



Orkney Community Environment Awareness Network

# Summer Events Calendar 2006



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Orkney Community Environment Awareness Network (OCEAN) aims to co-ordinate, promote and provide environmental education throughout the county. The group is comprised of a variety of organisations including Scottish Natural Heritage, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Orkney Islands Council, VisitOrkney, The Sanday Ranger, Aquatera, the Community Biodiversity Project Officer, World Heritage Site Ranger Service, Orkney Field Club, Orkney Heritage and teachers from the county schools.

OCEAN meets 4 times a year to co-ordinate and plan the work of the group, and to allow exchange of ideas and initiatives. There are a wide range of skills and expertise within OCEAN which can be used to provide wide ranging and inclusive environmental education opportunities. The range of local and national organisations OCEAN represents can provide information, activities and opportunities on local, national and global issues. Membership of OCEAN is free and open to all organisations or individuals who are involved in environmental education in Orkney.

For more information on OCEAN or the work we do please contact:

Scottish Natural Heritage  
54-56 Junction Road, Kirkwall  
01856 875302

### How to use the Calendar

The OCEAN calendar is quick and easy to use. Events are grouped by month and within each month by date. For each event information is provided relating to the type of activity, who it is suitable for, where it is, start times, cost and what to bring. For quick and easy reference the following symbols are used:

**Bring your lunch**  
if an event last for more than 4 hours you are advised to bring your lunch.

**Binoculars**  
telescope or binoculars would be useful but not essential.

**Family friendly**  
event is suitable for all the family.

**Disabled access**

### Walking

**Easy**  
mainly without hills or rough ground, less than 2 miles

**Moderate**  
some uphill or rough ground, between 2 and 6 miles

**Difficult**  
significant uphill or rough ground, over 6 miles

Waterproofs, warm clothing and suitable footwear should be assumed for all events unless specified otherwise, particularly in Orkney where the weather can be unpredictable even in the summer.

For some activities booking is essential so please use the contact information and book early to avoid disappointment. Unless otherwise stated, events are free of charge.

For booking or any other information or questions please use the contact information provided with each event.

### The Aims of this Calendar

The aim of this calendar is to promote environmental education activities within Orkney. OCEAN believes that experiencing the environment should be interesting and fun for all. For this reason we have included activities that cover a range of ages and abilities. So whether you feel like a hike up Ward Hill, an informative talk on slugs or would like to find out more about Orkney's birds and plants, then the calendar is where you will find out where you can go and what you can do.

### Being Safe Outside

**We want you to enjoy your visit!**  
**Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure your safety and everyone's enjoyment:**

- Please carry warm and waterproof clothing and wear sturdy footwear – the weather changes rapidly in Orkney.
- The cliffs around Orkney are potentially dangerous – please be cautious at all times. Children and dogs should be closely supervised along the cliffs. For your own safety, please avoid these areas in windy and foggy conditions.
- Be aware of tides.
- You are advised to carry a map and compass if you wish to explore away from the footpaths.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult.

### Please Please Please

- respect the rights of other land users.
- keep dogs under close control to avoid disturbance to livestock and wildlife.
- leave gates as you found them.
- do not light fires anywhere except at designated camp sites.
- do not pick wild plants or disturb wildlife.
- take your litter home with you.
- park with consideration for others and don't block access routes.

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## Summer Regulars

**The Orkney Museum** OM & H  
**Victorian Orkney**  
**1 April – 30 September**

This Summer's exhibition looks at the Victorian period in Orkney. As well as text panels and artefacts there will be a range of children's activities which link in with the Victorian theme. For large groups it is an idea to let us know before you arrive. **info/bookings:** Joyce Gray on 873535 Ext 2527 or Sheila Garson on 873535 Ext 2526.

**Scapa Flow Visitor Centre, Lyness, Hoy** OM & H

From March there will be a new range of 'hands on' activities for children at the Scapa Flow Visitor Centre. Plenty to see and do for our younger visitors.

**info/bookings:** Scapa Flow Visitors Centre 791300

**Royal Society for the Protection of Birds** RSPB

Regular walks throughout the summer. These events are aimed at all abilities and interests, if you know nothing about birds or would like to learn more about the flora and fauna or the management of the Orkney reserves please feel free to join us. *Please wear stout footwear and bring warm waterproof clothing.* All walks last about 2-2½ hours.

**cost:** RSPB members: free non-members: adults £2, children (under) 16 £1, infants free.

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176

### Eday Experience

Come and enjoy Eday's outstanding flora, fauna, numerous archaeological sites, spectacular views over the North Isles and best of all Eday itself. Regular guided walks for all interests.

**time:** every Sun and Wed 2-4 hours

**info/bookings:** for more information about Eday please visit our web site [www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/eday](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/eday) or phone 07917523582

**Papay RSPB Warden** RSPB

Join the RSPB Warden for a walk along the cliffs at Fowl Craig where you can witness life in the seabird city, enjoy the wild flowers and learn about birds of the maritime heath. Wet weather clothing and sturdy boots are required.

**time:** every Tues 1-3pm, Thurs 1.30-3.30pm, Sat 1.30-3.30pm from 2 May – 31 August

**meet:** At Rose Cottage

**info/bookings:** Papay Warden 01857 644240

Start Point Lighthouse



### Papa Westray Peedie Package Tours

Make a day of discovering about life past and present on Papa Westray. Wet weather clothing and sturdy boots essential.

