

Hello!

Welcome to the October newsletter. The nights are definitely drawing in now and there has been some heavy rain showers the last few days. If you are heading away for the October holidays we hope you have a great time, and if not, check out our October Holidays Activity ideas on the website by clicking [here](#). There are lots of things coming up in the halls over the next few months so take a look at the what's on section. We also have a round up from the Bruckland Festival in September.

We hope that you find it an interesting read and if you have anything you would like to add please get in touch. Email: ncdcoffice@northmavine.com Phone: 01806 544 222 or just nip into the office if you are passing by.

NCDC Projects

Housing Needs Assessment

We have now received the final housing needs assessment for Northmavine that we commissioned using SLF Funding. If you would like to read the report get in touch with Charlotte at charlotte.anderson@northmavine.com.

Telephone Boxes

You might have noticed that the telephone boxes outside the Hillswick Shop and at the Tail of the Heog have been getting a bit of a facelift. Laurence has been busy stripping them back and giving them a new lease of life. We are going to use them as visitor information points so if you have leaflets or business cards advertising your business get in touch!

Bruckland Festival Round Up

We can hardly believe it has been nearly a month since the first Bruckland Festival. The week started with a redd up. The Ollaberry Youth Club tackled Gluss Ayre, Mike Betteridge and Fiona Hargreaves tidied up around Mavis Grind and Grant Anderson headed out with a tractor and trailer collecting scrap metal. We also did a vehicle collection service with 17 vehicles collected waiting to be picked up from Bruckland shortly.

On Friday we had an information day with the SIC Climate Team and Kits for All joining us at the Hillswick Hall. We also had a few folk come along to try out our ebikes. We also judged the Bruckland Animal Competition with Ella Tonner getting first with her brilliant elephant, Bella Ramsay second

with a fantastic Giraffe and Magnus and Ramsay 3rd with a terrific crocodile.

Saturday started off with a nature session in the Sullom Trees with Coleen from Nature Connections Shetland which was a wonderful way to start the day, taking in our surroundings and Coleen even brought a special tea she had commissioned Island Botanicals to make using only local flora. In the afternoon we were at the Ollaberry Hall where folk could take along whatever they were working on . We had arrow making, knitting and embroidery as well as other things going on. Esme Wilcock was also on hand to clean jewellery and give advice.

Sunday was the busiest day with the Growing Local Produce Show at the North Roe & Lochend Hall alongside Sunday Teas and Polycrub tours across the parish. The teas took in over £1000 with the hall committee having to send out for more baking to keep everyone fed!

We would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway over the weekend and to everyone that came along to our events. It was great to see you all.





Growing Local Produce Show Results

There was a great turn out for the 2nd produce show with over 100 entries. Margaret, Pam and Kirsten Williamson from Lunna were our judges this year.

Vegetable Section

Class 1 5 Potatoes - White

- 1st Robbie Anderson, Ollaberry
- 2nd Lorraine Bruce, Doreholm
- 3rd Lorraine Bruce, Doreholm

Class 2 5 Potatoes – Coloured

- 1st Robbie Anderson, Ollaberry
- 2nd Ewen Mowat, Ollaberry
- 3rd Claire Laurenson, Lochend

Class 3 3 Carrots - with tops attached

- 1st Emily Poleson, Heylor
- 2nd Annette Blance, Barnafield
- 3rd Mac Cowie, North Roe

Class 4 3 Onions

- 1st Mac Cowie, North Roe
- 2nd Claire Laurenson, Lochend
- 3rd Ewen Mowat, Ollaberry

Class 5 A pair of Courgettes

- 1st Margaret Roberts, Gluss
- 2nd Ewen Mowat, Ollaberry
- 3rd Mac Cowie, North Roe

Class 6 A pair of Cucumbers

- 1st Ewen Mowat, Ollaberry
- 2nd Margaret Roberts, Gluss

Class 7 A Cabbage of any colour

No entries

Class 8 3 Beetroot

- 1st Ertie Poleson, Hillswick
- 2nd Geordie Polson, Hillswick
- 3rd Annette Blance, Barnafield

