



**Item: 5**

**Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee: 31 March 2026.**

**Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Winter 2026/27 Timetables.**

**Report by Director of Enterprise and Resources.**

## **1. Overview**

- 1.1. This report presents the draft winter 2026/27 timetables for inter-island ferry services for members' approval.
- 1.2. The draft timetables were presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 21 January 2026, with the main comments and representations from transport representatives outlined in section 4 of this report.
- 1.3. The draft timetables and feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum were presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 12 February 2026.
- 1.4. The inter-island ferry services timetables for winter 2026/27 are scheduled to operate from 28 September 2026 to 1 May 2027 inclusive.
- 1.5. The proposed timetables for winter 2026/27, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, are consistent with that operated in previous years.
- 1.6. In advance of the Council's budget setting process for 2026/27 being concluded, the timetable in respect of inter-island ferry services, will be subject to an adequate service revenue budget being established.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. It is recommended that members of the Committee:
  - i. Approve the timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services, to be operated during winter 2026/27, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, subject to an adequate service revenue budget for 2026/27 being established.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. In accordance with the Service Level Agreements entered into by Orkney Ferries Limited and the Council, a recommendation from the Board of Orkney Ferries must be made via the Head of Marine Services and Transportation in order for the winter and summer timetable periods to be approved by this Committee.
- 3.2. The six Outer North Isles Community Councils each appoint a Transport Representative to represent their respective communities on the Inter-Island Ferry Service Forum.

### **4. Ferry Services Forum**

- 4.1. The draft timetables for winter 2026/27 were considered by the Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 21 January 2026 following circulation of the draft timetables to the communities in advance.
- 4.2. In addition to circulating the draft timetables to the Community Councils for consideration in advance of the Forum, the draft documents were made available to view via the Council website, ensuring wider consultation with communities.
- 4.3. Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre  
The Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Community Council Transport Representative received no proposed changes from residents and was therefore happy with the draft timetable as outlined.
- 4.4. South Isles  
An initial request was submitted by the Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Transport Representative to enhance the Saturday afternoon timetable, consistent with during the week. The Service Manager (Ferry Operations) submitted a response to the community confirming that, due to the Hours of Work Regulations and maintenance requirements by the existing crew, this enhancement could not be taken forward at this time. On this basis, the Graemsay, Hoy and Walls and Flotta Transport Representative proposed no further changes to the timetable.
- 4.5. Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)  
No changes proposed for Graemsay and North Hoy timetable.
- 4.6. Shapinsay  
The Shapinsay Transport Representative had no comments or proposed changes to the draft timetable for winter 2026/27.

4.7. Outer North Isles

It was noted that there were previous requests to amend the Friday morning timetable however a response had been outlined by the Service Manager (Ferry Operations).

The Board of Orkney Ferries noted that the Friday schedule could perhaps be amended each year so that islands could take it in turns to arrive in to Kirkwall at an earlier time. This will be considered further when looking at future timetabling.

An amendment to the refit timetable was made as highlighted, following a request from the Stronsay Transport Representative, amending the Monday and Wednesday operation for Eday and Stronsay. No objections were received from Eday Community Council however it was noted that this would result in no mid-day sailing for Eday on a Monday. As this was the case for Stronsay previously, this change has been incorporated noting that it can be reviewed on an annual basis going forward.

Discussions focused on the additional passenger service operated by the MV Nordic Sea. It was noted that an afternoon sailing on a Saturday would be preferable during the refit period. It was agreed that this amendment would be made for the refit period and further discussions would be held with the Transport Representatives from Eday, Sanday and Stronsay in respect of the remaining winter period and summer timetables.

4.8. Papa Westray Passenger Service

A separate meeting was held with the Community Council Chair, Community Council Transport Representative and Westray public bus operator in connection with the Papa Westray timetable and onwards connectivity. The proposed changes have been incorporated in the timetable for winter 2026/27.

4.9. North Ronaldsay

No changes proposed. The challenge of getting freight to the island during the winter period was raised. It was noted that if the service cannot be rescheduled during the week, then the community would ask for an additional freight service by air at the weekend. It was agreed to take this back for further consideration and discussion with Loganair Ltd.