**time:** every Tues, Thurs and Sat from 2 May to 31 Aug  
**cost:** £34 adult, £27.50 concession, £23 under 15 years (pay on the ferry from Kirkwall). Costs include ferry travel (return) from Kirkwall to Papa Westray, archaeological tour, lunch, wildlife tour with the RSPB warden and afternoon tea.

Additional cost of approx £2 per person to catch the Westray minibus (Rapness to Pierowall, one way)

**info/bookings:** Papay Co-op 01857 644321

### The Sanday Ranger

 SR

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12.30-13.30, the Sanday Ranger welcomes callers who'd like advice, guidance, information or simply a chat and a cup of tea at Nearhouse, Lady Village. Nearly every Wednesday evening, 8 pm, an illustrated, informal, 'Welcome to Sanday' at the Community School. **info/bookings:** Roderick Thorne, Sanday Ranger, Nearhouse, Sanday, Orkney KW17 2BW

**tel:** 01867 600341 **email:** nearhouse@zetnet.co.uk and rhf&smthorne@btinternet.com and see Ranger page on [www.sandayorkney.co.uk](http://www.sandayorkney.co.uk)

### World Heritage Site Rangers

 WHSRs

Weekly guided walks April, May and September. Daily guided walks June, July and August. Explore the area around the Ring of Brodgar with the Ranger Service.

**time:** 1 pm **meet:** Ring of Brodgar Car Park.

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841732

### July/August Exact date tba – Eynhallow

 RSPBmg/OHS

**time:** Tingwall Ferry departs at 7.15 p.m. and leaves Eynhallow at 10.15 p.m.

**info/bookings:** tickets are available from VisitOrkney Kirkwall and Stromness offices two weeks prior to this event. Full details will appear in the local press and on Radio Orkney.

# april

# ocean

Orkney Community Environment Awareness Network

## Sanday Ranger

Advice, guidance and information

See Summer Regulars

## World Heritage Site Rangers

Guided walks every Thursday

See Summer Regulars

## The Orkney Museum Victorian Orkney

See Summer Regulars

## Scapa Flow Visitor Centre, Lyness, Hoy

See Summer Regulars

## Eday Experience

Guided walks every Wed and Sun

See Summer Regulars

## Sat 22 April

### Bag the Bruck, Hoy

RSPB

A chance to make a positive contribution to your local environment by joining in the beach clean up at Rackwick. There will be a BBQ and scavenger hunt featuring fabulous prizes for participants! Gloves and bags provided.

**time:** 10am **meet:** Rackwick beach Bothy

**info/bookings:** Booking preferred Lee Shields 791298



## Sat 29 April

### Tresness Corbie Walk, SandaySR

**time:** 3pm **meet:** Brickie Hut

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



Standing Stones of Stenness

## Sat 1 & Sun 2 April The Standing Stones of Stenness

WHSRS

Join the Rangers for a short introduction to the site, suitable for all ages.

**time:** 10am, 12mid day and 2pm both days

**meet:** Standing Stones of Stenness

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841732



## Sat 1 & Sun 2 April The Ring of Brodgar

WHSRS

Guided walks. Explore the area around the Ring of Brodgar with the Ranger Service, suitable for all ages.

**time:** 11am 1pm and 3pm both days

**meet:** Ring of Brodgar Car Park

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841732



Primroses

## Sat 29 April

### Spring Birds of Shapinsay

OFC/RSPB

Family event. A look at woodland birds in Balfour Castle woods and water birds at the RSPB Mill Dam reserve.

**info/bookings:** Aileen Hall 850176 or

Dick Matson 751426



## Sun 30 April

### Harrier Sky Dancing

RSPBmg

A chance to watch aerial displays by hen harriers. Three groups led by Jude Hamilton, Eric Meek and Dick Matson

**info/bookings:** Jim Williams 761317



## Thurs 6 April Biodiversity: It's Not Just About the Rarities

CBP

A talk by Nadine Russell on local priority species and others we take for granted.

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Pierowall School, Westray

**info/bookings:** Nadine Russell 873535



## Tues 11 April Spring Meeting

RSPBmg

Different speakers will cover a variety of topics including bird ringing, reserves, different types of birds etc.

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Kirkwall Community Centre



## Tues 18 April Heart of Neolithic Orkney, our World Heritage Site

WHSRS

International Day for Monuments and Sites, celebrated world wide to raise awareness of world heritage sites. A day of events to celebrate Orkney's World Heritage Site.

See local press for further details

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841732

## Fri 21 April Falklands Wildlife

OFC

In an illustrated talk Eric Meek describes some of the abundant and spectacular fauna and flora of the Falkland Islands.

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Kirkwall Community Centre

**cost:** members £1, non-members £2

## Sat 22 April Bag the Bruck at Doun Helzie, Sanday

SR

**time:** 10.30am **meet:** Sub-station

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Sat 22 & Sun 23 April Bag the Bruck

RSPBmg/OFC

Help with the annual ECO-organised beach clean up event. Gloves and bags provided.

