Flebister, Lady Village, t: 01857 600221. Office hours: Mon-Thur 8.45am-12.30pm, Fri 8.45am-11.30am, Tues & Thur 4.30pm-6.30pm. Emergencies outwith these times t: 01856 888000 and ask to page the Sanday Doctor or Nurse.

Sanday website: www.sanday.co.uk

Jo Walker: Sanday's Resident Hairdresser - appointments 9 - 5pm, Thursdays, in Community Room and mobile hairdressing at other times. Also Indian head massage. t: 01857 600262 or 07754 149042.

Wildlife Webcams: offering a glimpse into the secret lives of Sanday's wildlife, a variety of wildlife webcams stream to the Heritage Centre and online throughout the year. There is always something new to see. www.sandayranger.org

By Air



LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

MONDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0940	1001	1008	1021
1630	1643	1650	1711

TUESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0851	0858	0911
1530	1543	1550	1611

WEDNESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0840	0901	0908	0921
1530	1543	1550	1611

THURSDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0851	0858	0911
1530	1543	1550	1611

FRIDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0851	0858	0911
1530	1543	1550	1611

SATURDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0951	0959	1011

SUNDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
1730	1800	1807	1828

Flight Drop-off/Pickup on request

By Sea

Sanday

Effective from 5 May until 30 September 2019

The services to Sanday are carried out by the vessels **m.v. Earl Thorfinn** (190 passengers and 25 cars), **m.v. Earl Sigurd** (190 passengers and 25 cars) and **m.v. Varagen** (144 passengers and 32 cars). Hot/cold drinks and cold snacks are available on all vessels at modest prices. Bookings should be made at the Kirkwall Office: t: 01856 872044, f: 01856 872921, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk



	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Kirkwall dep		0740B		0740B		0740B	0900A
Eday arr		0855		0855			
Eday dep		0905B		0905B			
Sanday arr		0925		0925		0905	1025
Sanday dep	0800A	0935B	0730B	0940B		0915B	
Kirkwall arr	0925	1100	0855	1005		1040	

Kirkwall dep	1035		1010		1010		
Eday arr			1125		1125		
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Sanday arr	1200		1155		1155		
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Kirkwall arr	1355		1330		1330		1905

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Sanday arr		1910					2055
Kirkwall arr	1940		1940	1815	1940	1940	

A - Vehicles must be booked before 1400 hrs on Saturday.

B - Vehicles must be booked before 1600 hrs the day before sailing.

All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall.

NOTES:

- 1) Vehicle check in times: **20 minutes** before departure. Passenger check in times: **10 minutes** before departure.
- 2) **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made not less than **24 hours** before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply.
- 3) In order to accommodate certain local events these timetables will be subject to change. (See page 47).
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the Company's vessels, offices and premises.

Sailings subject to change on the following dates - 15 June, 27 July, 2 & 3 August and 10 August 2019.

For full fares please enquire at Orkney Ferry Services Offices

Sanday Bus

Sanday Bus - Regular service to and from the ferry terminal to meet Orkney Ferries sailings.

Booking strongly recommended.

t: 07513 084777.

The Sanday Experience - an island tour

Every Wednesday throughout the summer. Pick up from the ferry terminal, lunch. Tour of the island's historic and natural heritage sites with local island guides, visit to the Heritage Centre, and tea and cakes before you are returned to the evening ferry.

Adults £35.00, children (16 and under) £20.00, Fully inclusive. t: 07513 084777 to book.

Shapinsay

... The Viking haven

Way back in the mists of legend, Orkney's most famous giant, Cubbie Roo, put a mark on Shapinsay. In a fit of rage, he hurled a huge stone from his home on Wyre, which came to rest on the east side of Shapinsay, our Mor Stane. On the way, it touched the west of the island, forming the burn called Trolldgoe.

The green and fertile island of Shapinsay lies a pleasant 25-minute crossing by ferry from Kirkwall. The MV Shapinsay, commissioned in 1989, operates a regular service throughout the day.

When you sail out of the shelter of Kirkwall Bay, notice the WW2 gun emplacements at the Point of Carness. Also, look out for cormorants, shags, great black-backed gulls, eiders and seals as the ferry passes the islet of Thieves Holm, its name indicating its former use: in olden times pirates were hanged and their tarred bodies displayed as a warning to others.

Crossing The String, the deep water exit from Kirkwall Bay, the Victorian turrets of Balfour Castle loom ahead. To the right is the uninhabited island of Helliar Holm with its automatic lighthouse.

Approaching Shapinsay Pier and ro-ro terminal, the scene is one of traditional drystone walls sheltering attractive gardens in front of a line of stone cottages. Balfour Village was built in the late 18th century as a home for smiths, carpenters and masons employed on the Balfour estate.

Much further back in time, the calm waters of Elwick Bay echoed to the bustle of the 100-vessel fleet of King Hakon IV of Norway, which anchored here in 1263 before setting off for the Battle of Largs.

Landscape

Shapinsay is low-lying with its highest point being Ward Hill at 210 feet (64 metres) from where, on a clear day, there is a breathtaking view of almost all the other Orkney isles. The island is six miles (10 km) long and, in common with most of Orkney, it is made up of Middle Old Red Sandstone.

An interesting feature of the island is the 'ayre', a name rooted in Old Norse and meaning a narrow spit of shingle that cuts across a shallow bay to form a freshwater loch or 'oyce'. Look for ayres at Vasa Loch and Laird Water, and for the natural process near completion at the Ouse.



the smithy, balfour village, shapinsay

Archaeology

Shapinsay has its share of mounds, cists, underground structures and brochs, partially or totally unexcavated. Burroughston Broch, which dates back to the Iron Age, was excavated in the 1860s and is one of the finest examples in Orkney. Open throughout the year there is a small car park at the site.

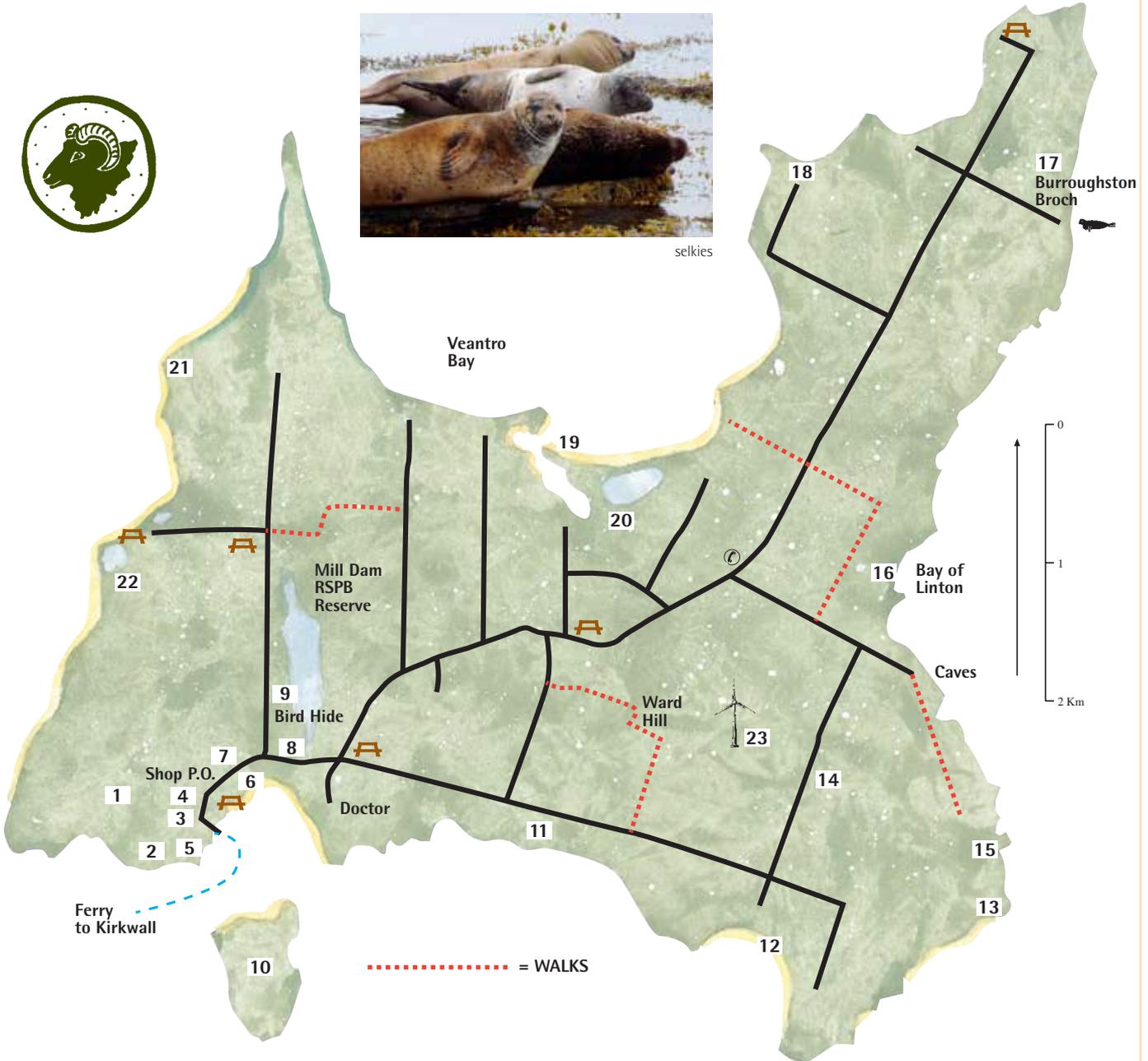
Please remember that almost all other antiquities are on privately-owned land and permission to visit must be sought. The careful visitor is always welcome.

Points of interest

- 1 Balfour Castle:** Victorian castle built around the existing house of Cliffdale. It is a private residence, not open to the public.
- 2 The Douche:** Also called the Dishan Tower, it dates from the mid 19th century and is a salt-water shower topped by a dovecot.
- 3 Balfour Village:** Formerly called Shoreside, it was built in the late 18th century for workers on the Balfour estate.
- 4 The Smithy:** Originally the village blacksmith's workshop with a sail loft above. Now the heritage centre, craft shop and café/restaurant.
- 5 The Gatehouse:** Former estate entrance to Balfour Castle and residence of the gatekeeper.
- 6 Gas House:** All that remains of former gas works; dates from the mid 19th century.
- 7 School – Community Centre – Playing Fields – Childrens' Playground.**
- 8 Elwick Mill:** It used to be the largest water-powered meal mill in Orkney, serving local farmers. Now a private residence.
- 9 Mill Dam, RSPB Reserve:** A hide overlooks this wetland reserve giving fine views. The reserve is home to many breeding birds including pintails, shovellers and other ducks, waders such as redshanks, curlews, snipe and lapwings, and the secretive water rail. In winter hundreds of ducks such as wigeon, teal and mallard are joined by greylag geese, and birds of prey such as hen harriers are regularly seen hunting at the reserve.
- 10 Helliar Holm:** Now uninhabited, this tidal island has a broch, chambered cairn, chapel site, and an automatic lighthouse.
- 11 Old Church & Kirkyard:** First church on this site was built in 1559; present church constructed in 1802. The Balfour Burial Aisle is located in the churchyard.
- 12 Bay of Sandgarth:** Sandy beach.
- 13 Interesting Walk:** Including views of ruins, bird life and rock formations such as the 'Foot of Shapinsay'.



shapinsay pier and village - drew kennedy



- 14 Standing Stone:** Megalithic monument known as Mor Stein.
- 15 Castle Bloody:** Chambered Cairn; origin of name unknown. Stands on Shapinsay's only remaining heather moorland, an ideal site for birds and wildlife.
- 16 Linton Chapel:** Probably dates from 12th century, although little remains at ground level. It's said that a lintel from the chapel was used in building a byre on a nearby farm in the early 1900s. The lintel was promptly returned when two of the farmer's cattle were discovered hanged in the byre.