Class 9 6 Tomatoes

- 1st Margaret Roberts, Gluss
- 2nd Annette Blance, Barnafield
- 3rd Mac Cowie, North Roe

Class 10 3 Hot Chillies - Any variety

1st Margaret Roberts, Gluss

2nd Margaret Roberts, Gluss

11 A vase of 5 different Herbs

1st Maree Hay, Sullom

2nd Margaret Roberts, Gluss

3rd Sharon McGeady, North Roe

Class 12 A box, basket or tray of 5 Different Vegetables

1st Ewen Mowat, Ollaberry

2nd Margaret Roberts, Gluss

Fruit Selection

Class 13 4 Apples same variety

1st Mac Cowie, North Roe

Class 14 3 stone fruit same variety

1st Margaret Roberts, Gluss

Class 15 6 soft fruit same variety

1st Margaret Roberts, Gluss

2nd Maree Hay, Sullom

3rd Annette Blance, Barnafield

Class 16 Any other fruit not listed above - At least 3 of the same fruit

1st Margaret Roberts, Gluss

2nd Margaret Roberts, Gluss

3rd Mac Cowie, North Roe

Potted Plants

Class 17 1 Foliage Pot Plant

1st Margaret Roberts

Class 18 1 Flowering Pot Plant

No entries

Class 19 1 Cactus

No entries

Class 20 1 Succulent

1st Lorraine Bruce, Doreholm

2nd Sharon McGeady, North Roe

3rd Emily Poleson, Heylor

Flower Section

Class 21 1 Rose Specimen - A stem of any variety

1st Kit Mowat, Ollaberry

2nd Claire Laurenson, Lochend

3rd Lorraine Bruce, Doreholm

Class 22 1 vase of Mixed Annuals - Flowers raised from seed

1st Emily Poleson, Heylor

Class 23 1 vase of Mixed Garden Flowers - Minimum 3 varieties

1st Laureen Manson, Hillswick

2nd Emily Poleson, Heylor

Floral Art

Class 24 A floral arrangement in a 'Cup & Saucer'

1st Laureen Manson, Hillswick

2nd Lorraine Bruce, Doreholm

Class 25 A floral arrangement in an 'Unusual Container'

1st Laureen Manson, Hillswick

2nd Sharon McGeady, North Roe

Class 26 A floral arrangement in a 'Single Colour'

1st Sharon McGeady, North Roe

2nd Laureen Manson, Hillswick

Home Baking & Preserves

Class 27 A Celebration Cake - Not exceeding 20cm diameter

No entries

Class 28 Jar of Jam - Any flavour

1st Jane Brown, Ollaberry

2nd Kit Mowat, Ollaberry

3rd Kit Mowat, Ollaberry

Class 29 Jar of Marmalade - Any flavour

1st Kit Mowat, Ollaberry

2nd Laureen Manson, Hillswick

Class 30 Jar of Chutney - Any variety

1st Emily Poleson, Heylor

2nd Laureen Manson, Hillswick

3rd Laureen Manson, Hillswick

Class 31 A bottle of a homemade wine

No entries

Class 32 A bottle of homemade liqueur

No entries

Class 43 6 Home produced Eggs - Any colour

1st Tommy Poleson, Heylor

2nd Maddison Kearney, Brae

3rd Gladys Ramsay, Collafirth

Children's Section

Age 6 and under

Class 34 3 decorated Digestive Biscuits - vegetable theme

1st Carrie Laurenson, Brae

Class 35 A vegetable animal

1st Carrie Laurenson, Brae

2nd Amelia Laurenson, Brae

Age 7 - 9 years old

Class 36 3 Cupcakes - With a flower theme

1st Carly Johnson, Gluss

Class 37 Cress grown in an 'Unusual Container'

No entries

Age 10-12 years old

Class 38 Decorated cake, any flavour - garden theme

1st Tina Johnson, Gluss

39 A decorated flowerpot

No entries

Extra Prizes

Any other veg

1st Mac Cowie, North Roe

Duck Eggs

1st Gladys Ramsay, Collafirth

Gardening Jobs for October



Bruckland continues to be busy and Charlotte and Sarah are currently going through training to be able to PAT test electronics coming in. We will also have a community fridge, a library of things, kits for all donation point and a clothing a textile bank opening in the next few months.

