



Northmavine Community Development Company

We have now moved out to the Portacabin at Bruckland, we haven't quite got the phones switched over but please come along or email us if you need us.

If you'd like to receive the newsletter through email or if you would prefer to receive it in the post, please get in touch and we can arrange that for you.

Email: ncdcoffice@northmavine.com or phone 01806 544222 to leave a message or try our mobile 07951515375, or just nip into the office if you are passing by.

NCDC Projects



A new EV charger has been installed in the Bruckland yard, which will allow for the charging point currently situated outside the compound to be freed up.

This EV charger has been made possible through funding from Community Energy Scotland as part of the Rural Energy Hub Project.



The NCDC Youth Board has an exciting opportunity for anyone aged 12-18 who lives in Northmavine to learn about film making with Keiba Film.

The first day saw the teenagers recording interviews with previous Jarls and this year's Jarl John Stephen, as well as filming in and around the galley shed. The second day will be learning all about post production and the different editing tools available.

There are 12 spaces available. To book a space, please email Charlotte charlotte.anderson@northmavine.com



Growing Local NORTHMAVINE

At Growing Local Phase 2, we have been quite active throughout the winter months. The raised beds at Bruckland are now set up and ready for planting. Currently, we have three main outdoor areas:

- Three plots at Hamnavoe, generously provided by Nancy Johnson, which will be ploughed as soon as the ground dries.
- One plot at Stucca - Hillswick, which will be strimmed, and we may conduct a no-dig experiment using raised beds.
- Two additional plots at Da Barn, where we will grow more vegetables, thanks to James and Carol Titcomb.

If you would like more information or can spare some time to assist, please reach out to Kev Forth at NCDC.

We want to hear about your produce! Share what you're growing this year, if you have any surplus produce, NCDC is willing to buy it from you. Just contact Charlotte or Karlyn.

Our seed swap is back again this year! Pick up a pack or two at Bruckland or if you are over run with seed packets we'd be happy to add them to the tub.



Ollaberry Lunch Club

The next lunch club is the 21st of March, for those that are able there will be a gentle walk leaving from the hall at approximately 11:20 and back for lunch at 12pm. The Royal Nation Institute for Deaf People will be visiting the lunch club, they can help with hearing checks, NHS hearing aid maintenance e.g batteries, re-tubing and cleaning, as well as information and advice on hearing loss/tinnitus.

GET SUPPORT WITH HEARING LOSS

Visit our free drop-in service - no appointment needed. Our friendly volunteers can support you with:

Information on hearing loss and tinnitus

How to do a hearing check

Hearing aids, including basic repairs and maintenance of NHS hearing aids

How to access support and services in your area

Ollaberry Lunch Club
Ollaberry Hall, ZE2 9RT
Friday 21st March
12:30pm - 2:00pm

Call: 0800 808 0123
Email: contact@rnid.org.uk
SMS/text: 07360 268988

rnid.org.uk/NearYou



Weather for January 2025 by Joy French, Ollaberry

A Happy New Year, 2025 ... But do not depend on the weather!

From 1st January to almost half way through the month the weather delivered SNOW until 12th, with sub – zero temperatures as well as frosts and ice.

There was one day, 7th, when RAIN fell, and the WIND blew, and it was the only official GALE day recorded – 48mph maximum gust, Force 9, and the snow was gone!

However snow returned next day, 8th, snowing and blowing again, and left us on the morning of 13th, with heaps only in the hollows and lay-byes, just to remind us, for a few more days.

During the second half of the month came the MIST/FOG with wet drizzle. The darkness of the days, and lack of visibility, has been depressing. The third week of the month was totally CALM, some thing we have not recorded in any month in 20 years.

SUNSHINE hours were in very short supply. There were 10 sunless days, and 14 more when the sun shone for less than half an hour! No wonder the total for the whole month was only 17.3hrs (42% of average).

Now for a few facts and figures:-

Air Frosts 6 days.

Ground Frosts 15 days.

Highest Pressure on 12th 1030.6 millibars.

Lowest Pressure on 24th 949.9mb.

Mean Temperature for month 4.3 deg Celsius.

Difference from average was -0.1 deg C.

Rainfall 132.4mm (82.8% of average). This includes melted snow. Most rain in a day 21.8mm on 24th.

Hail 2 days.