- 17 Broch of Burroughston:** Archaeological site excavated in the 1860s. Good point for viewing seals.
- 18 Quholme:** Birthplace circa 1840 of William Irving, the father of Washington Irving (born 1783 in New York), the famous American author and diplomat.
- 19 Odin's Stone:** Large black stone lying on beach below tide line; 6½ feet (2 metres) long and 4½ feet (1.4 metres) wide. Different from other stones on the shore. Origin unknown but traditionally associated with the Norse god Odin.

- 20 Laird Water and the Ouse:** Good examples of ayres and ocyes at Veantro Bay. Easy access for walking and birdwatching.
- 21 Gun Emplacements:** Former battery used in World War II.
- 22 Vasa Loch:** Fine example of a brackish lagoon behind an ayre. Good birdwatching (in winter many whooper swans).
- 23 Shapinsay Community Wind Turbine:** generates electricity to the grid and funds for the local community.

Wildlife

Bird life abounds on Shapinsay, but this island is particularly noted for its gull and tern colonies, courting shelducks and hunting hen harriers. Shapinsay is a great place to wander the quiet roads and tracks, to watch and listen for the abundant waders, such as curlews, redshanks, snipe, lapwings and oystercatchers, which utilize farmland fields. The RSPB has a hide overlooking Mill Dam on the west side of the island. From here many species of nesting birds and wildfowl can be viewed. Other good places for observing the island's wildlife include the Ouse, Lairo Water and Vasa Loch. All these water bodies are areas where you can find otters if you are lucky. The moorland on the east coast of the island is good for seeing common gulls, curlews, twites, arctic terns and greylag geese. From April until early August you can see small numbers of cliff-nesting birds such as razorbills, guillemots, tysties, kittiwakes and a few pairs of puffins.

In summer Shapinsay's waysides are lush and green, with wild flowers in bloom and bumblebees foraging.



balfour village with balfour castle in the background

Balfour castle

Balfour Castle was built in the Scottish Baronial style by Colonel David Balfour in 1847. The construction work and the expansion of the Balfour estate were funded by a fortune made in India by his great-uncle, John Balfour. Agricultural improvement on the estate resulted in the grid pattern of 10-acre (4-hectare) fields that you see across Shapinsay today.

Community Heritage and Craft Centre

Located upstairs from the Smithy Café and Restaurant in Balfour Village, the Shapinsay Heritage and Craft Centre has a fascinating and impressive display of photographs, documents and artifacts relating to the island's history. You will find copies of the census information going back to 1831 (produced by the Orkney Family History Society), place name maps, kirkyard inscriptions, and work undertaken by school and college students – all excellent resources for research or for general interest in Shapinsay's past. Traditional and modern crafts carried out by islanders are also on display, including knitting, needle-felting, photography, local yarn, bobbin lace, local jams and chutneys, and much more. Many of these are available for purchase. Craft demonstrations and 'have a go' sessions are also held on occasions.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Centre aims to open every day from May to September. See local notices for special events and demonstration sessions.

The land

Visitors will immediately notice how grassy-green this intensively-cultivated island is. Shapinsay's medium and small farms specialise in quality beef and lamb, exporting more than 1,500 cattle and 2,000 sheep annually. Livestock goes mainly to Aberdeenshire farms for further fattening and frequently wins prizes at major agricultural shows throughout Britain.

A feature of Shapinsay, most obvious from the air, is its square ten-acre (four-hectare) fields and straight roads. These result from the activities of the 'improvers' in the 1850s. Colonel David Balfour's skilled advisors and employees completely changed farming on the island. In the 26 years between 1848 and 1874 the area under cultivation went from 700 acres to over 6,000 acres. Now all the farms are owner-occupied, with modern steadings and the latest equipment alongside some crofting activity in traditional Orkney stone steadings.

Services

Accommodation

Accommodation providers listed below are not participants of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme. Please refer to the disclaimer on the inside of the back cover before booking.

Iona Cottage: Spacious, modern yet traditional cottage. Sleeps six. Three bedrooms. Master bedroom with ensuite shower-room, two twin rooms with ensuite toilet. Large dining kitchen, lounge, porch, family bathroom, utility room. Wonderful views, WiFi. One mile (1.6 km) from Shapinsay pier, shop, post office and heritage centre. Contact Brenda McDonald, t: 01224 867184, enquiries@islandselfcatering.co.uk, www.islandselfcatering.co.uk

Leisure Activities

Community Heritage and Craft Centre: The Smithy, Balfour Village. Open daily May – September.

Community Centre: For indoor sports and games during the school holidays; for details see local information boards.



broch of burroughston



shapinsay pier - drew kennedy



the old pier, shapinsay

Other Services

Thomas Sinclair/Balfour Bakery, shop and post office: OPEN DAILY. Groceries and fresh goods, hot drinks and snacks, fuel, Calor gas, etc. See us on Facebook. t: 01856 711300 e: thomassinclairshapinsay@gmail.com

The Smithy Café & Restaurant stands centre-piece in Balfour Village just minutes away from the ferry. At the time of going to press the café is closed – for further information contact 01856 873535 ext 2237.

Church of Scotland: Service Sunday 11am from 6th May to 1st July and 26th August to 30th September; 12 noon the rest of the year.

Healthy Living Centre: t: 01856 711346

Tours & Visits

Groat's Charters: MV Charles Ann for sea fishing, diving, island trips, birdwatching, pleasure cruises. Mr Harvey Groat, Housebay, Shapinsay. t: 01856 711254, m: 07864 470600 www.orkneyangling.co.uk

Shapinsay Development Trust operates a minibus service and electric car for island transport and tours. This service operates on a pre-booked arrangement through coordinators. Bookings can be made one day in advance either by text, email or phone between 9am - 5pm. Booking numbers are as follows. t: 07901575162. e: shapinsaybookings@gmail.com

By Sea

Shapinsay

Effective from 5 May until 29 September 2019

The daily service to the island of Shapinsay is operated by the roll-on/roll-off ferry **m.v. Shapinsay** (91 passengers and 14 cars). Bookings should be made at the Kirkwall Office t: 01856 872044, f: 01856 872921, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk



		Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Shapinsay	dep	0730A	0730B	0730B	0730B	0730B		
Kirkwall	dep	0815A	0815B	0815B	0815B	0815B		
Shapinsay	dep	0900A	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900A*
Kirkwall	dep	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945A
Shapinsay	dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030A
Kirkwall	dep	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130A
Shapinsay	dep	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330A
Kirkwall	dep	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415A
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Kirkwall	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600A	
Shapinsay	dep	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645A	
Kirkwall	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730A	
Shapinsay	dep							1730A
Kirkwall	dep							1815A
Shapinsay	dep						1900A	1900A
Kirkwall	dep						1945A	1945A*

A - Vehicles must be booked before 1400 hrs on Saturday. **B** - Vehicles must be booked before 1600 hrs the day before sailing. All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure.

No Show Charges - All cancellations must be made less than 24 hrs before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply. * Slight alterations may be made to these sailings on a few Sundays in June, July and August to allow connections with the other ships - details will be advertised by separate notices.

NOTES:

- 1) All vehicle bookings must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone 01856 872044.
- 2) Vehicles **MUST** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure times and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
- 3) No Show Charges - All cancellations must be made by 1600hrs the day before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply.
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in Company's vessels, offices and premises.

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sunset at the douche

Stronsay

... Orkney's Island of Bays

See one of Orkney's finest natural sea arches at the Vat of Kirbister, a dramatic 'gloop' created by the collapse of a sea cave roof.

Discover Whitehall Village. Overlooking the monastic island of Papa Stronsay, this once thriving centre of the herring boom of the 1800s, is now a quiet harbour village where you'll find the island's hotel, B&B, a hostel, café, local shop and a Heritage Centre.

Look out for the rare Pelican Foot shell and Spoots, or razor fish, on the beachcomber's paradise of St Catherine's Bay.

Walk from Whitehall to the beach at Ayre of Myres for picnics and seal-spotting.

Take In the dramatic cliff scenery of Odin Bay while enjoying an exhilarating circular coastal walk.

Explore the silver dunes of Rothiesholm Beach (pronounced Rousam) and discover such rare flora as Creeping Willow, Frog Orchid and Adder's Tongue Fern together with some of Orkney's rarest shells.

Watch Wildlife in the beautiful surroundings of Stronsay Bird Reserve by Mill Bay and in the seal and bird hides near Holland Bay.

Discover Island Crafts from handcrafted jewellery to textiles, clothes, dolls and speciality soaps, with the chance to make your own souvenir of Stronsay at Craftship Enterprise.

Stronsay Bird Reserve

Set in beautiful surroundings by Mill Bay, the reserve is famed for rare bird sightings including some species new to Orkney.

St John's Hill

One of the lowest hills in Scotland, where the easily accessible viewpoint provides a dramatic 360 degree panorama of 25 of Orkney's islands set against a backdrop of sea and sky.

The wild places

From fertile cattle and sheep grazing land to moorland and wetland, Stronsay supports a rich flora and fauna. The moorland peninsula of Rothiesholm is purple with Heather and Bell Heather during the late summer and the wetter area is dominated by Rushes, Sedges, Cotton Grass and Crossed-Leaved Heath. Burgh Hill on the other hand provides a fine example of northern maritime heath.



vat of kirbister - raymond besant

Points of interest

- 1 Whitehall:** The village took its name from a house built here in the 1670s by Patrick Fea. The village is the terminal for the roll-on, roll-off ferry service.
- 2 Lower Whitehall:** This little community was built to house the families of herring fishermen. Seals can often be seen on the skerries here.
- 3 Ayre of Myres:** This pretty beach is within easy walking distance of Whitehall and is ideal for a picnic and seal watching.
- 4 Well of Kildingui:** Water from this fresh spring located just below the high water mark, when taken, was reputed to be a cure for all known ailments except the Black Death.

5 Mill Bay: One of Stronsay's finest bays with an easy accessible sandy beach and grassy slopes with a wide range of mosses and flowering plants.

6 The Muckle Water: A large freshwater loch in the middle of the island. Amongst the many water birds, Merganser and Shoveler Duck may be found. It is an excellent site to see marsh plants. It is stocked with brown trout and the fishing is free.