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## Implications of Report

- 1. Financial:** The timetables proposed in this report, and attached as Appendix 1, represent a continuation of the existing level of service provision.

Subject to budget availability, an additional passenger service for the North Isles will operate during summer 2026, consistent with 2025 following a further period of consultation.

The revenue budget for the current financial year, 2025/26, stands at £20,804,000 fully funded with specific grant funding received from the Scottish Government, and gives an indication of the resources needed to maintain the level of service.

In advance of a service budget being established as part of the Council's annual budget setting process for financial year 2026/27, the level of ferry service provision for next financial year is subject to an adequate budget being made available for that purpose.

- 2. Legal:** Section 153 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 empowers the Council to "acquire, provide, maintain, improve and operate any ferry situated wholly or partly within their area".

Orkney Ferries Limited operates the ferry services on behalf of Orkney Islands Council under Service Level Agreements, updated in 2024.

The Service Level Agreements state that the timetables for the summer period should be recommended by the Company to the Council's Development and Infrastructure Committee for approval.

The Service Level Agreements state that Orkney Ferries Limited will operate the "Approved Services" and in return for funding from the Council. The definition of "Approved Services" covers inter-island ferry services as approved by the Council.

- 3. Corporate Governance:** In accordance with the Scheme of Administration, the determination of timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services is a delegated function of the Development and Infrastructure Committee (now the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee).

- 4. Human Resources:** None related to the report recommendations.

- 5. Equalities:** Not required.

- 6. Island Communities Impact:** Not required.

- 7. Links to Council Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Council Plan strategic priorities:

- Growing our economy.
- Strengthening our Communities.
- Developing our Infrastructure.
- Transforming our Council.

- 8. Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities:

- Cost of Living.

- Sustainable Development.
- Local Equality.
- Improving Population Health.

**9. Environmental and Climate Risk:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

**10. Risk:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

**11. Procurement:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

**12. Health and Safety:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

**13. Property and Assets:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

**14. Information Technology:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

**15. Cost of Living:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

### **List of Background Papers**

None.

### **Appendix**

Appendix 1: Inter-Island Ferry Services Draft Winter 2026/27 Timetables.



# South Isles

## Ro-Ro Service - Winter

Effective from 28 September 2026 - 1 May 2027

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**Orkney Ferries**

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Longhope	dep	0625	0625	0625	0625	0625	0800	0830
Lyness	dep		0650		0650			
Flotta	dep	0650	0710	0650	0710	0650	0830	0855
Lyness	dep	0710		0710		0710	0900	0915
Houton	arr	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0935	0950
Houton	dep	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0950	1000
Lyness	dep	0845				0845	1030	1045
Flotta	dep	0910	0845	0845	0845	0910	1055	1110
Lyness	dep		0910	0910	0910			
Houton	arr	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945		
Longhope	arr							1125
Longhope	arr							1500
Houton	dep	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015		
Lyness	arr	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050		
Lyness	dep	1100	1100		1100	1100		
Flotta	dep		1200		1200			
Houton	arr	1135				1135	1130	
Houton	dep	1145				1145		
Lyness	dep	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230		
Houton	arr	1305	1305	1305	1305	1305		
Houton	dep	1315	1315	1315	1315	1315	1415	
Lyness	dep	1400	1400	1400	1400			
Flotta	arr	1415	1415	1415	1415			
Flotta	dep	1425	1425	1425	1425	1400	1500	
Lyness	dep					1425		
Houton	arr	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500		
Houton	dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515		
Flotta	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		1530
Lyness	dep	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1530	1555
Houton	arr	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1605	1630
Houton	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1615	1640
Lyness	dep	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1700	1715
Flotta	dep	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1720A	1735
Longhope	arr	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1740	1750

**Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure either online, or by phone during office opening hours**

**A - On Request Sailings.**

Bookings must be made by 1630 on the day of departure.

Vehicles must be available for boarding **20 minutes** before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.

