

JANUARY 2010

Hello to everyone and here's hoping that 2010 proves a good year for everyone here! Obviously with the holiday period in mind I have less to report this time round.

Please note that due to different funding arrangements for my role my title has changed from Local to Community Development Officer with a slight change in my job remit/role. More details to follow.

I wish to remind all those that feel Whitehall deserves mains sewerage before 2020 to sign the petition in Ebenezer Stores which, via our MSP, will go to SEPA to express our concern at the length of time it will take to be done.

The SDT's intention to purchase of the Light Haulage side of Jim Holland's business on behalf of the community continues and a series of meetings regarding the matter have and will be taking place over the next month and I hope to be able to report my progress next month.

We are also hoping to hear back next month about our Big Lottery Funding application. Everyone on the committee is keeping their fingers and toes crossed for a positive result!

If anyone is still interested in basic computer and internet lessons please let me know asap. The take up has so far been slow and I need more takers to make it worthwhile. My contact number is *01857 616300*.

The Discover Stronsay leaflets have begun to be distributed and the reaction to them from Visit Orkney was bordering on ecstatic! You will soon be able to spot them around the island and on the ferries so once again well done all those who helped them happen.

Congratulations to Jenny for securing funding for The Art Project, now the hard work begins!! I remind anyone who has a valid idea or project in mind that I am available to assist them to secure funding like Jenny's but you must be prepared to do all the hard work that follows just as Jenny and her team are doing.

Finally over the next two months the Trust will be setting out its plan for the future and my role will be to put in place a new development plan for Stronsay. If you have any input or suggestions as to what should be included please feel free to contact me.