**time:** Any time between 10am and 4pm

**meet:** Waulkmill or Marwick Bay

**info/bookings:** RSPB Orkney Office 850176 or

Dick Matson 751426



Brown Hares

## Sun 30 April

### Corrigal Muckle Supper

OM & H

The Muckle Supper was held at the end of the harvest as a thank you to all who helped get in the crops for the winter. There will be traditional dancing as well as demonstrations by a cog and fiddle maker. Children can have a go at dancing, dressing up in period clothing, making their own cog and other associated activities.

**time:** 2pm - 5pm

**info/bookings:** Corrigal Farm Museum 771411



Bagging the Bruck

## Sanday Ranger

Advice guidance and information *See Summer Regulars*

## World Heritage Site Rangers

Guided walk every Thursday *See Summer Regulars*

## The Orkney Museum

Victorian Orkney *See summer Regulars*

## Scapa Flow Visitor Centre,

Lyness, Hoy *See Summer Regulars*

## Eday Experience

Guided walks every Wed and Sun. *See Summer Regulars*

## Papay RSPB Warden

Guided walks every Tues, Thurs and Sat *See Summer Regulars*

## Papa Westray Peedie Package

Tours every Tues, Thurs and Sat *See Summer Regulars*

## Tues 2 May

### Hoy Nature Trails RSPB

Join the Warden for a guided walk to learn more about the wildlife and history of the reserve, and enjoy the spectacular scenery. **time:** 10.30am **meet:** Moaness Pier  
**info/bookings:** Lee Shields 791298  
**cost:** donations welcome



## Thurs 4 May

### Birds and Biodiversity at Brodgar RSPB

See the birds and other wildlife around this historic site and learn how the reserve is managed to protect and enhance this unique site. **time:** 10.30am (duration 2-2½ hours)

**meet:** Ring of Brodgar Car park (HY295135)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Fri 5 May

### The Scapa Flow Lecture AOP

Dr Barbara Crawford, St Andrews and Olwyn Owen, Historic Scotland. Looking at Placenames and Viking settlements around the shore.

**time:** 7pm **meet:** Orkney College, Kirkwall

**info/bookings:** tickets from VisitOrkney 872856



## Sat 6 May

### Rangers on the Road AOP & WHSRS

Join the Rangers on a bus tour along Scapa Flow from Stenness to Scapa and discover some of its secrets. Includes refreshments. **time:** 2pm **meet:** Palace Road, Kirkwall

**info/bookings:** tickets from Visit Orkney 872856



Rackwick, Hoy

## Tues 16 May

### Hoy Nature Trails RSPB

See 2nd May for details

## Thurs 18 May

### Marwick's Sea Bird City RSPB

Come, see, hear and smell this seabird spectacular with the warden at the RSPB's Marwick Head reserve.

**time:** 10am (2-2½ hours)

**meet:** Marwick car park (HY230242)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Thurs 18 May

### Alien Invaders CBP

A talk by Nadine Russell on Alien species in Orkney, how they came to be here and what potential damage they can cause.

**time:** 7:30pm **meet:** St. Magnus Centre

**info/bookings:** Nadine Russell 873535



## Sat 20 May

### May Morning WHSRS

Join the Rangers on a morning walk around Brodgar and the Standing Stones of Stenness.

**time:** 9 am **meet:** Ring of Brodgar Car Park.

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841 732

(binos, family and one boot)

## Sun 21 May

### 'To the Lighthouse', Sanday SR

Start Point Bicentenary. Wellies essential

**time:** 09.45am **meet:** School

**info/bookings:** booking essential Rod Thorne 01857 600341

**cost:** £5 per person



## Sun 21 May

### Yesnaby to Stromness OFC

A walk along the coastal path looking for seabirds, early flowers and cetaceans.

**time:** 10am - 3.30pm **meet:** Yesnaby car park

**info/bookings:** Jenny Taylor 851322



## Tues 23 May

### Hoy Wildlife Detectives RSPB

An adventurous day out for families (no under 8's) and the young-at-heart. 7-mile walk exploring how Hoy's natural environment has changed over the last 400 million years!

**time:** 10.30am **meet:** Moaness Pier

**cost:** free walk but donations appreciated

**info/bookings:** booking essential - Lee Shields 791298.



## Wed 24 May

### Rock Pooling, Sanday SR

Bring, wellies, waterproof trousers

**time:** 2pm **meet:** Ayre's Rock

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Thurs 25 May

### Hobbister Coastal Walk RSPB

A guided walk around the newly open trail across the moorland and along the Scapa coast. See curlews, stonechats, fulmars and maybe owls and harriers.

**time:** 9.30am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** Hobbister RSPB car park off the A964 (HY395069)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Thurs 25 of May

### Biodiversity: It's Not Just About the Rarities CBP

A talk by Nadine Russell on local priority species and others we take for granted.

**time:** 7:30pm **meet:** Rousay School

**info/bookings:** Nadine Russell 873535



## Sat /Sun. 27 /28 May

### Auskerry RSPBmg

An all-day outing to this small island, well known for its colonies of terns and other seabirds, also a chance to see unusual migrants. Book early.

