



# Grieveship Residents Association Newsletter May 2018

## GRA invite you to our **AGM**

on Wednesday, 30th May at 6.30pm  
in Stromness Community Centre.

Please come along to hear our plans and give us your views.

### Grieveship News

#### **The Grieveship Shed**

As you may already know, GRA obtained a shed, kindly donated to us from the Ness of Brodgar dig, and now sited up at the Stromness Community Garden. In it we are storing tools we used in the Brinkies Brae path works and any other items that might be useful to Grieveship Residents. So far we have shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and various smaller items and would welcome donations of anything else folk may have to spare. If you want to borrow any items from the shed, please contact GRA Secretary, Sara Duncan by texting 07921258742.



#### **Play Facilities on the Marwicks**

GRA committee are concerned about the play park which is looking rather sad - we would welcome ideas, particularly from children and parents, about how we might make the existing space more interesting and attractive for imaginative play. Please contact Myrtle Cassidy at 23 Grieveship Brae with any suggestions you may have.

We are also looking into purchasing smaller sized goalposts, which could be set closer together and be much more suitable for younger children than the current large and rather rusty ones.

***Breaking News : OIC have informed us that, apart from the play area, the grass at the Marwicks will only be cut once this year, in line with many other open spaces in Orkney. So how do we go forward with the new smaller play pitch idea? Any ideas welcomed!***

## **Working Parties**

We hope to be holding some GRA working parties soon to do various tasks eg painting, weeding and planting and will be contacting residents when we have dates for these. Meantime please contact Myrtle if you are willing to help in any way.

## **Our ongoing activities:**

- keeping the area tidy and encouraging all dog owners to pick up after their pets
- contacting O.I.C. as needed to keep Grieveship well maintained
- keeping shrub areas and planters tidy and colourful
- maintaining Brinkies Brae path and providing stone seat
- painting & maintenance of planters and wooden hand rails



Our annual social event and Christmas lunch for our older residents

**Anyone willing to be contacted to help with any of the activities please contact Myrtle, or any committee member. Your offers would be greatly appreciated.**

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## **Membership**

In June, we knock on all the households in Grieveship to collect membership fees. This goes towards our running costs and enables us to continue with the work we do. It's important we get as many households as possible involved (one member per household) as this qualifies us for ongoing funding from OIC. Don't forget it's your Association. We represent you, so if there are any issues affecting you, please let us know.

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## **Your Current Committee Members**

Myrtle Cassidy - Chair - [01856 850076](tel:01856850076), [myrtle.cassidy@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:myrtle.cassidy@mypostoffice.co.uk)  
Sara Duncan - Secretary  
Chris Wright - Treasurer  
Penny Aberdein  
Annabelle Laurenson  
Kerry Sinclair  
Jenny Taylor

***We would like to thank all the residents for looking after Grieveship and making it a lovely place to live.***

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