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# Orkney Field Club

Founded in 1959

Aim: To encourage the study and conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the County



Orkney Field Club is a registered Scottish charity, No. SC 012459

**Orkney Field Club** promotes the enjoyment, study and conservation of local wildlife. The Club manages land for wildlife, responds to conservation policy issues, promotes biological recording and runs training events. OFC was a founding partner of the Orkney Biodiversity Record Centre (OBRC), located in the Orkney Library & Archive, which holds records of Orkney species, sites, habitats etc in a database. This valuable data is available to all interested parties. Records are submitted to OBRC by a network of County Recorders who encourage everyone to participate in the collection of data.

**Subscriptions (2013)** are Adults £10, Family £15, Concessionary £6, Student £3.

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**Walks and Talks.** Club nights – normally illustrated talks – are usually held in Kirkwall on the third Friday of each month except in summer. Meetings are advertised in *The Orcadian* in the *Out & About* section, on Radio Orkney and on the Club's website – [www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/fieldclub](http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/fieldclub). Field meetings are held frequently, chiefly during the summer, at a wide range of locations, including the outer isles. Non-members are welcome to all events. For more information, please contact OFC Secretary, Dick Matson, on 01856 751426 or email [r.matson42@btinternet.com](mailto:r.matson42@btinternet.com).

**Newsletters** are normally sent out to members three times per year and are available on the Club's website. They give members news, information and a programme of events.

**The Club's Bulletin – *The Orkney Naturalist*** – is the main publication of the Orkney Field Club, and it is produced in spring each year. It is free to members. It contains a wide range of articles about Orkney's natural history and it is also the Journal of Record for annual summaries of records from Orkney's County Recorders for various taxonomic groups of wildlife. For enquiries about the Bulletin, including guidelines for those wishing to submit articles, please contact the Editor, John Crossley by emailing [flawsjohn@gmail.com](mailto:flawsjohn@gmail.com).

**Resources** are made available to members, who have access to the Club's slide collection and a comprehensive range of reference books and other equipment, including microscopes. Contact the OBRC for details – [www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/obrc](http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/obrc)

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**Top left: KGS pupils tree planting at Papdale Wood. (Jenny Taylor)**

**Top right: Golden Plover. (Ian Cunningham)**

**Bottom left: Stalked jellyfish *Haliclystus auricula*. (Penny Martin)**

**Bottom right: *Chrysotoxum arcuatum* in Rendall, 28 August 2012. (Brian Ribbands)**

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