Anyone living in Northmavine can become a member of Bruckland for £60 a year which allows you to use the skips as much as you want.

We are also looking for anyone willing to volunteer to help out, whether you can spare a couple hours a week or a month. Benefits include a reduced membership fee.

We have roughly worked out that Bruckland has diverted over 9.2 tonnes from going to landfill over the last year. Isn't that amazing!

Joy's Weather Station, Ollaberry

***"Whether the weather be Cold, or whether the weather be hot
We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not."***

There is nothing exceptional about this September's weather, apart from the temperature.

The Mean temperature has risen rather than beginning to fall at this time of year. The mean maximum was 14.7 Celsius, up by +1.1degC, the mean minimum was 9.9C up by +0.8C. That brought the overall mean temperature of 12.3C up by +0.9 Celsius , whereas the average 30 year mean is 11.4C.

The highest daily temperature was 21.9C on 7th. The coldest was 3.6C on 13th, which day also claims the lowest grass temp of 1.8C. So no frosts at all.

The Sunshine hours continued to be above the norm with a total of 124.6hrs which was 118% of average and was shared evenly through the month. Only 3 days were sunless.

It may have seemed wet after our dry summer, but in fact with 140mm total rainfall (5 1/2inches) it was just above 1/2inch above the September norm. The heavier falls came on 4 days through the month, and the most in any day was 27.1mm on 10th.

The winds were Southerly to Westerly during more than half of the month, which will explain those "warmer" temperatures! It has been strong at different times, but only during the early hours of one day, the 25th, did it reach gale force, the highest gust being 53mph. Gusts in the middle 50's are the most usual for September, but last year in Sept, 2022, it reached 68mph. In contrast, there were 13 evenings which were either calm or Force 1!

I guess this is why Shetland weather is the topic most talked about, listened to, and watched! How boring it would be if it were the same all day, every day.



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SAC can help with diversification planning and succession planning as well as crofting regulations work, and the day-to-day record keeping, IACS, and other paperwork. To stay up to date with what is going on, you can follow SAC on Facebook at [SAC Consulting Lerwick](#).

Thursday 12th October 7pm in the Mart's Cafe

Jane Thomson from Shearwell Data

- SAC Presentation on what to expect if you are selected for an RPID Sheep Inspection
- Overview of Shearwell's various data collection and management tools

Friday 1st September - Thursday 30th November

Scottish Upland Sheep Support Scheme application window now open

- Not a new scheme
- Need at least 80% region 3 land to qualify
- Already have submitted your SAF for the year
- Need tag numbers for this year's lambs

1st January - 31st December. Claims submitted 1st March 2023 – 28th February 2024

Preparing for Sustainable Farming Fund

The Preparing for Sustainable Farming (PSF) scheme offers grant funding to farmers and crofters to help them understand their carbon emissions and sequestration, identifying recommendations that can lower these emissions and increase efficiencies. For more information, get in touch with SAC.

Ultrasound scanning for OPA has begun with the new scanner in Shetland. Local vets are being trained. Sheep scanned during training will be scanned free of charge. If you are interested in having your flock scanned as part of the training programme, please contact Lucia Malcolmson lucia.malcolmson@shetland.gov.uk for more information and to register your interest.