7 Bluthers Geo and the Malme: Just by the geo there is a natural swimming pool. Also nearby is a stack called the Malme, the site of an early Christian hermitage.

8 Vat of Kirbister: From the car park area, there is easy access to the Vat. The cliff scenery is stunning and it is possible to continue your walk from the Vat along the coast through to Burgh Hill and Lamb Head.

9 Tam's Castle: On the summit of this stack is another hermitage ruin within the shelter of a parapet wall.

10 Iron Age Fort: A small promontory fort dating from the early Iron Age with a stone faced rampart across a narrow isthmus.

11 Broch of Burgh Head: A monastic site and running along the landward side of the stack is a stone wall, the Vallum Monasterii (monastery wall), a symbolic barrier against the outside world.

12 Burgh Hill: This is part of the nature walk which takes in the stunning coastal scenery on this side of the island. This area also abounds with plant life, including a variety of mosses and lichens.

13 Lamb Ness and Lamb Head: Home to a myriad of seabirds and dotted with archaeological sites this is a "must do" walk. Here are sites of 'Pict Houses' and the Dane's Pier, a natural rock structure said to have been a Norse harbour and now home to hundreds of seals. This area is grazed by sheep so please follow the country code.

14 The Pow: The pow or pool is a safe anchorage which ebbs dry at low water.

15 Lea-shun and the Sand of Crook: This large loch attracts a large variety of breeding wildfowl which can be observed from a recently renovated bird hide, and along the beach can be found the seal hide, also recently renovated.

16 Rothiesholm Beach (pronounced Rousam): Another of Stronsay's lovely sandy beaches where Orkney's rarest shells, Cyprina (the coo) and the bubble shell (canoe) are found.

17 Rothiesholm Head: This large tract of heather moorland attracts many breeding birds. Crofters here are still afforded ancient "Peat Rights".



18 Hillock of Baywest: A broch tower with a broad platform conceals the remains of an extensive Iron Age village. To the north, an elongated mound contains an unexcavated burial chamber of the stalled type dated from 3000BC or earlier.

19 Chambered Tomb: Similar to Tomb of the Eagles.

20 St. Catherine's Bay: Another fine sandy bay with very low tides which makes it a popular for "spoots" or razor fish. This edible shellfish is dug out of the sand. Access road to a parking area and beach.

21 Linga Holm: Now owned by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and is an important breeding site for Atlantic Grey Seals and for Greylag Geese.

22 Holm of Huip: Important breeding site for Atlantic Grey Seals in October and November.

23 Wreck: A concrete barge built in France in early 1900s used to store coal to supply herring drifters. It sank in the 1930s and for many years local men 'salvaged' the coal from her in small boats in the dead of night.

24 Moncur Memorial Church: This is the island's only church and was built in 1955 to a design by Edinburgh architect Leslie Grahame MacDougall. A large building of cruciform design, it is architecturally unique in Orkney while still retaining many of the traditional Orcadian features in its construction.

25 Papa Stronsay: Home of Orkney's Monks, as a monastery island it was first settled by the Papari, the monks of St. Columba. The Vikings gave the island its Papa name. The monastic life returned to Papa Stronsay in 1999. The monks welcome visitors and may be contacted by e-mail on contact@the-sons.org.

26 Papa Stronsay Monastery

27 Our Lady's Catholic Chapel

28 Auskerry: This small island lies 3 miles south of Stronsay and is a breeding site for Puffins, Black Guillemots, Arctic Terns and has a large colony of Storm Petrels. The island is also very rich in archaeological remains.

29 Stronsay Community Wind Turbine: Generates electricity to the grid and funds for the local community.

C = Craft Trail

----- = WALKS





Archaeology

Recent archaeological investigations have revealed the presence of several settlements and field systems on Stronsay.

Fortunately these sites remain very much intact and near the Hillock of Baywest lies one of Orkney's earliest chambered tombs, dating from 3000BC or earlier.

Whitehall village

This was once one of the major herring ports in Scotland with several curing stations which, during the 1800s, employed hundreds of men, women and children. During its heyday the harbour's skyline was criss-crossed with the masts of up to 300 boats. On a Sunday it was sometimes possible to walk from Whitehall to Papa Stronsay across the decks of the anchored fleet.

Unfortunately the industry entered a decline during the 1930s. There are local folk who still remember these boom years and the old Stronsay fish market has been renovated and offers café facilities, hostel, a laundry room, public toilets and shower.

The kelp industry

Kelp production was a major industry in Stronsay during the 18th century. In Orkney kelp was first produced in 1722 by James Fea of Whitehall, Stronsay. By the end of the 18th century the processing of seaweed was employing some 3000 people and providing large profits for Orkney lairds.

Stronsay Limpet monthly newsletter

For local news, events and opening times visit the Stronsay Limpet on www.stronsaylimpet.co.uk

Services

Accommodation

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HOTELS

Stronsay Hotel: t: 01857 616213 e: cjdbuk@gmail.com fax: 01857 616465 - Just a 2 min walk from the ferry terminal you will get a warm welcome at our friendly hotel and licensed bar. 3 twin rooms one with full disabled facilities and 1 Double/Family room all of which

are en-suite. Rooms are available as B&B or room only. Long term rates are an option. There is a varied range of evening meals to be had, huge Orkney steaks, many home cooked pies and curries or just a plate of chips.

BED & BREAKFAST

Storehouse B&B: Whitehall Village. 4 en-suite rooms with TV., WiFi, tea and coffee facilities. Evening meals and lunches available. Guest lounge and dining room. Disabled facilities, wheelchair access. Anne-Maree Carter. t: 01857 616263, e: annemaree.carter@btinternet.com

SELF CATERING

Smiddy Cottage: 2 bed cottage, 1 dbl room, 1 single with bunk beds. Small modernised kitchen, sitting room, bathroom with shower over bath. Within walking distance of all village amenities. Large enclosed garden, great for children and dogs. Free WiFi.

HOSTEL

Stronsay Fish Mart Hostel and Café: full renovation completed in 2015. Short walk from the ferry terminal. Café and 10 bed, en-suite Hostel with sitting/dining and self-catering facility, family room, disabled facilities and wheelchair access throughout, operating all year round. Public shower/toilet open 24hrs. Laundry facility also available. t:01857616401. e: fishmartstronsay@gmail.com

Transport

Self Drive and Taxi: D. S. Peace, Samson's Lane Stronsay. t: 01857 616335.

Shops & Post Office

Olivebank: General Merchant, butcher and off sales (petrol sold), motor spares and repair. Open 8.30am – 6.30pm Monday – Saturday. MetS Williamson, t: 01857 616255.

Post Office: Opening times 0830-1700 Mon.-Sat

Ebenezer Stores: Grocery, general store, frozen food, off sales and souvenirs. Mike and Viv Erdman Bicycles for use on island free of charge. T: 01857 616339.

Stronsay Cycles: A selection of well maintained bikes for use free of charge on Stronsay t: 01857 616339.

Redhouse Plants Market Garden: Seasonal vegetables available daily. Bedding plants and perennials available in season. Opening hours: 9am – 5pm Mon – Sat. t: 01857 616377.

Crafts & Craft Trail

Stronsay's Crafting Chapel and Visitor Centre: Just pop in to see what we are making or book a Crafting class/holiday, with craft shop and café. Free WiFi. Open April to December 11am to 4pm Saturday to Wednesday. Contact Dianne Riley t: 01857 616249 e: Dianne@craftshipenterprise.co.uk www.craftship.enterprise.co.uk

Auskerry Sheepskins: Hand cured North Ronaldsay sheepskins. Rugs in natural colours KW17 2AU t: 0778 358029.

Bird books available from the author/illustrator at Castle. Contact John Holloway t: 01857 616363.

Orkney Star Island Soap & Textiles: Traditionally crafted finest quality natural soaps and balms. Hand-spun fleeceto-fabric yarns and textiles in natural and hand-dyed colours. Craft Trail member. Open all year. Visits: ring first to be sure or by arrangement. Payments by cash or cheque. Contact t: 01857 616281, e: info@orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk, www.orkneystarlandsoap.co.uk

The Wyrd Weaver: Handwoven textiles, quilts, handcrafted cloth dolls, characters and primitives lovingly created in my studio at Newbigging. Visits by appointment only. t: 01857 616230.

Marion Miller Jewellery: Unique handmade silver and gemstone jewellery inspired by the Orkney landscape. Studio open by appointment. t: 01857 616354 e: www.marionmillerjewellery.com

Airy Fairy: Handmade patchwork quilts, children's clothes and gifts. Fabric stockist for Makower fabrics. Studio visits welcome at Airy Farm. t: 01857 61637231 m: +44 7469232593, e: www.airyfairyonline.co.uk

Selkie Glass: t: 01857 616228, e: selkieglass@gmail.com



common seals, 'selkies' - charles tait



whitehall village - raymond besant



black guillemot - raymond besant

Services

Doctor: Dr. Roger Neville-Smith, Geramound House. T: 01857 616321.

Bank: Royal Bank (every Tuesday).

Moncur Memorial Church, Stronsay: Church of Scotland. Elsie Dennison, Session Clerk t: 01857 616238. Sunday worship: 11am.

Our Lady's Catholic Chapel: The Pier, Stronsay. Daily mass 11.30am; Sunday Mass 10.30am. t: 01857 616210 e: contact@the-sons.org

Community Centre: Hall bookings. Caretaker: Pam Shearer. t: 01857 616397 or 07752 043325 e: pamshearer@hotmail.com

Public toilets open daily at rear of Community Centre and at west end gable entrance at Fishmart.

Walks & Tours

Rothiesholm Walk: Coastal walk from the car park near Mount Pleasant to the back of the Bu.

Tor Ness: Starting and finishing at Holland and includes the Seal Hide, Bird Hide and Lea Shun.

Vat of Kurbister and Nature Walk over Burgh Hill to Lamb Head.

St. Catherine's Bay: Access to St. Catherine's Bay beach and sand dunes.

Stronsay Ranger: guided tours and nature walks. t: 07922 711525 e: stronsayranger@gmail.com

Leisure & Recreation

Two play area facilities: Suitable for children up to the age of 12, one at Stronsay Community Centre and the other in Whitehall Village.

Stronsay Swimming Pool: Details of opening times available in local shops.

Stronsay Healthy Living Centre: Opening times and further details available in local shops. T: 01857 616449.