**info/bookings:** Jim Williams 761317



## Sun 28 May

### Sunday Sunday STA

Crofters Museum and Traditional Music

**time:** 2-4pm

**info/bookings:** Diane Grieve 01857 600410

## Tues 30 May

### Hoy Nature Trails RSPB

See 2 May for details



Redshank

## Sun 7 May

### Junior Bird Race RSPBmg/OFC

Teams will visit RSPB hides and other bird "hot-spots" where experienced birdwatchers will help count and identify the different species. Meet up afterwards at a local hotel to compare notes. **time:** 10.30am - 4pm

**info/bookings:** Aileen Hall 850176,

Dick Matson 751426 or Alison Skene 850406



## Tues 9 May

### Nearly-dawn Chorus Walk RSPB

Join the Warden for an early morning walk to Hoy's ancient woodland, Berriedale, to enjoy nature's symphony.

**time:** 8.10am **meet:** Moaness Pier

**cost:** Free but donations appreciated

**info/bookings:** Lee Shields 791298



## Wed 10 May

### Colliness Dunters Walk, Sanday SR

**time:** 2pm **meet:** Nearhouse

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Thurs 11 May

### Discover Durkadale RSPB

A guided walk around the RSPB reserve to discover the birds and other wildlife of this splendid site. See waders, skuas, harriers and owls. (wellies essential)

**time:** 10am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** RSPB Lay-by (HY295252)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Sun 14 May

### Durkadale Picnic - Adopt a Tree RSPBmg/OFC

Maintenance work at the RSPB native tree plantation. Families can help with tree-planting and have the trees tagged with their names. A chance to see some interesting birds.

**time:** any time between 10am and 4pm

**info/bookings:** RSPB 850176 or

Dick Matson 751426



## Mon 15 May

### Burness Perambulation, Sanday SR

**time:** 2pm **meet:** Orkney Angora

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Sanday Ranger

Advice guidance and information

See Summer Regulars

## World Heritage Site Rangers

Daily guided walk

See Summer Regulars

## The Orkney Museum

Victorian Orkney

See Summer Regulars

## Scapa Flow Visitor Centre,

Lyness, Hoy

See Summer Regulars

## Eday Experience

Guided walks every Wed and Sun

See Summer Regulars

## Papay RSPB Warden

Guided walks every Tues, Thurs and Sat

See Summer Regulars

## Papa Westray Peedie Package

Tours every Tues, Thurs, and Sat

See Summer Regulars

## Thurs 1 June Birds and Biodiversity at Brodgar

RSPB

See the birds and other wildlife around this historic site and learn how the reserve is managed to protect and enhance this unique site.

**time:** 10.30am (2-2½ hours)

**meet:** Ring of Brodgar Car park

**cost:** See summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Sat 3 June

### Faraclett Head, Rousay

OFC

A spectacular walk looking for plants of coastal heath, seabirds and raptors. **time:** Ferry departs Tingwall at 8.40am & returns at 3.55pm

**info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426



## Sat/Sun 3/4 June

### Copinsay

RSPBmg

An all-day outing to a popular isle hosting vast colonies of cliff-nesting birds, also puffins, terns and more. *Early booking advised.*

**info/bookings:** Pauline Wilson 741382



## Tues 6 June

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

A guided walk to learn more about the wildlife and history of the reserve, and enjoy the scenery. **time:** 10.30am

**meet:** Moaness Pier **info/bookings:** Lee Shields 791298

**cost:** free walk but donations appreciated



Seal on shore

## Wed 7 June

### Colliness Selkies Walk, Sanday

SR

**time:** 1.30pm **meet:** Nearhouse

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Thurs 8 June

### Biodiversity: It's Not Just About the Rarities

CBP

A talk by Nadine Russell on local priority species and others we take for granted. **time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Eday School

**info/bookings:** Nadine Russell 873535



## Thurs 8 June

### Discover Durkadale

RSPB

A guided walk around the RSPB reserve to discover the birds and other wildlife of this splendid site. See waders, skuas harriers and owls. **time:** 10am (2-2½ hours)

**meet:** RSPB Lay-by (HY295252) **cost:** See summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Sun 11 June

### 'To the Lighthouse', Sanday

SR

Start Point Bicentenary. Wellies essential. Booking essential.

**time:** 2.30pm **meet:** School **cost:** £5 per person

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Sun 11 June

### Families Wildflower Day - Linna Dale, Orphir

OFC/RSPB

Exploring a wildflower-rich glen and learning about the plants of the early Orkney Summer. Should also see owls and harriers!

**time:** 10.30am - 3pm

**info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426



## Tues 13 June

### Discover Mull Head

OIC

A guided walk around Mull Head Local Nature Reserve. Coastal scenery, historic sites, geology, birds and plants.

**time:** 10.30am-1.30pm **meet:** Mull Head car park, Deerness

**info/bookings:** Christine Skene 873535



## Tues 13 June

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See Tues 6 June for details.

## Wed 14 June

### Whitemill Wander, Sanday

SR

**time:** 2pm **meet:** Whitemill car park

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Thurs 15 June

### Marwick's Sea Bird City

RSPB

Come, see, hear and smell this seabird spectacular with the warden at the RSPB's Marwick Head reserve.

**time:** 10am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** Marwick car park (HY230242)

**cost:** See summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Sat 17 June

### Cliff-Nesting Birds

RSPBmg

A boat trip along the coast of the West Mainland - weather permitting. An alternative will be a **Walk to Marwick Head.**

**info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426



## Sun 18 June

### A Visit to Stronsay

OFC

A walk from the Vat of Kirbuster to Burgh Head, recording plants, birds and insects with expert guidance.