Farming and Crofting

Throughout February and March, various events will take place across Shetland, catering to both new and seasoned farmers and crofters:

Scottish Crofting Federation:

There will be an in person 2 day training event held in the Ollaberry Hall on the 7th & 8th of March for both new and experienced crofters. The training will cover topics such as sustainability, preparing for changes in agricultural policy, adapting crofting practice and more.

Tickets for the event can be found [here](#) or you can go to the Scottish Crofting Federation Website, click on Training, and scroll down for the Ollaberry date.

There is also an evening in the Voe Hall on the 7th of March from 7-9pm. All crofters welcome for a cuppa and a chat about:

Changes in agricultural policy; New conditions for basic payments; The Crofting Bill; How the SCF can best support you. And much more!

No need to book just come by.

SAC Consulting:

Have you started planning for IACS 2025? Join one of our drop-in information sessions to explore which two audits and plans would suit your croft best. Furthermore, if you are a Rural Support claimant receiving £1000 or less in BPS, we offer complimentary one-on-one advisory support to assist you in preparing for your Rural Support Claim/IACS in 2025.



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CROFTING FOR THE FUTURE!

- How can I prepare for changes in agricultural policy?
- How can I make my croft more sustainable:- economically & environmentally?
- What can I learn from others to adapt my crofting practice?
- What resources are available to support me?

Answers to these and other questions in our intensive, in-person, interactive two day training course.



Friday 7th and Saturday 8th March
Ollaberry Hall, Shetland



Course Content

The course will be co-designed with participants choosing modules from the following categories:

- (i) Land Management;
- (ii) Animal Management;
- (iii) Horticulture/silviculture/agro-forestry;
- (iv) Economic sustainability.

Who is it for?

This course is suitable for both new entrant AND experienced crofters.

Members price: £50; Non-members: £80

For more info & to book your place, contact:- celia@crofting.org

This workshop is 75% subsidised through the SRDP Knowledge Transfer & Innovation Fund (KITIF), funded by Scottish Government.



**Whole Farm Plan
Drop-in Info Days**

Find out what you need to know for 2025
All welcome

- 17th Feb – Uyeasound Hall, 11am - 2pm
- 17th Feb – Mid Yell Hall, 4.30pm to 7.30pm
- 20th Feb – Bixter Public Hall, 4pm to 7pm
- 24th Feb – Bigton Public Hall, 4pm to 7pm
- 27th Feb – Brae Public Hall, – 4pm to 7pm

SAC (Shetland Agricultural Centre)
 Shetland Islands Council
01595 693520 | Lerwick@sac.co.uk | sac.co.uk

What's On

Monday 3rd March

Making & Crafting 7pm

Hillswick Hall

Wednesday 5th March

500 - 7:30pm

Ollaberry Hall

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th March

Crofting for the Future Training Days 9:30am-5pm

To book please click [here](#)

Ollaberry Hall

Thursday 13th March

Tea, Coffee & Company 10:30am-12:30pm

Ollaberry Church

Saturday 15th March

Fish & Chip Night 5 - 7:30pm

Ollaberry Hall

Monday 17th March

Making & Crafting 7pm

Hillswick Hall

Wednesday 19th March

500 - 7:30pm

Hillswick Hall

Friday 21st March

Health Walk followed by Lunch Club 11.20am - 2pm

Ollaberry Hall

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Sunday 23rd March

NCDC AGM - Soup & Sweet

Hillswick Hall

Wednesday 26th March

Spinning Group 7-9pm

Ollaberry Hall

Thursday 27th March

Tea, Coffee & Company 10:30am-12:30pm

Ollaberry Church

Saturday 29th March

Chip Supper Night - info to follow

North Roe & Lochend Hall

Every Monday

Bruckland open 2pm -5pm

Ability Shetland Youth Club 6-7:30pm **Term time**

North Roe & Lochend Hall

Makkin & Craft Night 7-9pm (fortnightly from the 6th Jan)

Hillswick Hall

Every Tuesday

Bruckland open 2-5pm

Northmavine Fiddle and Accordion Club Hillswick Hall

7.30pm start

Makkin & Yarnin, North Roe Methodist Kirk, 7:30pm,

(fortnightly from the 14th January)

Every Thursday

Sullom Mak & Yak, Sullom & Gunnister Hall 7-9:30pm

Every Friday

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

Ollaberry Youth Club 6-8pm **Term time Oct Holidays -**

Easter Holidays

Ollaberry Hall

Every Sunday

Bruckland open 2-5pm