By Sea

Stronsay

Effective from 5 May until 30 September 2019

The services to Stronsay are carried out by the vessels **m.v. Earl Thorfinn** (190 passengers and 25 cars), **m.v. Earl Sigurd** (190 passengers and 25 cars) and **m.v. Varagen** (144 passengers and 32 cars). Hot/cold drinks and cold snacks are available on all vessels at modest prices. Bookings should be made at the Kirkwall Office: t: 01856 872044, f: 01856 872921, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk



		Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Kirkwall	dep		0720B	0700B	0700B		0700B	0840A
Eday	arr						0815	0955
Eday	dep						0830B	1005A
Stronsay	arr		0855	0840	0840		0905	1040
Stronsay	dep	0815A	0910B	0855B	0855B	0730B	0920B	
Eday	arr	0850		0930	0930	0805		
Eday	dep	0905A		0945B	0945B	0820B		
Kirkwall	arr	1020	1050	1100	1100	0935	1100	
Kirkwall	dep	1010		1040				
Stronsay	arr	1150		1220				
Stronsay	dep	1200		1230				1740A
Eday	arr							1815
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Eday	arr	1715		1715	1715	1715		
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Stronsay	arr	1805	1800	1805	1805	1805	1740	2130
Stronsay	dep	1815	1810	1815		1815	1750A	
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Eday	dep						1835A	
Kirkwall	arr	1955	1945	1955		1955	1955	

A - Vehicles must be booked before 1400 hrs on Saturday.

B - Vehicles must be booked before 1600 hrs the day before sailing.

All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall.

NOTES:

- 1) Vehicle check in times: **20 minutes** before departure. Passenger check in times: **10 minutes** before departure.
- 2) **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made not less than 24 hours before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply.
- 3) In order to accommodate certain local events these timetables will be subject to change. (See page 47).
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the Company's vessels, offices and premises.

For full fares please enquire at Orkney Ferry Services Offices

LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

By Air



LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

MONDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0940	0949	0956	1021
1630	1655	1702	1711

TUESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0839	0846	0911
1530	1555	1603	1611

WEDNESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0840	0849	0856	0921
1530	1555	1602	1611

THURSDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0839	0846	0911
1530	1555	1602	1611

FRIDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0839	0846	0911
1530	1555	1602	1611

SATURDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0938	0946	1011

Westray

... Queen o' the isles

Westray is sprinkled with wonderfully atmospheric locations for you to explore. Spectacular sea cliffs, sandy beaches, rocky shores and undulating hills offer spirit-swelling locations for photographers, artists and lovers of empty places.

A voyage out along the old Viking sea route to Westray is an essential element in any Orkney adventure.

Here the unique flavour of Orkney's island fringe can be experienced to the full. The exquisite workmanship and artistic talent of the ancient peoples we have encountered on other islands is illustrated by the Westray Stone, a rock carving found in a tomb at Pierowall, the island's largest settlement, in 1981. The spiral and lozenge design is the finest of its kind in Scotland and is permanently on display in the Westray Heritage Centre, alongside the Westray Wife - the earliest human representation from Scotland. Of the earliest Christian settlers the best evidence is again found in the lonely rock-stack or island hermitages such as at the Castle o' Burrian (also a marvellous place to see Puffins) and on the Holm of Aikerness.

The Orkneying Saga, the tales of the Viking occupation of Orkney paint a vivid picture of Westray during the early 12th century and Westray families operating from power bases at Rapness, Pierowall and Tuquoy played important roles in the political life of the isles.

Plant & animal life

The western cliffs and hills behind support a rich variety of northern maritime vegetation. The spray-sweep has created unusual cliff-top salt marshes and behind this the maritime heath. Vikings are thought to have brought angelica to the island and it can still be found growing around Pierowall Bay. Seals, of course, are plentiful around Westray but whales, dolphins and porpoises are occasionally seen. Other attractions are the otter families and tell-tale tracks through rough vegetation will indicate the presence of the indigenous Westray vole.

Birdlife

Noup Head cliffs are first port of call for birdwatchers. Huge numbers of nesting seabirds can be seen between April and July. It is also possible to see Peregrine Falcons on the island's cliffs and Ravens successfully breed each year, raising their young in nests often built from barbed wire. The rare corncrake with their characteristic call has been heard on summer evenings. Among the smaller birds, the Wheatear can be seen skipping along the drystane dykes. Puffins are a great attraction at the Castle of Burrian and at Noup Head. Gannet numbers have increased dramatically in recent years at Noup.

Industry

Westray is one of the most productive farming areas in Orkney with beef cattle a main contributor to the island's economy. Sea-faring is also deep rooted, a trait inherited from the Norse ancestors, and the island has developed a modern fishing industry which includes white fish trawling and creel fishing for crab and lobster. Velvet crabs provide a significant contribution to the local economy and are exported to Europe. The modern factory at Gill pier exports processed crabs throughout Britain and Europe, and visitors are welcome to look around the facility. The Westray Bakehouse is a successful and expanding local family business. Trading since 1892 their bread and biscuits are enjoyed throughout Orkney, Shetland, Northern Scotland and beyond. Specialities include Flakey, Water and Beremeal Crackers - all great with cheese; morning rolls and breads and a range of delicious traditional biscuits including shortbread and Parkin. Contact: Gill Pier, Westray, t: 01857 677349, f: 01857 677745.

Westray's tourist industry plays a vital part in the local economy, providing facilities for camping and caravans, one hostel, one hotel, several B & Bs and self-catering cottages.

The Craft and Heritage Trail tempts visitors to explore the island and see the various shops, galleries and crafts. In Pierowall village an extensive collection of historical artefacts can be viewed at the Heritage Centre next to the Pierowall Hotel.

Points of interest

- 1 St. Mary's Medieval Parish Church, Pierowall:** This ruined church is one of two Middle Ages kirks in Westray; most of the structure dates from the 17th century but the south wall is a remnant of the original 13th century structure.
- 2 Noltland Castle:** This fortress was erected in the second half of the 16th century by Gilbert Balfour who held high office under Mary Queen of Scots.
- 3 Links of Noltland Prehistoric Settlement & Wild Flowers:** Excavations here have uncovered an extensive Neolithic and Bronze Age settlement complete with wonderful artefacts, including the famous 'Westray Wife' figurine. Sand dune and dune pasture supports Eyebright, Felwort, Cowslip and Sandwort. Excavations continue seasonally, check Links of Noltland face book page for details.
- 4 Knowe of Queena Howe:** Deriving its name from the old Norse kvi 'enclosure' and haugr 'mound' this conspicuous mound probably contains a broch tower which is surrounded by extensive settlement. Stonework can be seen in the eroded shoreline. Nearby excavation has exposed a settlement pre-dating Skara Brae. (see 3 above).
- 5 Lochs - Breeding Wildlife and Waders:** Westray's two largest lochs, Burness, and Saintear are rich in breeding wildfowl and waders and are also popular with anglers for trout fishing. Mute swans breed in both lochs and Whooper swans overwinter here.
- 6 Noup Head Lighthouse:** This lighthouse was constructed in 1898 to warn ships off the North Shoal. First lighthouse to use a system of mercury flotation in the revolving carriage. Automated in 1964.
- 7 Noup Head R.S.P.B. Reserve:** Cliffs extend here to five miles and the northernmost section is the reserve which in terms of number of breeding seabirds is second only to St Kilda. A 1978 survey revealed over 40,000 Guillemots, 1,200 Razorbills, 1,000 Fulmars and almost 25,000 pairs of Kittiwakes. Gannets now breed here.
- 8 The Gentlemen's Cave:** Place of refuge for Orkney lairds who supported the 1745 uprising, said to be linked by an underground passage to Noltland Castle. Access is now too dangerous to visit.
- 9 Northwest Coast and North Hill:** West-facing cliffs are very exposed; Thrift, Sea Plantain, and Buck's horn Plantain are abundant and immediately inland from the cliffs nest Skuas and Arctic Terns.

For Island news, events, information and room booking see our new community website:

westraycommunity.co.uk

For tourist information see

westraypapawestray.co.uk



10 Heritage Centre:
A permanent exhibition of Westray's history, flora and fauna can be seen here next to the Pierowall Hotel. In addition to the permanent exhibition, each year sees a new exhibition on a specific local topic. Local crafts can be purchased; limited opening hours. Now has an extensive database of churchyards and houses and a growing genealogy section.

10 Tourist Information Point:
Leaflets and guidance on all aspects of Westray's visitor services. Local crafts for sale.

11 Fitty and Skea Hills: Very rich maritime sedge-heath. Several of the plants found here are such as typically occur at high altitudes in mountain environments. The *Primula Scotica* can also be found.

12 Bay of Kirbest: On this storm beach Sea Mayweed, Sea Campion and Scottish Lovage can be found.

13 Knowe o' Burristae Broch: This large mound contains a broch tower partly destroyed by the sea. Part of the curved wall is still standing and the entrance to a mural cell or passage can be seen.

14 Tuquoy – Cross Kirk Medieval Parish Church and Norse Settlement including Heritage Walk: Cross Kirk is one of the best constructed churches in Orkney and a large Norse settlement lies to the west where massive walls are being exposed in the shoreline.

15 Bay of Tuquoy: A localised area of saltmarsh occurs at the head of this large sandy bay.

16 Castle o' Burrian & Stanger Head: Precipitous rock stack was an early Christian hermitage; possibly the best place in the isles to watch the comings of the cliffs, the Puffins. No attempt should be made to climb the stack. Great care should be taken on these clifftops. Stanger Head is a favourite haunt of the entire range of Orkney's seabirds.

17 Holm of Faray & Rusk Holm: Important breeding site for Grey Seals. Each autumn large numbers concentrate here to mate, the pups being born in October. Rusk Holm is inhabited by native sheep, descendants

of the original sheep brought from Norway by the Vikings 1000 years ago. Visits are possible by arrangement locally.

18 Holm of Aikerness: A good site to see Common Seals which pup in June, and home to 150 North Ronaldsay Sheep.

19 West Westray Walk: from Kirbest to Noup Head, this walk displays nature at its best. Estimated time to complete = 3 1/2 hours.

20 Quoygrew: archaeological site, seasonally excavated in recent years, now consolidated and open to the public. Considered to be one of the finest examples of Viking archaeology in Orkney.

21 Pontoons: floating facilities and showers are situated at Gill Pier for use by visiting yachts etc.

22 Knowe o' Skea: Intriguing site containing the remains of a prehistoric cemetery and shrine, reused in the early Christian and Viking periods.

23 Bus Shelter.

Services

Accommodation

Accommodation providers listed below are members of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme and have been graded as part of the national scheme. Please refer to the disclaimer on the inside of the back cover.

HOTEL

Pierowall Hotel (★★★INN): Alan and Alison Drever, t: 01857 677472. e: pierowallhotel@gmail.com www.pierowallhotel.co.uk

BED & BREAKFAST

Braehead Manse, (★★★★B&B): Contact Linda Sharp on 01857 677861/07796 998410.

SELF-CATERING

Daisy Cottage (★★★SC): Self-catering, situated in a quiet spot in the centre of the village, sleeps 4/5. Netta Harcus, e: nettaharcus157@gmail.com t: 01857 677398.

HOSTEL & CAMPING

The Barn (★★★★Hostel): Chalmersquoy, with twin, double or family rooms and situated at the edge of Pierowall Village. Michael & Teenie Harcus t: 01857 677214 e: enquiries@chalmersquoywestray.co.uk www.chalmersquoywestray.co.uk

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No. 1 Broughton: Waterfront bed and breakfast overlooking Pierowall Bay, 3 double and 1 twin rooms, all en-suite and with sea views. Single occupancy welcome. Packed lunches available. Guest lounge, conservatory and sauna. Free Wi-Fi. Jerry Wood. t: 01857 677726. e: swaledale45@hotmail.com, www.no1broughton.co.uk

Braehead Manse: Contact Linda Sharp on 01857 677861/07796 998410.

