



Northmavine Community Development Company

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### Bruckland needs you!

We need volunteers to keep Bruckland going, as it stands right now Bruckland is open 3 afternoons a week. However, this will be changing if we can't find any volunteers to keep it going. Monday & Tuesday afternoons will remain, though we only be opening for 1 Sunday a month.

If you think you can help please get in touch with us by phone or email [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com)



### Job Vacancies

We currently have two job vacancies at NCDC - Financial Admin Assistant and Community Gardener, the deadline for both vacancies is **Friday 12th July at 5pm.**

We are also looking for a manager at the Hillswick Shop

If you are interested in any of these positions please get in touch for an application pack.

Email [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com)

### Trowie Trail

There will be 20 peerie trows placed around Northmavine throughout the Summer as part of our 20th anniversary this year. The trows have been drawn by the lovely Kit Mowat and the bairns of the North Roe, Ollaberry & Urafirth primary schools have been busy painting them up. We are hoping to get them out and about next week!

You can scan the QR code on the trows which will take you to our blog on our website alongside a link to our tourist guide app. The app was created last year as part of the Growing Local Project <https://www.northmavine.com/audio-tour/>

*See how many you can find this summer!*



## 20 Questions with Christyne Dunk

*We asked Christyne 20 questions to celebrate her 20 years with the Royal Mail*

### 1. What made you apply for the job?

I didna apply fur da job Jean Stephen, postmistress at da time n Brian Robertson da postie, tow't I might lik tae be da cover fur Brian's holidays, I said I likly cood n Brian said I wis tae go n see Jean. I duly did, signed da Official Secrets Act n da rest is history  
Dat wis in 1999, I guid full-time in 2004

### 2. Can you remember your first day?

Yis, Brian picked me up aboot 6.45 da first moarnin, we opened da 4 post boxes on da Ollaberry/Nort Roe run an met da mail van at da Hillsook junction. If I mind right it wis Allan Anderson's last week on da mail van. Back dan we sorted da parcels ida hut at da junction, da letters wir in da mail bags. Da mail wis sorted doon at da Post Office at Sunnyside, Jean med wis coffee n supplied biscuits. We wirkit wir wye nort fae Runnadale tae Isbister, I hed 3 days trainin afore goin solo fur da nixt 3 days, Brian drove da first couple o days, da last day I drove. I wisna much use at reversin n usin da mirrors back dan so Brian wid say "hard ower, hard ower". I'm no bad at it noo.

### 3. Can you remember your worst day? Was it due to weather?

I'm hed twartree bad days wi wadder. Wan day at da end o Jan 2022 dey wir a lot o wind n we wir telt tae feenish at 12. I hed half a dizen parcels left by 11.45 n decided I wid joost keep goin n git dem delivered I hed wan tae go tae da auld Nort hall. Da door wis kinda tricky n as I wis closin him da handle cam aff in me haand, I guid backwards at a rate o knots til I wis flat on me back n wi dat a car guid by aboot a fit fae me head. I decided tae feenish dan.

### 4. Is there a particular route, scene, that brings a smile to your face when you're delivering the mail?

I love a bonnie still moarnin at da tail end o da year/or da first o da year, whin da sun is risin whin I hed oot wi da van I also always love comin doon da rod tae Mam n Dad's n da view o Yellsoond in ony wadder.

### 5. What do you do when you're not delivering the post?

I sweem, I love bein ida sea, I'm a water sign. On Sundays wir group "Da Nort Dunkers" sweem at da Wast Ayre, da Lubba or Sandvoe, dir 20 odd members bit no aabody can win every Sunday I also read a lot n I lik keepin in touch/meetin up wi family n freends.



### 6. What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wantit tae be a truck driver. Dad used tae drive a truck tae da late Frankie Tait, me n Bert wid go wi him fur da day noo n ageen durin da simmer holidays I niver did onything aboot it tho I guid sooth tae college instead n got an office job.

### 7. What's your youngest memory?

I can mind bein in da Gilbert Bain tae see me Granny (Dad's Mam) I widda been 3 as sho passed away aboot a fortnight afore I wis 4

### 8. What would be your desert island book?

Cross Stitch (Outlander) by Diana Gabaldon

### 9. What is your favourite band/music?

I lik a wide variety o music, I always enjoy da Folk Festival. Back ida 80's it wis da Eurythmics n U2, I saa dem baith in Glasgow, my go tae noo is da late great John Prine, we saa him twice in Glasgow too.

All time favourite song is The Ballad of Lucy Jordan by Marianne Faithfull

### 10. When you retire what will you do?

I'll probably no git up sae early, I'll still be sweemin, n hoopfully enjoyin hivin mair free time.

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## 20 Questions continued

### 11. Would you ever leave Shetland?

No I dunna tink so I guid tae Aberdeen whin I wis 17. Efter college I got a job wi Grampian Regional Council n stayed dere til me n Bethany cam hom in 1997 whin Peter passed away. I still love goin back tae Aberdeen, n catchin up with me owld pals, bit I'm very content bydin whar I do.