**info/bookings:** John Crossley 831507



## Tues 20 June

### Vegetation at Yesnaby

FWAG

A guided walk looking at ecology and wild flowers at Yesnaby

**time:** 7pm **meet:** Car Park, Yesnaby

**info/bookings:** J Robertson, FWAG 874974



## Tues 20 June

### Hoy Wildlife Detectives

RSPB

An adventurous day out for families (no under 8's) and the young-at-heart. A 7-mile walk exploring how Hoy's natural environment has changed over the last 400 million years!

**time:** 10.30am **meet:** Moaness Pier. **cost:** free walk but donations appreciated

**info/bookings:** booking essential - Lee Shields 791298



## Wed 21 June

### Reading at the Ring

WHSRS

**time:** 11am **meet:** Ring of Brodgar

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841732



## Thurs 22 June

### Hobbister Coastal Walk

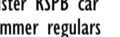
RSPB

Join the warden on a guided walk around the newly open trail across the moorland and along the Scapa coast. See curlews, stonechats, fulmars and maybe owls and harriers.

**time:** 9.30am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** Hobbister RSPB car park off the A964 (HY395069)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



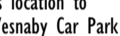
## Sat 24 June

### Broch of Borwick Walk

WHSRS

Join the WHS Rangers for a coastal walk to the Broch of Borwick, discover why Iron Age man chose this location to build a broch. **time:** 10.30am **meet:** Yesnaby Car Park

**info/bookings:** WHS Ranger Service 841732



## Sun 25 June

### Sanday Sunday

STA

The Embers cricket match Sanday C.C. v Stromness C.C. and Scarecrow competition.

**time:** Cricket match 12 - 5pm; Scarecrows 2 - 4pm

**info/bookings:** Diane Grieve 01857 600410

## Sun 25 June

### Walk from Yesnaby to Voy

OFC

Should be good for a wide variety of plants, birds, insects and even amphibians. Weather dependent; please check beforehand.

**time:** 10am - 3.30pm **meet:** Yesnaby car park

**info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426



Otterwick, Sanday

## Tues 27 June

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See Tues 6 June for details

## Wed 28 June

### Evening expedition to the Holms of Ire, Sanday

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Wellies essential. **time:** 5pm **meet:** near the gate

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Wed 28 June

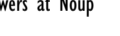
### Vegetation at Noup Head

FWAG

A guided walk looking at ecology and wild flowers at Noup Head, Westray.

**time:** 7.00pm **meet:** Noup Head Lighthouse car park

**info/bookings:** J Robertson, FWAG 874974



## Thurs 29 June

### Birds and Biodiversity at Brodgar

RSPB

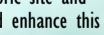
See the birds and other wildlife around this historic site and learn how the reserve is managed to protect and enhance this unique site.

**time:** 10.30am (duration 2-2½ hours)

**meet:** Ring of Brodgar Car park (HY295135)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



## Tues 13 June

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See Tues 6 June for details.

## Wed 14 June

### Whitemill Wander, Sanday

SR

**time:** 2pm **meet:** Whitemill car park

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Sanday Ranger

Advice guidance & information. On suitable evenings; night-time excursions to see storm petrels (warm clothes essential)

See Summer Regulars

## World Heritage Site Rangers

Guided daily walk

See Summer Regulars

## The Orkney Museum Victorian Orkney

See Summer Regulars

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See Summer Regulars

## Sun 2 July

### West Westray Walk

A five-mile walk up the spectacular west coast of Westray from Kirbist to Noup Head.

info/bookings: Pauline Wilson 741382

RSPBmg



## Sun 2 July In Search of Dragonflies, Butterflies, Moths and Bumblebees on Hoy

OFC

Early July is the optimum time for most insects in Orkney, and North Hoy is the best area to see them.

info/bookings: J Crossley 831507



Common Hawker



## Tues 4 July Minibus expedition to 5 archaeological sites, Sanday

SR

Booking essential. time: 09.45am meet: School cost: £2

info/bookings: Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Tues 4 July Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

Join the Warden for a guided walk to learn more about the wildlife and history of the reserve, and enjoy the scenery.

time: 10.30am meet: Moaness Pier

info/bookings: Lee Shields 791298

cost: free walk but donations appreciated



## Tues 11 July

### A Walk on the Wild West Side, Sanday

SR

time: 3pm meet: Villafield

info/bookings: Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Tues 11 July

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See 4th July for details

## Wed 12 July

### Family Fun at Standing Stones of Stenness & Barnhouse

WHSRS

See 5th July for details

## Thurs 13 July

### Marwick's Sea Bird City

RSPB

Come, see, hear and smell this seabird spectacular with the warden at the RSPB's Marwick Head reserve.

time: 10am (2-2 1/2 hours) meet: Marwick car park (HY230242)

cost: see summer regulars

info/bookings: Derren Fox 850176



## Sun 16 July

### Sanday Sunday

STA

#### Raft Race and Open Gardens.

time: Raft Race begins 2pm; Open Gardens from 12noon

info/bookings: Diane Grieve 01857 600410

## Sun 16 July

### Exploring Syra Dale

OFC

Visiting another lovely area of Orkney in search of plants, insects and raptors. We will avoid raptor nest sites but should still see them hunting.

time: 10am - 3.30pm

info/bookings: Dick Matson 751426



## Tues 18 July

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See 4 July for details.