Bis Geos self-catering: Three cottages, sleeping 2-8. t/f: 01857 677420. www.bisgeos.co.uk

Chalmersquoy: Newly opened B&B overlooking Pierowall Bay. Two double and one triple room, all en-suite and has been finished to a high standard. Michael & Teenie Harcus t: 01857 677214 e: enquiries@chalmersquoywestray.co.uk www.chalmersquoywestray.co.uk

Chalmersquoy Apartment: Self-catering, sleeps 3/4 (1 bedroom). Newly renovated. Overlooking the sea. Michael & Teenie Harcus t: 01857 677214 e: enquiries@chalmersquoywestray.co.uk www.chalmersquoywestray.co.uk

Chalmersquoy Ben End: self-catering, sleeps 6 (2 bedrooms). Newly renovated, sea views. Michael & Teenie Harcus t: 01857 677214 e: enquiries@chalmersquoywestray.co.uk www.chalmersquoywestray.co.uk

Daybreak: Self-catering cottage in the village, on the shoreline, sleeps 6. t: Susie Rendall, 01856 876579. e: susierendall@hotmail.com, www.daybreakwestray.co.uk

Kilnman's Cottage: Self-catering, restored stone-built cottage, edge of village location in courtyard of old mill. Sleeps 4. t: 01857 677447 www.mill-cottage-westray.co.uk

Newbigging: Newbigging is a modernised 19th century "but and ben" powered by its own wind turbine and fitted with air source heating. It offers high quality self-catering accommodation for up to three couples, or a family; it is close to cliff and beach walks and to The Castle O' Burrian, one of the best Puffin watching spots in Orkney. <http://newbigging-westray.co.uk>

Newcastle: Self-catering. Situated near to the Golf Course and within easy walking distance of all amenities. Sleeps 7 (2 double, 1 twin, 1 single room) t: 01856 872509/851701 m: 07526 804763.

Orcadee, Pierowall: Self-catering bungalow. Uninterrupted views of the bay. Sleeps 4/6. Marlene and Geoff Bagley, t: 01952 727814.

Seaview: Self-catering in the centre of the village. Very close to shops. One double bedroom. One twin bedroom. Separate kitchen and living area. Contact Elaine Rendall t: 01857 677464 e: elainerendall@gmail.com

St Clair Cottage, Pierowall: Easy access, warm cottage with hot tub; in village on the shore. Restored with guest+carer in mind but magic and relaxing for all, whatever the weather. Sandy McEwen t: 01857 677482 www.westmanse.co.uk

Taft End: Centrally heated cottage situated beside the seashore. Ideal location for peaceful holiday with panoramic sea views, bird life and seals nearby. Enquiries Taft End, Twinness, Westray, Orkney KW17 2DE 01857 677319

West Kirbost: Self-catering in modernised rural croft, situated on Westside, overlooking sea views to island of Rousay. Living room/kitchen, 1 double bedroom, 1 twin bedroom, sofa bed and cot. Well behaved dogs allowed. Fantastic for nature lovers and close to Noup Cliffs RSPB Reserve. Photos and DVD available. Contact Catherine Ewen. t: 01383 413713 or e: cathewen@aol.com or mwewen@aol.com

West Manse & Brothie: Large warm, sustainable former Manse in quiet location with impressive views; ideal for families, writers and artists who enjoy cooking - generous size, light, well equipped kitchen. Sandy McEwen, t: 01857 677482, www.westmanse.co.uk

Transport/Car Hire

Westray Bus Service: Meets all ferry arrivals from Kirkwall (see details on p47), t: 07789034289, www.westraybuservice.co.uk

Taxi: Stewart Groat, t: 01857 677389 and mob: 07796 538035. sjegroat@talk21.com

Car and bike hire: Available from Rendalls Shop, Pierowall Village. Contact 01857 677389, sjegroat@talk21.com. www.facebook.com/wirendallshop

Shops/Post Offices

Peter Miller: General Merchant, Sub Post Office, Groceries - (Off License) - Homebakes inc. the famous Fatty Cutties. Shop hours 9am-6pm, Mon-Sat. also open on Sundays from 2-5pm all year. Wheelchair access. t: 01857 677351.

J. C. Tulloch, Pierowall: Grocery Shop, Off-licence, Post Office, Marine and Agricultural Supplies. Fresh local produce delivered daily. Extensive selection of groceries, fruit and veg. butchery, drapery, hardware, homeware, newspapers, souvenirs and gifts. Open from 9am - 7.30pm Monday to Saturday. Open Sundays 12 noon - 3pm from May to September. t: 01857677373. e: info@jctulloch.com - Find us on Facebook for our latest news and offers. Wheelchair access.

W. I. Rendall: Pierowall, general merchant, grocery, butchery, fruit and veg., newspapers, hardware, souvenirs, gifts, petrol, diesel, Calor and camping gas. Wheelchair access. Groatie Buckie Café now open within the shop. Car and bike hire available. Open Mon-Sat; Sundays 2.00-4.30pm May-Sept. : sjegroat@talk21.com t: 01857 677389. www.facebook.com/wirendallshop/

Hume Sweet Hume: Pierowall, designer soft furnishings, knitwear and gifts. t: 01857 677259, e: info@humesweethume.com, www.humesweethume.com

Westray Chutney: The most northerly maker of Fairtrade certified chutney in Britain - made using

homegrown and Fairtrade ingredients. Available from Pierowall fish, all local shops and Heritage Centre. 17 varieties to choose from. www.westraychutney.co.uk

Westray Bargain Box: Charity shop in Pierowall village enabling groups in Westray to raise funds. Great variety of goods: books, clothing, bric-a-brac, etc. and also usually home baking for sale. Normally open Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 4pm.

Recreation

Golf course: Information from Bill Turbull. t: 01857 677862, P m: 07867 630616, V m: 07867 630616.

Healthy Living Centre: Swimming pool, opening times and information from Caroline Kent, m: 07894 059850, t: 01857 677775. Gym, opening times and information from Donna Rendall m: 07825 002160 or check the local noticeboard.

Community Centre: Sports field, football, netball, badminton, snooker, pool, darts, weight training; contact Caroline Kent m: 01837 677775

Westraak Tours: Guided tours of Westray. Explore Westray's scenery, history, archaeology and wildlife with experienced guide. Lunch included. t: Karen and Andy Penn 01857 677777, m: 07793 216922, e: info@westraak.co.uk, www.westraak.co.uk

Children's Play Park: Opposite school in Pierowall Village.

Sailing Club: June 1 to August 31, Tues. and Thurs. evenings, Keith Kent, t: 01857 677775

Marina: Dedicated visitor berthing, shower facilities at Gill Pier. Bread available from the bakery at Gill Pier and other supplies from the shops in Pierowall village. Tom Rendall, harbour master, t: 01857 677216

Traditional cooking & writing courses at the West Manse. Contact Sandy on t: 01857 677482, www.westmanse.co.uk

Camping & Caravaning Facilities

Chalmersquoy Campsite: Michael and Teenie Harcus. t: 01857 677214 e: enquiries@chalmersquoywestray.co.uk www.chalmersquoywestray.co.uk

Other Services

www.westraypapawestray.com

Westray Tourist Information Centre at Westray Heritage Centre t: 01857 677414.

Doctor: t: 01857 677209.

Nurse: t: 01857 677706.

Church of Scotland: Iain MacDonald, t: 01857 677357.

Baptist Church: Stephen Hagan. t: 01857 677226.

Gospel Hall: Mr Edwin Rendall, t: 01857 677464.

Westray and Papa Westray Quaker Meeting: Sandy McEwen, t: 01857 677482.

JACKS Chippy, Broughton: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4.30-7.30pm all year round. t: 01857 677471.

Groatie Buckie Cafe: Now open- at Rendalls Shop, Pierowall Village. Contact 01857 677389. www.facebook.com/wirendallshop

Richans Retreat Café: Open daily, tea/coffee/snacks and gift shop selling locally made crafts. t: 01857 677877, m: 07711 577682.

Industry/Crafts/Archaeology

Westray Heritage Centre: Pierowall. (VisitScotland : 4-star visitor attraction, Museums Galleries Scotland: Full Museum Accreditation) disabled access rating 2. Local artefacts, crafts and publications. Children's activities, genealogy, local history photographs and timeline. T: 01857 677414 e: office@westrayheritage.co.uk, web: www.westrayheritage.co.uk

South Hamar, Tuquoy Road, Westside: Gallery and working studios specialising in tapestry weaving and stone letter carving by resident artists. Visitors



are welcome to come learn to weave or to carve, by arrangement. Commissions welcome for memorial and other hand-carved stones. South Hamar is a restored Orkney steading, stone built with flagstone and turf roofs, cottages, threshing barn and drying kiln all intact. Homegrown veg. and salads for sale. Contact e: ros.southhamar@gmail.com t: 01857 677590.

R. Leslie, Woodturner: 9 Lastigar. t: 01857 677297
e: raymondleslie@hotmail.co.uk

Hume Sweet Hume: Designer soft furnishings. t: 01857 677259. e: info@humesweethume.com, www.humesweethume.com

The Wheeling Steen Gallery: A wide range of photography, art and crafts displayed in a most relaxing setting. A unique feature is a 19th century shipwreck cabin which is now a working studio displaying original art. Souvenirs and gifts for that special reminder of your visit to Westray. Run by a local family. Find us on Facebook and at www.wheeling-steen.co.uk t: 01857 677292 e: wheelingsteen@gmail.com

Pierowall Fish Ltd, Broughton: Open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. We are also open on Saturday during the summer months from 9am-1pm. t: 01857 677471.

Crab Processing: Westray Processors, The Manager, Gill Pier. t: 01857 677273.

Westray and Papa Westray Craft Assoc.: Contact Sheena Stevenson. t: 01857 677548..

The Westray Bakehouse: Family run bakery at Gill Pier. t: 01857 677349.

Aak Work: Printed Souvenirs etc. Contact Linda Drever. t: 07711 577682 or 01857 677877, www.aakwork.co.uk

Westray Pottery: A wide range of utility stoneware pottery with natural high quality glazes. Contact Martyn Terrell. t: 01857 677776. e: martin01001@yahoo.com

Art Studio at No 1 Broughton: Jerry Wood. Working studio with oil paintings, prints and cards to view and buy. t: 01857 677726. www.no1broughton.co.uk

The Gallery, Pierowall: Artists Studio and Gallery. Ongoing exhibitions of contemporary art work. Peter Brown t: 01857 677770.