### 12. Where is your favourite place in Shetland and why?

St Ninian's Isle, love sweemin dere n wir hed sum great holidays ida caravan doon dere

### 13. What is your biggest fear?

Bein buried alive I dunna lik enclosed spaces

### 14. What do you think the world will look like 100 years from now?

A lot different fae noo I doot, n I'm blyde I'll no be around tae see it.

### 15. Do believe in New Years Resolutions, and if so, do you have any?

I always tink I'll mak eens, bit if I dunna write dem doon dey niver happen Dir joost da usual, try n be a bit mair healthy, aet less bruck, exercise mair n stop procrastinatin - I'm VERY good at dat!!

### 16. Do you have any superstitions?

Yis, dunna flit on a Fri/Sat, dunna cut your nails on a Fri or Sun, dunna start knittin on Fri, n I try tae avoid goin under ledders.

### 17. If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?

Discipline

### 18. Can you play a musical instrument? If not what would you like to have played?

No I canna, Liam, da Pipe Major sumtimes comes up wi da mail van n wan moarnin he axed me if I fancied learnin da bagpipes I laughed aa day aboot dat, I love music, bit I tink you need a different kind o brain tae be good at music/playin an an instrument

### 19. What would your biography be called?

Born wi a Heavy Right Fit

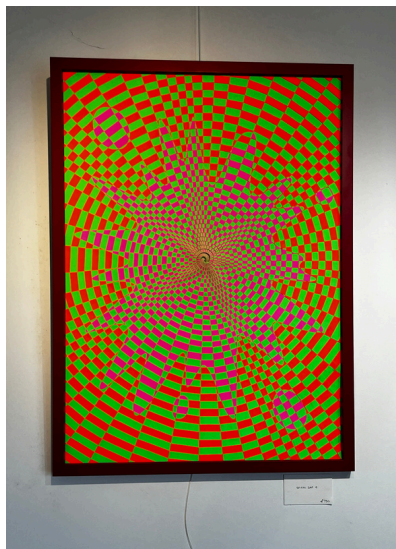
### 20. What are you most proud of?

Dat's simple, Bethany Sho guid tae Uni an graduated as a Staff Nurse. Durin covid sho wis wirkin in 107 - respiratory ward - a very worryin time. Noo sho is a Practice Education Facilitator (sho supports da trainin n education o registered nurses) still at ARI.

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## Freedom Exhibition

The Freedom Exhibition opened at The Weaving Shed Gallery on Saturday 15th June. The exhibition showcases work by jeweler Esme Wilcock, artist Kelly Robertson and landscape artist Mark Gatter. The Weaving Shed is open daily from 11am-4pm. Here is just a selection of some of the beautiful pieces on show.





## Northmaven Community Council - Road Grant

Grant aid is now available to Northmavine residents towards the upkeep of unadopted roads. Assistance will only be awarded every second year, except in exceptional circumstances, and will only be considered from applicants who are resident at the property served by the road. Deadline for applications is **Monday 8th July at noon**.

Forms are available from:

Mrs Charlotte Anderson

Telephone: 01806 544 222 or

Email: [northmavencc@gmail.com](mailto:northmavencc@gmail.com)

## Housing

As part of ongoing feasibility work related to housing in Northmavine, we need to create an expression of interest list for people within and outside of Northmavine who are looking for affordable rent housing in the parish. If this is you, please get in touch!

You can send us a private message on Facebook, or email us at [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com) or you can just speak to Charlotte or Karlyn if you see them about.

## Community Summer Pop Ins

### North Roe & Lochend Hall

There will be 4 scheduled Community Summer Pop-ins this summer held in the North Roe & Lochend Hall, they are being run by the Shetland Islands Council & Community Learning & Development. The pop-ins is for everyone within the community out and about to catch up over a coffee and a bun. Bring your bairns and/or grandbairns to play games or do some crafts.

If you'd like to attend but need support getting to the hall please call this number 01595 743 888 or email [communitydevelopment@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@shetland.gov.uk)



## Energy Efficiency Grants

Although the weather is now warming up, but it is still a good time to consider how efficient your home is. There are currently two schemes available to improve your home, the Energy Efficiency Grant and the Warmer Homes Scotland scheme. Both grants are administered by Home Energy Scotland [www.homeenergyscotland.org](http://www.homeenergyscotland.org)

Although the Warmer Homes Scheme has a tighter criteria, there is currently no waiting list.

If you think you might be eligible or just want some help filling in the application, please get in touch with us. Email [ncdcoffice@northmavine.com](mailto:ncdcoffice@northmavine.com) or phone 01806 544 222

## End of Lambing Dance

The Ollaberry Hall had very successful dance to the Peter Wood Dance Band on the 25th of May with folk of all ages enjoying the night. Nearly £500 was raised for the Ronald MacDonald House in Glasgow. The committee would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and all the folk who came along to make it such a good night!



## Shetland Family Centre

### Peep on Tour

A free play session for 0-5 year olds, parents and carers. Peep sessions are a great opportunity to meet other families, share ideas and support children's learning through everyday play activities.

