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I am highly delighted to have been selected as the new LDO despite stiff competition from other candidates who had applied. I hope my tenure will prove positive and show tangible results that justify the faith shown in me!

My basic role is to assist the community to help themselves to develop projects that are of social/economic benefit to our community. This means reporting to and working at the behest of The Stronsay Development Trust and its sub groups. This however is not exclusive and my time is available to all on Stronsay or anyone wishing to move here and enhance our community.

One thing has become abundantly clear to me over the last few weeks, is the huge amount of work that has been done by the Trust and my predecessor Mr William Caithness. Just coming to terms with the sheer amount of paperwork needed to secure funding for the Turbine project has opened my eyes as to how much has been achieved on this alone. I admit to having had like others, a few doubts about what had been achieved to date but now these doubts have been blown away by the reality! Years of hard work go into major funding projects and the efforts of mainly volunteers should be recognised, as every bit of funding requires an enormous amount of time and energy to secure.

You can contact me directly on my dedicated phone line *616300* or email me at *passagemaker@tiscali.com* or by post to Tony Withers, SDT LDO, Woodlea, Stronsay, Orkney KW17 2AR.

I hope you will be patient with me while I find my feet and I promise to keep you informed of my progress via the Limpet. Each issue I will keep everyone informed as to developments and a 'Tip of the Month' feature which aims to give advice on some money and community saving ideas.

Cheers, Tony.