For all tourist information see the Westray and Papa Westray Tourist Association website: www.westraypapawestray.co.uk For Island news, events, information and room booking see our new community website: www.westraycommunity.co.uk

WESTRAY

By Air



LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

MONDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0840	0855	0902	0926
1530	1554	1601	1616

TUESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0945	0952	1016
1630	1654	1701	1716

WEDNESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0940	0955	1000	1024
1630	1654	1701	1716

By Sea

Westray/Papa Westray

Effective from 5 May until 30 September 2019



The services to Westray and Papa Westray are carried out by the vessels **m.v. Earl Thorfinn** (190 passengers and 25 cars), **m.v. Earl Sigurd** (190 passengers and 25 cars) and **m.v. Varagen** (144 passengers and 32 cars). Hot/cold drinks and cold snacks are available on all vessels at modest prices. Bookings should be made at the Kirkwall Office: t: 01856 872044, f: 01856 872921, e: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

		Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Kirkwall	dep		0700B	0720B	0720B	0720B	0720B	0920A
Westray	arr		0825	0845	0845	0845	0845	1045
Westray	dep	0830A	0840B	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900B	
Kirkwall	arr	0955	1005	1025	1025	1025	1025	
Kirkwall	dep	0940	1300	1200	1300	1045		
Westray	arr	1105	1425	1325	1425	1210		
Westray	dep	1115	1435	1335	1435	1220*		1800A
P. Westray	arr					1300		
P. Westray	dep					1320**		
Kirkwall	arr	1240	1600	1500	1600	1510		1925
Kirkwall	dep	1620		1620	1620	1700	1620A	1935A
Westray	arr	1745		1745	1745	1825	1745	2100
Westray	dep	1755		1755	1755	1835	1755A	
Kirkwall	arr	1920		1920	1920	2000	1920	

A - Vehicles must be booked before 1400 hrs on Saturday.

B - Vehicles must be booked before 1600 hrs the day before sailing.

All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall.

*Not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall. **This sailing may be delayed due to cargo operations.

NOTES:

- 1) Vehicle check in times: **20 minutes** before departure. Passenger check in times: **10 minutes** before departure.
- 2) **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made not less than 24 hours before the intended date of travel or full charges may apply.
- 3) In order to accommodate certain local events these timetables will be subject to change. (See page 47).
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the Company's vessels, offices and premises.

For full fares please enquire at Orkney Ferry Services Offices

Please see Page 21 for additional Papa Westray Cargo Sailings in conjunction with North Ronaldsay on Tuesdays.

Sunday sailings direct to Papa Westray will operate on 19 May (via Sanday), 14 July (via Eday/Stronsay) and 01 September (via Sanday/Eday).

Further information on the connecting ferry/bus service in Westray can be found on page 47.

WESTRAY - PAPA WESTRAY - The World's Shortest Scheduled Air Service. The scheduled two minute flight between Westray and Papa Westray has held the record as the World's Shortest Scheduled Air Service for almost thirty years. This year join the flight at either island and you may qualify for a unique Certificate commemorating your World Record Flight! See flights marked in red.

THURSDAY				SATURDAY			
Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall	Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0945	0952	1016	0830	0845	0852	0916
1630	1654	1701	1716				

FRIDAY				SUNDAY			
Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall	Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0945	0952	1016	1600	1624	1631	1646
1630	1654	1701	1716				

■ Denotes world's shortest flight.

Papa Westray

... Where oceans meet

Travellers to Papa Westray come from the five continents for an experience which lasts only a couple of minutes. They want to fly on the shortest scheduled air flight in the world between Westray and Papa Westray – a distance shorter than the main runway at Heathrow which has been completed in less than a minute and is featured in the Guinness Book of Records.

Papa Westray, or Papay as it is known through the North Isles, is home to the oldest house in northern Europe at the Knap of Howar. Farmers were busy here before the pyramids were built in Egypt.

In the Dark Ages the island took on great religious significance and St Boniface kirk, one of the oldest Christian sites in the north of Scotland, was a pilgrimage site and missionary out station. Now lovingly restored it is once again attracting visitors.

Papay is famous for its birds and the North Hill is a top-rated nature reserve. Airborne visitors who land on Westray en route for Papay will experience the shortest scheduled flight in the world – don't blink or you'll miss it (under 2 minutes).

While on the island you must visit the farm of Holland and its amazing complex of agricultural buildings, adjacent to Holland House, which was the seat of the Traill lairds of Papay for three centuries. The farm includes a splendid mill tramp where horses provided the pulling power.

One of the farm workers' bothies has been converted into a compact museum displaying a fascinating range of artifacts from the island's history including the parish handcuffs! This is now complemented by a beautiful Heritage Centre at the Kelp Store.

Geography

Lying roughly on the same latitude as Stavanger in Norway, the island is one of the most remote of the Orkney group. Just over four miles long by a mile wide, the scenery ranges from impressive cliffs, through wide sandy bays to rolling agricultural land.

The cliffs at the northern tip, heavily eroded by the fearsome seas, are steep and densely populated by seabirds. The North Hill is a lonely and inspiring location – a must for anyone with a love of empty spaces and a bit of poetry in their soul.

Off Mull Head right at the northern tip of the isle is the Bore, a fearsome tidal race where the Atlantic crashes into the North Sea – under certain tidal conditions this is a boiling cauldron.



st boniface kirk - douglas hourston

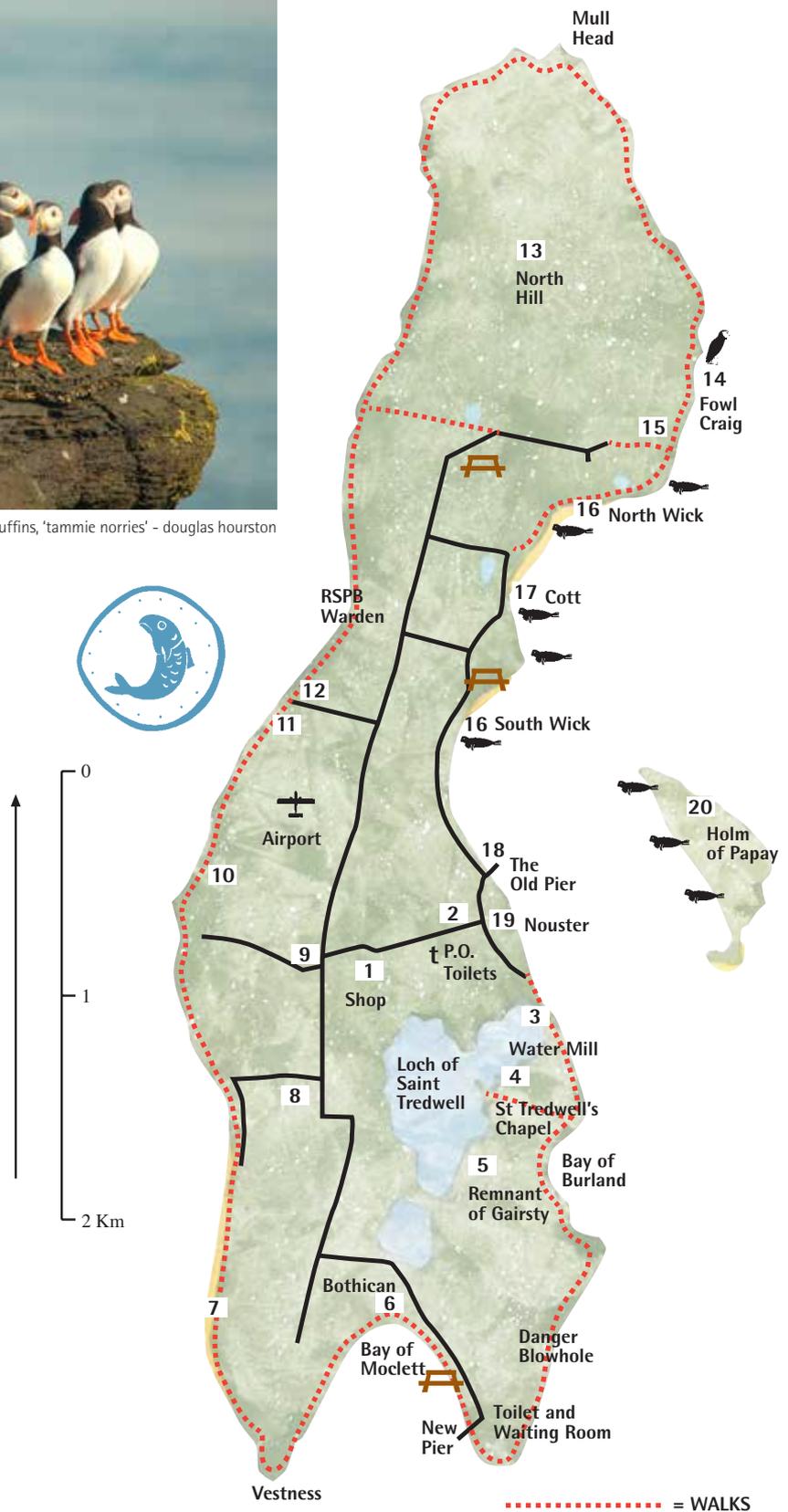
Points of interest

- 1 Beltane:** The heart of the island. Location of the community co-operative shop & hostel and venue for community events.
- 2 Church/Surgery, School and Post Office:** St Ann's Centre, Church of Scotland and Doctor's Surgery and just along the road, the community school, and then the Post Office.
- 3 The Water Mill:** On an isolated headland, this building was last used for milling oats about 100 years ago. Remains of the undershot wheel and millstones can be seen.
- 4 St Tredwell's Chapel:** On a small peninsula are traces of an Iron Age fortification and the walls of a Medieval chapel and beehive cells ... a place of pilgrimage as late as the 18th century.
- 5 Bronze Age Landmarks:** Between St Tredwell's Loch and the farm of Cuppin the remains of a gairsty or treb-dyke, a Bronze age boundary, can be traced.
- 6 Bothican:** A fine sandy bay close to the New Pier where the ferry from Kirkwall and the link service with Westray calls. In summer the area of machair is rich in orchids and other wild flowers.
- 7 Minister's Flag:** At one time the minister from Westray had to land here and walk below the high tide line to St Boniface kirk because the Traill laird would not let him on his land. The laird and the kirk were often at loggerheads.
- 8 Burnt Mound:** Just to the east of Backaskail lies a large, grass-covered knoll created by the accumulation of burnt stones which had been heated and immersed in tanks to cook meat.
- 9 Holland Farm:** Formerly the home of the Traill family, lairds of the island for three centuries, this is perhaps the most extensive traditional steading in Orkney. It features a doo'cot, mill tramp and corn-drying kiln. Don't miss John o' Holland's Bothy Museum.
- 10 Knap of Howar:** Earliest standing house in Northern Europe. These well preserved buildings were occupied by neolithic farmers over 5000 years ago.
- 11 St Boniface Kirk:** One of the oldest Christian sites in the North of Scotland. The old kirk, with stonework dating from the 12th century, has been restored in recent years.
- 12 Munkerhoose:** Exposed on the shore below the kirk (see 11) are the remains of a settlement dating from the Bronze Age to the Medieval Period.



puffins, 'tammie norries' - douglas hourston

- 13 North Hill:** A wild and windswept nature reserve managed by the people of Papay in conjunction with the RSPB and Scottish Natural Heritage. There is a summer warden on this important site.
- 14 Fowl Craig:** A spectacular cliff nesting site. Care is required. Puffins may be seen April-July, occasionally first two weeks in August. Back from the cliff edge is Papay's famous colony of *Primula scotica*.
- 15 South of Fowl Craig:** As the land levels out to the south of Fowl Craig there is a huge area of sea-turned stones and remains of many small, walled enclosures or crues used for growing vegetables or penning geese.
- 16 North & South Wick:** Lovely bays of sparkling white sand and the best locations on the island for viewing the colony of Common and Grey Seals which bask on the tains or tidal reefs.
- 17 Cott:** A number of fishing boats used to be beached here as can be seen from the keel marks on the stone and the unusually tall boat nausts or shelters in the banks.
- 18 The Kelp Store Heritage Centre and Old Pier:** By the old stone pier sit two 18th century buildings. One, the Kelp Store, has been sensitively restored to house a Heritage and Craft Centre. Access to the Holm of Papay by boat is from here by arrangement with the Papay Ranger (see page 44).
- 19 Nouster:** Excellent examples of boat nousters. These can be traced all round the island shore indicating the presence of hundreds of boats in time gone by.
- 20 The Holm of Papay:** One of the most impressive chambered cairns in Orkney can be seen on this deserted isle.



