

Weel Bressa, Whit News?

We always welcome comments and suggestions so if you have a view or a question regarding any of the projects we've mentioned in this issue please get in touch.

Contact us - Jackie on 07904445610 or Chris on 07748 926454.

Or email us at info@bressay.org

Bressay Development update

Speldiburn is Special

Full details of all our recent progress at Speldiburn can be found in our special edition newsletter. But here's a quick run through: -

- BDL has completed the Community Asset Transfer of the school and surrounding site from the SIC.
- We have completed the 'Speldiburn green upgrade'. Our 40 solar panels, extra insulation and air source heating have reduced our 1st electric bill by 60%
- We're delighted to welcome back our customers to the cafe and Good As New, regulars and visitors alike.
- We have completed a feasibility study and submitted a Crown Estate Grant application to fund an architect to reconfigure the building ensuring BDL and our tenants can maximise the Speldiburn to its full potential.
- We have used Tourism Recovery Funding provided by HIE to produce new panels which include lots of visitor information and tell the the history of the Bressay Primary School and Speldiburn.

Bressay Community Market

See page 2 for more details!



Community Woodland Success!

BDL signed a lease for the site in March and our woodland team have secured the funding needed to go ahead with our Brough Loch woodland project. We have appointed contractors to put in the fencing and boardwalk and to rebuild a planticrub which will provide a sheltered seating area. Photo: Beatrice and Chris mark out the woodland boundary.



Bressay Hall's 1st in person event - Bressay's annual plant sale raised £500, which as in previous years, will be split between the Bressay Hall funds and the Red Cross Refugee Fund. There was a fantastic selection of plants (almost all gone by the end) and it was wonderful to see so many folk. The organisers would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a success.

What's on

Wellbeing walks

Sunday 4th July, Sunday 25th July, Sunday 8th August.

See page 4 for further details.

Bairn focused guided walks

Wednesday 30th June and Wednesday 21st July. 7-8.30pm

Summer 2021 Bressay family-friendly evening nature and history walks. Join us on two short evening coastline walks in Bressay taking in aspects of natural and historical heritage. Dedicated to families and Bressay bairns – all welcome. Walks led by Chris Dyer who will provide historical information and Nature Scot - Noss wardens - Jen and Sally. Bookings essential. Contact Chris on 07748 926 454.

Play Park Garden discussion

Wednesday 14th July, 7.30pm

BDL is keen to discuss options for restoring/changing/keeping up the community garden beside the play park. We welcome everyone along on the 14th to meet with BDL and Pat Christie (SIC Community Development).

Bressay Community Market

Dates 27th June, 18th July, 15th August, 12th September.

Markets will be held at either Speldiburn or in the Bressay Hall and a mixture of salad, vegetables, cut flowers, garden plants, homebakes and local crafts will be on offer.

Bressay Garden Show

Sunday 29th August in the Bressay Hall.

Schedules available soon from the Mail Shop and online at www.bressay.org/whats-on

Community Garden

We would like to thank everyone who has been in touch with their views on a possible community garden space near Fullaburn. A handful of responders said that they would welcome additional growing space and we received feedback on various items, in particular the following: -

- The garden area between the Galley Shed and Playpark should be restored for community use.
- The space below Hamilton Park is a really valued playarea which should be left un-changed.
- Wish to see Farmers' Markets / more access to local food.

Here's a mix of comments we received: -

"Great idea! Look forward to this!"

"My only comment is that it would be a shame to lose the 'community garden' next to the galley shed. Even if it is a poor state now, this could be a community project to make it nicer."

"A centralised community market held in the hall, say once a month or whenever, could be one answer, similar to morning or afternoon teas, or fish and chip days. Being periodical it shouldn't take away too much from the shop."

"Yes we would like to see an allotment/gardening space near our house"

"We strongly disagree with the use of the space at Hamilton Park for thisthe children play in this area frequently"

"We think the idea is wonderful and would be willing to help in whatever way".

"I wonder if it would be worth BDL speaking to folk/crofters who currently grow fruit and veg and look to gather any surplus produce from them to sell to the community?"

"The area next to the play park was, I thought, originally planted to make a pleasant, peaceful area to wander, which indeed it nearly was, but the trees are being choked with grass, the gate has fallen off its hinges, and it lacks a chair or bench on which to sit and think a while. I don't recall who set this wee area up in the first place, but it's such a shame that no interest has been taken in its upkeep or maintenance. It could be a nice amenity if looked after."

"Excellent idea! Hope it comes to fruition"

"I believe the council has a legal duty to provide allotments if anyone requests it."

Have something to add? Email us your thoughts or answer the questionnaire - www.bressay.org/about/current-projects

Bressay Gardeners, crofters & Food Producers

Do you produce food for sale in Bressay?

Are you a crofter or gardener who sometimes has a little extra spare?