## Wed 19 July

### Family Fun at Standing Stones of Stenness & Barnhouse

WHSRS

See 5 July for details.

## Thurs 20 July

### Hobbister Coastal Walk

RSPB

A guided walk around the newly open trail across the moorland and along the Scapa coast. See displaying curlews, stonechats, fulmars and maybe even short-eared owls and a hen harrier or two. time: 9.30am (2-2 1/2 hours) meet: Hobbister RSPB car park off the A964 (HY395069)

cost: see summer regulars

info/bookings: Derren Fox 850176



## Thu 20 July

### Vegetation at Yesnaby

FWAG

A guided walk looking at ecology and wild flowers at Yesnaby

time: 2.30pm meet: Car Park, Yesnaby

info/bookings: John Robertson, FWAG 874974 for further details



## Sat 22 July

### Doun Helzie's Caves and Arches, Sanday

SR

time: 2pm meet: Sub-station

info/bookings: Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Tues 25 July

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See 4 July for details.

## Wed 26 July

### Family Fun at Standing Stones of Stenness & Barnhouse

WHSRS

See 5 July for details.

## Thurs 27 July

### Birds and Biodiversity at Brodgar

RSPB

See the birds and other wildlife around this historic site and learn how the reserve is managed to protect and enhance this unique site. time: 10.30am (2-2 1/2 hours)

meet: Ring of Brodgar Car park cost: see summer regulars

info/bookings: Derren Fox 850176



## Fri 28 July

### Whale Head, the War & more, Sanday

SR

time: 2pm meet: Thrave Scout bothy

info/bookings: Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Sat 29 July

### Storm Petrel Ringing

RSPBmg

time: Approximate time of commencement twelve midnight

meet: The exact venue to be advised

info/bookings: Jim Williams 761317

## Sun 30 July

### Families Moth Day

OFC/RSPB

On Saturday night moth-traps will be set in Binscarth woods and other "mothy" places; in the morning we will examine the contents with expert tuition.

time: 10.30am - 1pm info/bookings: Sydney Gauld

872468 or Aileen Hall 850176



Sundew

## Wed 5 July

### Vegetation at Yesnaby

FWAG

A guided walk looking at ecology and wild flowers at Yesnaby.

time: 2.30pm meet: Car park, Yesnaby

info/bookings: Jamie Macvie, FWAG 874974



## Wed 5 July Family Fun at Standing Stones of Stenness & Barnhouse

WHSRS

time: 11am - 12mid day meet: Standing Stones of Stenness

info/bookings: WHS Ranger Service 841732



## Thurs 6 July

### Discover Durkadale

RSPB

A guided walk around the RSPB reserve to discover the birds and other wildlife of this splendid site. See waders, skuas, harriers and owls. time: 10am (2-2 1/2 hours)

meet: RSPB Lay-by (HY295252) cost: see summer regulars

info/bookings: Derren Fox 850176



## Fri 7 July

### Discover Mull Head

OIC

A guided walk around Mull Head Local Nature Reserve.

Coastal scenery, historic sites, geology, birds and plants.

time: 10.30am-1.30pm meet: Mull Head car park, Deerness

info/bookings: Christine Skene 873535



## Sat 8 July

### Wyre Walk

WHSRS

A walk around this lesser known of Orkney's Islands. See local press for further details.

info/bookings: WHS Ranger Service 841732



## Sun 9 July

### 'To the Lighthouse', Sanday

SR

Start Point Bicentenary. Wellies essential. Booking essential.

time: 2pm meet: School cost: £5 per person

info/bookings: Rod Thorne 01857 600341



Angleshades



## Sanday Ranger

Advice guidance & information. On suitable evenings; night-time excursions to see storm petrels (warm clothes essential)

See Summer Regulars

## World Heritage Site Rangers

Daily guided walk

See Summer Regulars

## The Orkney Museum Victorian Orkney

See Summer Regulars

## Scapa Flow Visitor Centre, Lyness, Hoy

See Summer Regulars

## Eday Experience

Guided walks every Wed and Sun

See Summer Regulars

## Papay RSPB Warden

Guided walks every Tues, Thurs and Sat

See Summer Regulars

## Papa Westray Peedie Package

Tours every Tues, Thurs and Sat

See Summer Regulars

## Tues 1 Aug

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

Join the Warden for a guided walk to learn more about the wildlife and history of the reserve, and enjoy the scenery.

**time:** 10.30am **meet:** Moaness Pier

**info/bookings:** Lee Shields 791298

**cost:** donations welcome



### Thurs 3 Aug

### Discover Durkadale

RSPB

A guided walk around the RSPB reserve to discover the birds and other wildlife of this splendid site. See waders, skuas, harriers and owls.

**time:** 10am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** RSPB Lay-by (HY292252)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



### Thu 3 Aug

### Vegetation at Yesnaby

FWAG

A guided walk looking at ecology and wild flowers at Yesnaby.