**No need to book, just come along!**

**HILLSWICK HALL, on Friday 19 July, 10-11.30am**

For more info, phone Shetland Family Centre on 01595 745400.



## Sullom Mak & Yak

The Sullom Makk & Yakk group enjoyed a visit from a group of 17 knitters from America & Canada last month. The visiting group was led by Amy Detjen 'The Purple Lady' who you may have seen visiting Shetland for several years. The attraction of Shetland and it's knitwear is growing all the time and it's great to see. The visiting group we're delighted to meet Margaret Doull who alongside her family, are this year's Shetland Wool Week Patrons.

The knitting group meet once at the end of every month throughout the summer and weekly throughout the winter months.

The Sullom Makk & Yakk will have 2 meetings next month in July for more visitors coming up. Keep an eye out on their Facebook page for more details [Sullom Hall Mak N Yak](#)



## Species On The Edge - contributed

Hello everyone! I'm Gareth the People Engagement Officer for Species on the Edge. We are a new partnership of several conservation charities looking to protect species along the coastlines of Scotland. Here in Shetland, there are eight species we are focussing on: the Whaap (curlew), Peewit (lapwing), Red-Necked Phalarope, Lintie (twite), Shetland Bumblebee, Plantain Leaf Beetle, Endemic Hawkweeds, and the beautiful beach loving Oysterplant.

For both the Hawkweeds and Oysterplant, Northmavine is a crucial site for them in Scotland with beaches like Urafirth providing homes for some of the healthiest colonies of purple blue flowers. Some of the Hawkweeds are directly named after there namesakes in Northmavine such as the North Roe Hawkweed.

As for the bees and beetles, the Shetland Bumblebee can be found wandering all over, and was spotted multiple times on Species on the Edge's guided beewalk in Ollaberry last month. The Plantain Leaf Beetle is only now known from sites on Unst and Yesnaby in Orkney, but Ronas Hill has been identified as a key site where it could be found! We know very little about both the bee and beetle's populations. Are they doing well? Are they declining?

So what can we do for these species in Northmavine? Maybe come along and lend a hand to plant oysterplants and hawkweeds or volunteer to search for bees by the road or beetles in the hills. Look out for Species on the Edge events to get involved! Have you got any ideas about to help these species? Why not contact me at [gareth.powell@rspb.org.uk](mailto:gareth.powell@rspb.org.uk), any ideas that can help us raise awareness or directly protect these species would be amazing! Have a fun summer and hopefully I'll bump into you at somepoint!



## Weather Report for February & March from Joy French, 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*



### May Weather Report 2024

May! What a wonderful month, after our long dark winter, and spring being so slow to get going.

We will begin with the total SUNSHINE hours of 186hrs, which figure has not been reached in any May since 2018, and previous to that, 2012. The highest daily temperature was 19.9 degrees Celsius (about 68C Fahrenheit) on 11th, followed by 19.8C on 17th. There were 16 further days with 15C (60deg F), and obviously some with more! And on 13 of these days there were 3 to 4 hours of sunshine before 9am.

Only on 5th did the TEMPERATURE drop below 10C, which was one of those 3 foggy days, with mist so thick at times that it made driving tricky. There was only 1 Ground Frost when the night sky cleared for a while, dropping the minimum temperature to 3.9C, and the grass temperature to -2.0C. The over-all Mean temperature for May was 11.7C, which was +3.0 degrees C. difference from the 30 year average. All this warmth, coupled with a low average windspeed of 5.7mph, Force 2, for the whole month, has given us a best taste of Summer for a long time.

Even the RAINFALL has taken back-stage, with 25 dry days, only 3 days of heavy rain, together yielding 52.6mm of the total rainfall of 58.8mm!

The good weather we have had, no one can take from us!

#### Thursday 4th July

Poling place for General Election

#### Monday 8th July

Deadline for unadopted road grant - 12noon

#### Friday 12th July

Chinese takeaway 4-8pm

Hillswick Hall, phone 503 265

Voe & District Agricultural Show Entries Deadline

#### Friday 19th July

Shetland Family Centre - Peep, 10 - 11.30am

Hillswick Hall

#### Wednesday 24th July

Summer Pop In 10:30 -12:30pm - All ages welcome

North Roe Hall

#### Thursday 25th July

Sullom Mak & Yak - 7pm

Sullom & Gunnister Hall

#### Saturday 27th July

Beach clean - West Ayre, Hillswick

Time TBC

#### Wednesday 7th August

Summer Pop In 10:30 -12:30pm - All ages welcome

North Roe Hall

#### Wednesday 21st August

Summer Pop In 10:30 -12:30pm - All ages welcome

North Roe Hall

#### Wednesday 4th September

Summer Pop In 10:30 -12:30pm - All ages welcome

North Roe Hall

#### Every Monday

Bruckland open 2pm -5pm

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

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

(Fortnightly from 12th March)

#### Every Friday

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

#### Every Sunday

Bruckland open 2-5pm