This year BDL will be promoting local produce and helping growers to connect to customers in Bressay

Monthly Community Markets - 27th June, 18th July, 15th August, 12th September

A New 'Bressay Community Market' Facebook page will act as a shop front for local producers

A map showing producers/farm gate boxes - who/what/where

Contact Chris - 07748 926454 or email info@bressay.org

Meet the producers (part 1)



Lyle & Gemma Tulloch produce free range eggs, lamb and seasonal salad & vegetables. Contact Gemma 07876033827 or email gclark88@hotmail.com



Chris Dyer and Afra Skene produce locally-reared lamb, pork, salad crops and vegetables as well as offering tours of the croft and sites of natural and historical interest within Bressay. All enquiries welcome. Contact Chris on 07748 926454 or email c_thomasdyer@hotmail.com

BRESSAY HERITAGE CENTRE

We are delighted to be welcoming visitors from the 16th of June

2021 OPENING TIMES

Wednesday - Friday - Saturday

10am - 4pm

Our exhibitions this year feature Bressay Kirks, noost sites and the 1970s

Our Bronze Age Burnt Mound reconstruction, which Bressay History Group 'rescued' from being washed away by the sea, is sited next to the Centre and can be visited all year round.

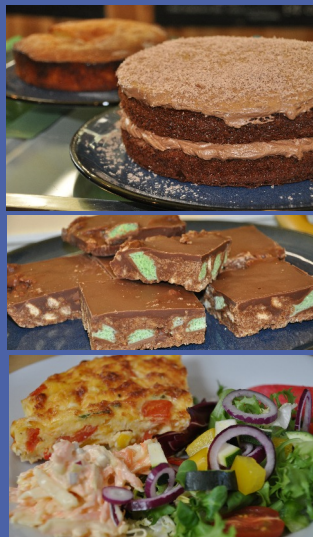
For more information, call us during opening hours, on 820 750 or visit www.bressay.org



SPELDIBURN
CAFE

OPEN 11.00 - 3.00
TUE, WED, FRI SAT

GOOD AS NEW SHOP
OPEN 12.30 - 2.30



Thank you

BDL directors wish to thank members of Bressay Model Yacht Club and Charlie Umphray for their kind donations following the disbanding of the club.



Voar Redd Up

Volunteers from BDL and Bressay History Group took part in this year's redd up. The History Group cleared the shoreline from the ferry to Gardie and BDL did the verges and ditches from Speldiburn east to the Brough Loch, South to Fullaburn, round the square to the ferry and North to Cruister. A total of 50 bags of bruck was removed - hopefully you can all see the improvement!



Elizabeth Jane Smith Collection

The Bressay History Group holds a large collection of dialect words collected during 1934 - 1944 by the late Elizabeth J Smith, Old Manse, Bressay. In each issue we will share a word which she heard used in Bressay.

Last issue > - **Sweeri (adj)** - lazy

This issue > - **Rul (noun)**



Timber! September 1987. One of the TV masts was felled and replaced. Photos Courtesy of J.Wills

Summer 2021 Bressay wellbeing walks.

A series of free walks of differing lengths and grades in Bressay taking in aspects of the natural and historical heritage.

A partnership between Bressay Development and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Walks will take place according to current Covid guidelines and legislation.

Walks led by Chris Dyer. Fully Disclosure checked. Families welcome. Booking essential, please call/message Chris on 07748 926454.



Noss Sound. Sunday 13th June. Meet at 10am at Noss Sound Car Park.

Grade: Medium. Length. 3 miles. Duration. 3 hours.

A tapestry of over four thousand years of visible human history within the spectacular environs of a National Nature Reserve. The island of Noss is open from May-August; spectacular seabird colonies, wild moorland, vernacular architecture, flora and fauna. The adjacent landscape includes the well-preserved remains of an Iron Age broch, Viking longhouse and post-medieval ruinous crofting remains.



Culliesbrough. Sunday 4th July. Meet at 1pm at Culliesbrough Car Park/Road End.

Grade: Easy. Length. 3 miles. Duration. 2.5 hours.

This sheltered bay, rich fishing grounds and good quality land have attracted people to live at Culliesbrough for thousands of years. The remains of the deserted structures are preserved within the landscape and span a Bronze Age burnt mound, Iron Age broch, Pictish symbol stone, Viking/Norse structures, an early Christian chapel and graveyard and post-medieval domestic residences.



Aith - Sunday 25th July. Meet at 1pm opposite Bruntland.

Grade: Medium. Length. 4 miles. Duration. 3 hours.

The northernmost point of the island of Bressay takes in spectacular coastal scenery. An abandoned fishing station, nineteenth century sandstone quarries, a broch, Viking remains and a magnificent Great War naval gun and ammunition store.



Bressay Lighthouse. Sunday 8th August. Meet at 1pm at Bressay Lighthouse.

Grade: Easy. Length. 1 mile. Duration. 2 hours.

Situated on a rocky headland at the south entrance to Lerwick Harbour, Bressay Lighthouse is an iconic image for any visitor to the isles. Built in 1858, to this day passing the 'Bressa Light' is the starting and finishing point for any journey to or from Shetland by sea and is a landmark for locals and visitors.