**time:** 3.00pm **meet:** Car Park, Yesnaby

**info/bookings:** John Robertson, FWAG 874974 for further details



### Fri 4 Aug

### Sanday Show Day

SAA

**time:** Outside judging 11am; Industrial Show opens 2pm

**info/bookings:** David Muir 01857 600227

### Sun 6 Aug

### Sanday Sunday

STA

Craft workshops at the Community School

**time:** Craft workshops 2-4pm

**info/bookings:** Diane Grieve 01857 600410

### Sun 6 Aug

### 'To the Lighthouse', Sanday

SR

Start Point Bicentenary. Wellies essential. Booking essential.

**time:** 12.30pm **meet:** School **cost:** £5 per person

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



### Sun 6 Aug

### Upland Hoy

OFC

Going off the beaten track on the higher ground of North Hoy. Physically demanding, so only for the fit; should be rewarding in terms of the unusual wildlife and spectacular scenery.

**info/bookings:** Ray Hallam 879490



Hoy from Ward Hill

### Tues 8 Aug

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See 1 August for details

### Tues 8 Aug

### The Shapinsay Show

OM & H

Visit the Heritage Tent and see if you can put names to unidentified photographs and identify strange objects. Find out about the archaeology on Shapinsay and put your own house on the map!

**info/bookings:** Joyce Gray on 873535 Ext 2527 or Sheila Garson on 873535 Ext 2526



### Wed 9 Aug

### Discover Mull Head

OIC

A guided walk around Mull Head Local Nature Reserve.

Coastal scenery, historic sites, geology, birds and plants.

**time:** 10.30am-1.30pm **meet:** Mull Head car park, Deerness

**info/bookings:** Christine Skene 873535



### Thurs 10 Aug

### The Dounby Show

OM & H

As the Shapinsay Show but with a different set of children's activities. Come along and see what we are up to!

**info/bookings:** Joyce Gray on 873535 Ext 2527 or Sheila Garson on 873535 Ext 2526



Bog Asphodel



### Thurs 10 Aug

### Marwick's Sea Bird City

RSPB

Come, see, hear and smell this seabird spectacular with the warden at the RSPB's Marwick Head reserve.

**time:** 10am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** Marwick car park (HY230242)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



### Sat 12 Aug

### Lady, Leavigarth and Black Rock, Sanday

SR

**time:** 10am **meet:** Nearhouse

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



### Sat 12 Aug

### County Show

RSPBmg

There will be an RSPB stand as usual. Members are requested to give up an hour of their time to assist.

**time:** between 10am & 4pm **info/bookings:** Pauline Wilson 741382 or Morag Wilson at the RSPB Office 850176

### Sun 13 Aug

### The Vintage Rally

OM & H

See Orkney Heritage's activities at the Rally.

**info/bookings:** Joyce Gray on 873535 Ext 2527

or Sheila Garson on 873535 Ext 2526



### Tues 15 Aug

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See 1 August for details

### Thurs 17 Aug

### Hobbister Coastal Walk

RSPB

A guided walk around the newly open trail across the moorland and along the Scapa coast. See curlews, stonechats, fulmars and maybe owls and harriers.

**time:** 9.30am (2-2½ hours) **meet:** Hobbister RSPB car park off the A964 (HY395069)

**cost:** see summer regulars

**info/bookings:** Derren Fox 850176



### Fri 18 Aug

### Lady to Quoyness, the long way round, Sanday

SR

**time:** 12noon **meet:** War memorial

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



### Fri 18 Aug

### Vegetation at Yesnaby

FWAG

A guided walk looking at ecology and wild flowers at Yesnaby

**time:** 6.30pm **meet:** Car Park, Yesnaby

**info/bookings:** J Robertson, FWAG 874974



### Sun 20 Aug

### Stromness Shore Geology

OFC

Dr John Brown, a professional geologist, will lead a field trip along the Stromness shore. See: [www.fettes.com/orkney](http://www.fettes.com/orkney)

**time:** mid-day **meet:** Ness gun emplacement

**info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426



### Tues 22 Aug

### Hoy Nature Trails

RSPB

See 1 August for details

### Thurs 24 Aug

### An Introduction to Coastal Heaths in Orkney

FWAG

The management and ecology of coastal heaths in the context of the Viking Heaths project.

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Stronsay Hotel, Dining room

**info/bookings:** John Robertson, FWAG 874974



### Mon 28 Aug

### Minibus Expedition to 5 Archaeological Sites, Sanday

SR

Booking essential.

**time:** 11am **meet:** School **cost:** £2 per person

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



### Thu 31 Aug

### An Introduction to Coastal Heaths in Orkney

The management and ecology of coastal heaths in the context of the Viking Heaths project.

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Royal Hotel, Stromness

**info/bookings:** John Robertson, FWAG 874974



Start Point Lighthouse

## Sanday Ranger

Advice guidance and information

*See Summer Regulars*

## World Heritage Site Rangers

Weekly guided walk

*See Summer Regulars*

## The Orkney Museum, Victorian Orkney

*See Summer Regulars*

## Scapa Flow Visitor Centre, Lyness, Hoy

*See Summer Regulars*

## Eday Experience

Guided walks every Wed and Sun

*See Summer Regulars*

Viking Longship Figurehead



## Sat 2 Sept The Vikings Visit the Museum!

OM & H

Come along to The Orkney Museum and meet the Vikings. There will be a demonstration of Vikings weapons as well as craft work. **time:** 10.30am - 3pm

**info/bookings:** Joyce Gray on 873535 Ext 2527 or Sheila Garson on 873535 Ext 2526



## Sun 3 Sept 'To the Lighthouse', Sanday SR

Start Point Bicentenary. Wellies essential. Booking essential.