Wildlife

With its wide variety of habitats Papay is particularly rich in seabirds with the best known being the elegant Arctic Tern as well as Guillemots, Razorbills and Puffins on the cliffs. A range of waders are found along the island's shoreline, and Snipe, Curlew and Skylark are commonplace in the fields. Storm Petrels and Black Guillemots breed on the Holm, Papay's calf island. Papa Westray was the last breeding site of the Great Auk in the UK, where the final pair was sadly killed in 1812-1813. A wide range of wildflowers are rooted in Papay, including the Scottish Primrose, and the local seal colony is always interested in wanderers along the east shore. Basking Sharks, porpoises and whales also occur at times through the summer months.

History

Papay has traces of many early buildings, the most spectacular being the Neolithic farmstead at the Knap of Howar. Pictish brochs (fortified round towers) have been identified at several sites, notably at Munkerhouse and St Tredwell's Chapel on an artificial peninsula in the loch of the same name. At the Chapel, during excavations, the bones of a woman were uncovered and it has been speculated that this may be St Tredwell herself.

Munkerhouse, adjacent to St Boniface, is now regarded as a significant location. Much lies buried beneath the kirkyard and a settlement site has been exposed by erosion on the shore.

Viking sites are less easily identifiable but the Scandinavian links can be traced, as elsewhere, through the farm names. Only in 1472 did Papay, along with the rest of Orkney, become part of Scotland – pledged as a royal marriage dowry. There are interesting burial sites, including the impressive chambered cairn on the Holm, a lonely, atmospheric place.

Lifestyle

The pace of life of Papa Westray's farmers and fishermen is very much ordered by the changing seasons, and community life centres around the arrivals and departures of ferry and plane. Cars still take second place to walkers on the few miles of metalled roads.

At the centre of the island is Beltane House, run by the island's community cooperative as a shop and hostel, which is a venue for community social events, including the weekly pub. This building is part of a row of renovated farm workers cottages formerly belonging to Holland Farm and offers magnificent views out towards Eday and Sanday.

Unquestionably 1980 was a watershed year for the island with the opening of the facilities at Beltane and the arrival of mains electricity via an underwater cable, however there is still a constant battle to keep the island's mini-economy afloat.

Services

Accommodation

Accommodation providers listed below are members of VisitScotland's Quality Assurance Scheme and have been graded as part of the national scheme. Please refer to the disclaimer on the inside of the back cover before booking.

HOSTEL

Papa Westray Hostel (★★★★Hostel) Beltane House: Comfortable, friendly hostel run by Island community co-operative. Newly refurbished. Private en-suite rooms with sea views, 1 double, 1 family, 4 twin plus 2 camping bothies; single rooms available, bed linen and towels included, wi-fi, disabled access, next to shop. Within walking distance of beaches and archaeological sites. Open year round. t: Papay Co-op Shop, 01857 644321 or Jennifer 01857 644224, e: beltanepapay@aol.co.uk, www.papawestray.co.uk, www.syha.org.uk, www.hostel-scotland.co.uk

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SELF CATERING

Self-catering: Wing of old farmhouse, sleeps 4-6, minimum 1 week stay, £300-400 pw. Enquiries t: 01857 644250 jrendall@gmail.com

Local Services

The Papay Community Co-op Shop: Licensed general merchants and information exchange. Community shop, well stocked with a wide selection of fresh, frozen and general groceries. Fairtrade, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free products also available. Local crafts, books and postcards. Petrol/diesel pumps, coal and gas. t: 01857 644321 e: papaycoop@gmail.com. Open Mon-Sat, 10am-12 noon & Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, 3.30-5.30pm, Sat, 6-7pm.

Post Office: Daybreak. Open Tues, Wed, Thur, 10am-2pm. t: 01857 644275

Transport/Tours

Papay Peedie Tour: Guided tours of Papay with the Papay Ranger. Wildlife, history & culture,

great scenery and more. Lunch & refreshments provided. Papay Development Trust. t: 07931 235213 e: papayranger@gmail.com, Facebook: papay ranger or visit www.papawestray.co.uk - See page 47 for details.

Boat Trips to the Holm of Papay: Visit the chambered burial cairn. For information on prices and times contact the Papay Ranger, facebook: papay ranger, e: papayranger@gmail.com, t: 07931 235213 or 01857 644224.

Airport Building: t: 01857 644252.

Nouster Pier: Mooring for visiting yachts. t: 01857 644282.

Boat Service: Between Papa Westray and Westray; see separate timetable for schedule, hires. Malcolm Brown. t: 01857 872044, m: 07748 215126.

Bicycle Hire: Do the 'Tour de Papay'. Adults £10, Child £5 per day. Contact the Papay Ranger to book. Papay Ranger t: 07931 235213 e: papayranger@gmail.com, Facebook: papay ranger or visit www.papawestray.co.uk

Art, Crafts and Heritage

Kelp Store, Heritage and Craft Centre: Films, archive, exhibits and events in a beautiful building and location. Contact the Papay Ranger for details facebook: papay Ranger, e: papayranger@gmail.com, t: 07931 235213 or 01857 644224.

Daybreak Wool and Craft Shop: Unique collection of many different yarns e.g. local wool and unusual yarns from across the world, luxury knitting needles, hand-knitted Papay socks, locally made crafts, jewellery, postcards, local books . . . Margit. t: 01857 644275, margitdaybreak@gmail.com

The Papay Co-op Shop: Prints and cards by "The Waterline", Tidal Treasures jewellery, Holmie wool, knitted scarves and crafts, Papay Westray books & publications.

Papay Bothy Museum: Holland Farm.

Papay ØY Festival: A 3-day annual festival of art exhibitions, film screenings, live music, art performances and creative workshops. 15-17 Nov. 2019. For details see facebook: https://oyfestival2018.wordpress.com

Recreation

Community Coffee Morning: Wed 10.30-11.30am. St Ann's Centre. Fresh coffee & homebakes.

Cyclogym: Challenging bike course for all the family, pyramid and see-saw ramps, find it behind the kirk and school.

Papay Fun Weekend 19-21 July 2019: music, dance, picnic sports, carty races and more. Tim, t: 01857 644224

Papay Community Events: Dances, suppers, cinema, workshops and events held throughout the year. www.papawestray.co.uk or see the Papay Facebook page for details.



knap of howar - jocelyn rendall



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Saturday Pub: The bar cupboard is opened at Papa Westray Hostel, Beltane House on Saturday nights from 8pm. Friendly atmosphere, often with live local music. Darts and other games available. **Self service tea/coffee facilities** available to the general public at Papa Westray Hostel.

Other Services

Church of Scotland: Iain MacDonald. t: 01857 677357. Services every Sunday, 2.00pm at St Ann's Kirk. Bookings to Ian or Marina, t: 01857 644242

Gospel Hall: Alan Hourston. t: 01857 644254

Nurse & NHS Surgery: 01857 644227

Westray & Papa Westray Tourist Association: www.westraypapawestray.co.uk

For more information: see www.papawestray.co.uk

By Sea

Westray (Pierowall) - Papa Westray Passenger Service

Summer Timetable effective from 5 May until 30 September 2019

See page 41 for Kirkwall-Westray (Rapness) ferry service and page 47 for connecting bus service.

Kirkwall-Papa Westray: Passenger and Cargo service.

See page 21 for combined Papa Westray and North Ronaldsay Sailings.



This passenger only service linking the islands of Westray and Papa Westray is operated by **m.v. 'Golden Mariana'** (40 passengers). This service is free only to passengers between Pierowall and Papa Westray making a direct connection with the ro-ro ferry at Rapness. All other passengers will be subject to the normal inter-island fares.

PAPA WESTRAY

By Air



LOGANAIR 01856 872494/873457

MONDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0840	0904	0911	0926
1050	1124	1131	1146
1530	1545	1552	1616

TUESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0954	1001	1016
1030	1045	1052	1126
1630	1645	1652	1716

WEDNESDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0940	1002	1009	1024
1335	1409	1416	1431
1630	1645	1652	1716

THURSDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0954	1001	1016
1420	1454	1501	1516
1630	1645	1652	1716

FRIDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0930	0954	1001	1016
1420	1435	1442	1516
1630	1645	1652	1716

SATURDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
0830	0854	0901	0916
1600	1634	1641	1656

SUNDAY

Dep Kirkwall	Arr	Dep	Arr Kirkwall
1030	1045	1052	1126
1600	1615	1622	1646

Denotes world's shortest flight.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pierowall	dep	0700A	0700A	0730	0730	0730	0730	
Papa Westray	arr	0725	0725	0755	0755	0755	0755	
Papa Westray	dep	0730A	0730A	0800	0800	0800	0800	
Pierowall	arr	0755	0755	0825	0825	0825	0825	

Pierowall	dep	0845B	0800B	0915	0915	0915	0915	
Papa Westray	arr	0905	0820	0940	0940	0940	0940	
Papa Westray	dep	0910B	0825B	0945	0945	0945	0945	
Pierowall	arr	0930	0850	1010	1010	1010	1010	

Pierowall	dep	0945	0855	1205	1305			1115
Papa Westray	arr	1010	0920	1230	1330			1140
Papa Westray	dep	1015	0925	1235	1335			1145
Pierowall	arr	1040	0950	1300	1400			1210

Pierowall	dep	1135	1305	1355				
Papa Westray	arr	1200	1330	1420				
Papa Westray	dep	1205	1335	1425				
Pierowall	arr	1230	1400	1450				

Pierowall	dep	1545C	1455D	1545C	1545C	1500E	1625	1630
Papa Westray	arr	1610	1515	1610	1610	1525	1650	1655
Papa Westray	dep	1655	1520	1655	1655	1735	1655	1700
Pierowall	arr	1720	1545	1720	1720	1800	1720	1725

Pierowall	dep	1815	1550B	1815	1815	1855	1815	2130A
Papa Westray	arr	1840	1610	1840	1840	1920	1840	2155
Papa Westray	dep	1845	1615B	1845	1845	1925	1845	2200A
Pierowall	arr	1910	1640	1910	1910	1950	1910	2225

A. Are available **ON REQUEST** only (must be booked 24hrs in advance)
B. Will not operate between 8 July to 19 August inclusive
C. From 8 July to 19 August inclusive sailings will be replaced by (dep Pierowall 1625 arr Papa Westray 1650)
D. Additional sailings from 8 July to 19 August inclusive
E. From 8 July to 19 August inclusive sailings will be replaced by (dep Pierowall 1705 arr Papa Westray 1730)
 All of these sailings with the exception of those marked A/B/C/D/E are scheduled and are timed to connect with the arrivals and departures of the ro-ro vessels at Rapness - normal fares will therefore apply. Any sailings outwith these times will be treated as hires and charged accordingly.