Esmé Wilcock
JEWELLERY MADE BY SHETLAND



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Dates available

October : 16th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 30th,

November : 13th, 17th, 21st, 23rd, 27th, 28th 29th

Sea Glass Ring

£135 per person, full day, lunch included

Sea Glass Pendant

£135 per person, full day, lunch included

Single plain ring

£65 per person, half day with refreshments

Trio of Stacking Rings

£135 per person, full day lunch included

Cast your own Groatie Buckie

£180 per person, half day with refreshments

Trio of Earrings

£135 per person, full day lunch included

What's on

Thursday 12th October

Gluss & Bardister Common Grazings – Committee Meeting Ollaberry Hall clubroom at 7.30pm

Friday 13th October

Ollaberry Lunch Club Ollaberry Hall 11am - 2pm all welcome

Chinese Takeaway 4-8pm Hillswick Hall

Saturday 14th October

Fish & Chips Takeaway 4-7pm North Roe and Lochend Hall

Sunday 15th October

Shetland Field Studies Group – 2-star Walk: Eshaness & the Grind of the Navir, with Aidan Hall, book at the Tourist Office, meet 11am at Eshaness Lighthouse car park

Wednesday 18th October

500 7.30pm start Hillswick Hall

Tuesday 24th October

Maakin & Yarnin Night 7.30-9.30pm North Roe Methodist Kirk

Ollaberry, Collafirth and Crooksetter Common Grazings - Meeting for the appointment of a Grazings Committee Ollaberry Hall 8pm

Thursday 26th October

Chinese Takeaway 4-8pm Ollaberry Hall

Saturday 28th October

Bairns Halloween Party Hillswick Hall

Bairn's Halloween Party and Bonfire North Roe & Lochend Hall

Wednesday 1st November

500 7.30pm start Ollaberry Hall

Friday 3rd November

Ollaberry Lunch Club Ollaberry Hall 11am - 2pm all welcome

Jumble sale for Hillswick Hall fundraiser
Donations of any bric a brack, household items, books, homebakes, raffle prizes etc

all would be most appreciated. Donations received Sunday 29th October 3-4.30pm and Thursday 2nd Nov 7-8pm

Saturday 4th November

Sale of Work Sullom & Gunnister Hall - Bric a brac, toys, clothing, books, homebakes etc. Plus raffle and games. Hall open to drop off donations Thursday 2nd 7-9.30pm & Saturday 4th 10am-12pm

Tuesday 7th November

Maakin & Yarnin Night 7.30-9.30pm North Roe Methodist Kirk

Saturday 11th November

Hawaiian Shirt & Cocktail night - ticketed event. Hillswick Hall

Wednesday 15th November

500 7.30pm start Hillswick Hall

Friday 17th November

Quiz Night Hillswick Hall 8pm

Saturday 18th November

Fish & Chip Night Ollaberry Hall 5-7.30pm

Auction Sale (Christmas party fundraiser) North Roe & Lochend Hall

Tuesday 21st November

Maakin & Yarnin Night 7.30-9.30pm North Roe Methodist Kirk

Thursday 23rd November

Urafirth Primary School Christmas Shopping Night Hillswick Hall

Sunday 26th November

Christmas Craft Fair Ollaberry Hall

Friday 1st December

Ollaberry Lunch Club Ollaberry Hall 11am - 2pm all welcome

Tuesday 5th December

Maakin & Yarnin Night 7.30-9.30pm North Roe Methodist Kirk

Saturday 9th December

Music Session & Supper Night North Roe & Lochend Hall

Tuesday 12th December

North Roe Primary School Christmas Concert
North Roe & Lochend Hall

Saturday 16th December

Bairn's Christmas Party North Roe & Lochend Hall

Tuesday 19th December

Maakin & Yarnin Night 7.30-9.30pm North Roe Methodist Kirk

Every Monday

Bruckland open 2pm -5pm

Ollaberry Fitness Group 6.30pm

Ability Shetland Youth Club North Roe & Lochend Hall during term time 6-7.30pm

The Living Well Hub Brae Youth Centre 10am - 2pm

Every Tuesday

Bruckland open 2-5pm

Northmavine Fiddle and Accordion Club Hillswick Hall 7.30pm start

Every Thursday

Mak and Yak Sullom & Gunnister Hall 7.30pm start

Every Friday

Northmavine Under 5's Ollaberry Hall 1.30pm - 2.45pm. During term time

The Living Well Hub Brae Youth Centre 10am-4pm

Every Sunday

Bruckland open 2-5pm