**time:** 11am **meet:** School **cost:** £5 per person

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Wed 6 Sept The Holms of Ire, Sanday SR

Wellies essential

**time:** 2pm **meet:** near the gate

**info/bookings:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341



## Sat 9 and Sun 10 Sept Sanday Arts Festival and Farmers Market

STA

**time:** Arts Festival 10am - 5pm both days; Farmers' Market 2-4pm Sunday **info/bookings:** Diane Grieve 01857 600410

## Sun 10 Sept The Living Shore

OFC/RSPB

Marine life expert, Alistair Skene, reveals the secrets of the Orkney shore, uncovered on a spring tide.

**time:** 4pm - 6.30pm (because of tides)

**meet:** to be decided **info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426 or Aileen Hall 850176



## Fri 15 Sept Club Night Talk

OFC

Speaker and subject to be decided

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Kirkwall Community Centre

**cost:** members £1, non-members £2

**info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426



## Sun 17 Sept

### Ferry excursion to Sanday RSPBmg

Our annual expedition to one of the north isles in search of small migrants.

**time:** Ferry departs Kirkwall 9.20am and arrives back in Kirkwall at 7.55pm

**info/bookings:** Ray Hallam 879490



## Sat 23 Sept

### Autumn Birds of Shapinsay

OFC/RSPB

Peak time for autumn migrants. Visiting Balfour woods, the RSPB Mill Dam Reserve and other "hot-spots"

**time:** Ferry leaves Kirkwall at 9.45am and Shapinsay at 5.30pm **info/bookings:** Dick Matson 751426 or Aileen Hall 850176



Tresness Beach, Sanday



## Thu 28th Sept An Introduction to Coastal Heaths in Orkney

FWAG

The management and ecology of coastal heaths in the context of the Viking Heaths project.

**time:** 7.30pm **meet:** Taversoe Hotel, Rousay

**info/bookings:** John Robertson, FWAG 874974



Sea Anemone



Limpets on the shore

# Organisations and their Acronyms

## Another Orkney Production AOP

AOP was set up to create, encourage and promote a wide range of artistic work with a common theme Orkney, whether as the main feature of the work or a background influence.

**Contact:** Moya Macdonald 01620 825187

## Community Biodiversity Project CBP

The project aims to involve local people in the biodiversity action planning process.

**Contact:** Community Biodiversity Project Officer, OIC, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall **Tel:** 873535.

## Eday Partnership EP

Eday Partnership is a development trust incorporating the 5 key community organisations on the island.

**Contact:** [info@edaypartnership.org](mailto:info@edaypartnership.org)

## Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group FWAG

FWAG Scotland exists to provide farmers, crofters, landowners and our other clients with the best opportunity for environmental gain through cost effective, quality solutions.

**Tel:** 874974

## Orkney Museums & History OM & H

The Council service which manages the Council's museums, visitor centres and archaeology sites, St Magnus Cathedral, arts development and maintains an overview of heritage matters.

**Contact:** Orkney Islands Council **Tel:** 873535

## Orkney Field Club OFC

Founded in 1959 to encourage the study and conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the County.

**Contact:** David Peppitt (secretary) 841813

## Orkney Islands Council OIC

OIC is the local authority responsible for the Orkney Islands area, with duties and powers covering a wide range of activities, including the natural environment.

**Contact:** OIC, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.

**Tel:** 873535

## Royal Society for the Protection of Birds RSPB

The RSPB is the UK charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and wildlife, helping to create a better world for us all.

**Contact:** RSPB Orkney Office, 12-14 North End Road, Stromness, KW16 3AG **Tel:** 01856 850176

**Fax:** 01856 851311

**Email:** [Orkney@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Orkney@rspb.org.uk)

## Sanday Ranger SR

Established in 2004 to raise awareness of Sanday's rich natural heritage, both to help conserve it and help people enjoy it.

**Contact:** Rod Thorne 01857 600341.

[www.sandayorkney.co.uk](http://www.sandayorkney.co.uk)

## Sanday Tourism Association STA

The Sanday Tourism Association's aim is to interpret, promote and preserve Sanday's unspoilt environment and raise awareness of Sanday as a holiday and tourism destination.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Sichel (01857) 600421.

[www.sandayorkney.co.uk](http://www.sandayorkney.co.uk)

## Scottish Natural Heritage SNH

Working with Scotland's people to care for our natural heritage.

**Contact:** 54-56 Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1AW

**Tel:** 01856 875302. [www.snh.org.uk](http://www.snh.org.uk)

## Scottish Ornithological Club SOC

Founded in 1936 SOC aims to document, study and enjoy Scotland's birdlife.

**Tel:** 0131 653 0653

## VisitOrkney VO

Formerly known as Orkney Tourist Board. VisitOrkney provides information and assistance to visitors to Orkney.

**Contact:** 6 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX.

**Tel:** 01856 872856. [www.visitorkney.com](http://www.visitorkney.com)

## World Heritage Site Ranger Service WHSR

Established in 2005 by Historic Scotland and part funded by Scottish Natural Heritage, the service provides interpretation and information on the natural, cultural and historic landscape.

**Contact:** WHS Ranger Service 841732

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