NOTES:

- 1) All enquires to the Company's Main Office, Telephone (01856) 872044.
- 2) Passengers must be available for boarding **ten minutes** before departure times.
- 3) **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made by 1600hrs the day before sailing or full charges may apply.
- 4) For conditions of carriage of passengers and cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, offices and premises.

See page 47 for Papay Peedie Tour and details of special air fares on page 48.

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Ferry Services

Special Sunday Excursions
Outer Isles (additional to scheduled sailings)

19 MAY 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0900
Sanday	arr	1025
	dep	1035
Papa Westray	arr	1130
	dep	1140
Pierowall	arr	1205
	dep	1550
Papa Westray	arr	1615
	dep	1625
Sanday	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Kirkwall	arr	1905
	dep	1915
Eday	arr	2030
	dep	2035
Sanday	arr	2055

26 MAY 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0840
Eday	arr	0955
	dep	1005
Stronsay	arr	1040
	dep	1050
Westray	arr	1210
	dep	1600
Stronsay	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Eday	arr	1815
	dep	1825
Kirkwall	arr	1940
	dep	1950
Stronsay	arr	2130

02 JUNE 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0920
Westray	arr	1045
	dep	1055
North Ronaldsay	arr	1215
	dep	1620
Westray	arr	1740
	dep	1800
Kirkwall	arr	1925
	dep	1935
Westray	arr	2100

09 JUNE 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0900
Sanday	arr	1025
	dep	1035
Stronsay	arr	1110
	dep	1120
Eday	arr	1155
	dep	1600
Stronsay	arr	1635
	dep	1645
Sanday	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Kirkwall	arr	1905
	dep	1915
Eday	arr	2030
	dep	2035
Sanday	arr	2055

23 JUNE 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0840
Eday	arr	0955
	dep	1005
Stronsay	arr	1040
	dep	1050
North Ronaldsay	arr	1220
	dep	1550
Stronsay	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Eday	arr	1815
	dep	1825
Kirkwall	arr	1940
	dep	1950
Stronsay	arr	2130

30 JUNE 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0920
Westray	arr	1045
	dep	1055
Sanday	arr	1145
	dep	1155
Eday	arr	1215
	dep	1620
Sanday	arr	1640
	dep	1650
Westray	arr	1740
	dep	1800
Kirkwall	arr	1925
	dep	1935
Westray	arr	2100

07 JULY 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0900
Sanday	arr	1025
	dep	1035
North Ronaldsay	arr	1155
	dep	1600
Sanday	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Kirkwall	arr	1905
	dep	1915
Eday	arr	2030
	dep	2035
Sanday	arr	2055

14 JULY 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0840
Eday	arr	0955
	dep	1005
Stronsay	arr	1040
	dep	1050
Papa Westray	arr	1225
	dep	1235
Pierowall	arr	1300
	dep	1510
Papa Westray	arr	1535
	dep	1545
Stronsay	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Eday	arr	1815
	dep	1825
Kirkwall	arr	1940
	dep	1950
Stronsay	arr	2130

21 JULY 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0920
Westray	arr	1045
	dep	1055
North Ronaldsay	arr	1215
	dep	1620
Westray	arr	1740
	dep	1800
Kirkwall	arr	1925
	dep	1935
Westray	arr	2100

28 JULY 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0900
Sanday	arr	1025
	dep	1035
Eday	arr	1055
	dep	1105
Westray	arr	1200
	dep	1550
Eday	arr	1650
	dep	1700
Sanday	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Kirkwall	arr	1905
	dep	1915
Eday	arr	2030
	dep	2035
Sanday	arr	2055

04 AUGUST 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0840
Eday	arr	0955
	dep	1005
Stronsay	arr	1040
	dep	1050
North Ronaldsay	arr	1220
	dep	1550
Stronsay	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Eday	arr	1815
	dep	1825
Kirkwall	arr	1940
	dep	1950
Stronsay	arr	2130

18 AUGUST 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0920
Westray	arr	1045
	dep	1055
Stronsay	arr	1215
	dep	1620
Westray	arr	1740
	dep	1800
Kirkwall	arr	1925
	dep	1935
Westray	arr	2100

18 AUGUST 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0900
Sanday	arr	1025
	dep	1035
North Ronaldsay	arr	1155
	dep	1600
Sanday	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Kirkwall	arr	1905
	dep	1915
Eday	arr	2030
	dep	2035
Sanday	arr	2055

25 AUGUST 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0840
Eday	arr	0955
	dep	1005
Stronsay	arr	1040
	dep	1050
Sanday	arr	1125
	dep	1645
Stronsay	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Eday	arr	1815
	dep	1825
Kirkwall	arr	1940
	dep	1950
Stronsay	arr	2130

01 SEPTEMBER 2019

Kirkwall	dep	0900
Sanday	arr	1025
	dep	1035
Eday	arr	1055
	dep	1105
Papa Westray	arr	1220
	dep	1230
Pierowall	arr	1255
	dep	1500
Papa Westray	arr	1525
	dep	1535
Eday	arr	1650
	dep	1700
Sanday	arr	1720
	dep	1740
Kirkwall	arr	1905
	dep	1915
Eday	arr	2030
	dep	2035
Sanday	arr	2055

Take one step beyond and visit Orkney's enchanted island fringe. The spell will last a lifetime.

Westray Bus Service



Tel: 07789 034289 (phone or text)

The Westray Bus Service operates to meet all ferries at the Rapness terminal. A fully scheduled service operates from the first Sunday in May until the last Monday in September. For the remainder of the year the service must be pre-booked (4 hours notice required).

Passengers may be picked up/dropped off anywhere on Westray.

Scottish Concession cards are accepted.

The Westray Bus Service operates all year round - see website for details



www.westraybusservice.co.uk



Papay Peedie Tours with the Papay Ranger

Wed, Thurs, Sat, 5th May to 31st Aug 2019



These all-day minibus tours combine archaeology, culture & wildlife. Visit the Knap of Howar – two houses over 5,000 years old, even older than Skara Brae! Other historical sites include St Boniface Kirk and Holland Farm, along with a walk to see the seabirds and *Primula scotica* on the RSPB North Hill reserve. £50 per adult & £25 under 16s. Includes delicious lunch and afternoon tea at the stunning Kelp Store heritage centre. Advance booking essential. Pick up from the ferry or the airfield.

Visit the Holm of Papay

The uninhabited Holm of Papay has an unparalleled Neolithic chambered cairn, and teems with wildlife. Trained skippers take you across on our fully-insured and MCA-coded boat, letting you know what you can see and where you can go. £25 per adult & £10 children. Family rates available. Advance booking essential. Trips are wholly dependent on suitable weather.

For all bookings & further information (including bike hire or private tours), email papayranger@gmail.com, contact the Papay Ranger on facebook or ring 0793 1235213. Papay Development Trust is Scottish Charity SC029585. www.papawestray.co.uk

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Kirkwall	dep 0720	dep 0720	dep 0720
Rapness (Westray)	arr 0845	arr 0845	arr 0845
Pierowall (Westray)	dep 0915	dep 0915	dep 0915
Papa Westray	arr 0940	arr 0940	arr 0940
Papa Westray	dep 1655	dep 1655	dep 1655
Pierowall (Westray)	arr 1725	arr 1725	dep 1725
Rapness (Westray)	dep 1755	dep 1755	dep 1755
Kirkwall	arr 1920	arr 1920	arr 1920

Alterations to sailings

N.B. In order to accommodate certain local events timetables will be subject to change on the following dates:



15 June 2019	North Isles Sports (Westray)
16 June 2019	Hoy Half Marathon
29/30 June 2019	Longhope Regatta
27 July 2019	Westray Regatta
2/3 August 2019	Sanday Agricultural Show
6 August 2019	Shapinsay Agricultural Show
10 August 2019	Annual County Show, (Kirkwall)



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1 NORTH RONALDSAY & PAPA WESTRAY

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2 INTER-ISLAND SERVICES

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3 ORKNEY SIGHT-SEER

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Kirkwall to Houton (HOY & FLOTTA)

Service 2

SUNDAYS: 6 May - 3 June 2018
 and 19 August - 23 Sept 2018

Kirkwall Depart	Houton Arrive	Houton Depart	Kirkwall Arrive
0915	0935	0950	1010
1620	1640	1650	1710

10 June - 12 August 2018

Kirkwall Depart	Houton Arrive	Houton Depart	Kirkwall Arrive
0830	0850	0900	0920
1000	1020	1035	1055
1515	1535	1550	1610
1645	1705	1720	1740
1830	1850	1905	1925

Kirkwall to Tingwall (ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE)

Service 6

SUNDAYS: 6 May - 23 September 2018

Kirkwall Depart	Tingwall Arrive	Tingwall Depart	Kirkwall Arrive
1010	1035	1040	1105
1120	1145	1150	1215
1410	1435	1440	1505
1530	1555	1600	1625
1730	1755	1800	1825

All services will wait up to 15 minutes for a ferry connection, and from the terminal may run up to 15 minutes later through every timing point for the remainder of the journey.

t: Kirkwall (01856) 870555

www.stagecoachbus.com



puffin, 'tammie norrie', drew kennedy



the shapinsay at shapinsay slip



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Passengers, luggage, vehicles, goods and livestock are carried subject to the Conditions of Carriage of Orkney Ferries as exhibited and available in the Company's vessels, offices and premises.

Vehicle lengths are charged as per manufacturers specification or overall length including towbars, bicycle racks, overhanging roof rack items etc., where fitted, whichever is greater.

Vans which exceed the dimensions declared at the time of booking will be subject to a surcharge and may not be able to be accommodated on board.

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- Passengers are requested to pay attention to safety announcements and/or notices.
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- Smoking is not permitted on any of the Company's Vessels or Property.
- Dangerous goods must be declared, and may be carried only by prior arrangement.
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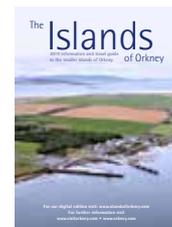
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