**No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour** prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and website - [orkneyferries.co.uk](http://orkneyferries.co.uk)

# Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

## Ro-Ro Service - Winter

Effective from 28 September 2026 - 1 May 2027

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**Orkney Ferries**

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rousay	dep	0650A	0650A	0650A	0650A	0650A	0650A	
Egilsay	dep	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	
Wyre	dep	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	
Rousay	dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	
Tingwall	dep	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820	0840	
Rousay	dep	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850		
Wyre	dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900		
Rousay	dep	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910A
Egilsay	dep	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930B	0930A
Wyre	dep	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950A
Rousay	dep	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005
Tingwall	dep	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040
Rousay	dep	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	
Tingwall	dep	1150	1150	1240	1150	1150	1150	
Rousay	arr	1215	1215	1305	1215	1215	1215	1115
Rousay	dep	1315B	1315B		1315B	1315B	1315B	1120B
Wyre	dep							1130B
Egilsay	dep	1335B	1335B		1335B	1335B	1335B	1150B
Wyre	dep	1355B	1355B		1355B	1355B	1355B	
Rousay	arr							1210
Rousay	dep	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410
Tingwall	dep	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445
Rousay	dep	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520B
Wyre	dep	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530B
Tingwall	dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	
Rousay	dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1705B	
Egilsay	dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655		1550B
Wyre	dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B	
Rousay	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1610
Tingwall	dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1645
Rousay	arr	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1705
Rousay	dep	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	
Wyre	dep	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	
Egilsay	dep	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	
Rousay	arr	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	

**Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure from Tingwall except those marked A.**  
 Please see below for further details

**A** - On Request Sailings **TO** and **FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Bookings should be made before **1700** on the day before travel. For Sunday travel, bookings should be made before **1500** on Saturday.

**B** - On Request Sailings **TO** and **FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Bookings should be made up to **1 hour** before departure from Tingwall by booking online or by calling during office opening hours.

**Please note** - passengers on this route will be required to reverse their vehicles on board

Vehicles must be available for boarding **20 minutes** before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and website - [orkneyferries.co.uk](http://orkneyferries.co.uk)

**No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour** prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

# Shapinsay

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**Orkney Ferries**

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Shapinsay	dep	0730	0730	0730	0730	0730		
Kirkwall	dep	0815	0815	0815	0815	0815		
Shapinsay	dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900	
Kirkwall	dep	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	
Shapinsay	dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030
Kirkwall	dep	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130
Shapinsay	dep	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330
Kirkwall	dep	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415
Shapinsay	dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515
Kirkwall	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600
Shapinsay	dep	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	
Kirkwall	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	

**Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure  
either online, or by phone during office opening hours**

**Please note** - passengers on this route will be required to reverse their vehicles on board

Vehicles must be available for boarding **20 minutes** before departure,  
passengers **10 minutes** before departure.

**No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour** prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises  
and website - [orkneyferries.co.uk](http://orkneyferries.co.uk)

# Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)

## Foot Passenger Service - Winter

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**Orkney Ferries**

Our service from Stromness to Hoy & Graemsay is a **passenger only** service. Vehicles can be carried by prior arrangement to Graemsay on the advertised cargo sailings.

Passenger Only Service		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Stromness	dep	0730	0730	0730	0730	0730	0815C	
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	0755	0755	0755	0755	0755		
Graemsay	dep	0810	0810	0810	0810	0810	0845C	
Stromness	dep	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	0930	0930
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1000	1000
Graemsay	dep	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1015	1015
Stromness	dep	1200A		1200A	1200A			
Graemsay	dep	1230A		1230A	1230A			
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1240A		1240A	1240A			
Stromness	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		
Graemsay	dep	1615	1615	1615	1615	1615		
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1630		
Stromness	dep	1800B	1800B	1800B	1800B	1800B	1800	1800
Graemsay	dep	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830	1830
Stromness	dep					2130C		
Graemsay	dep					2145C		
Hoy (Moaness)	dep					2200C		

**All bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure either online, or by phone during office opening hours**

**A - Cargo sailings.** Will have limitations on passenger numbers, therefore travel without a booking is not guaranteed. Sailings may be delayed as a result of cargo operations.

Passengers must be available for boarding **10 minutes** before departure.

**B - On request sailing to Hoy.** This must be booked either online or over the phone by **1600** on the day of sailing.

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and website - [orkneyferries.co.uk](http://orkneyferries.co.uk)

**C - On request sailing.** Must be booked online or over the phone by **1600** on Friday

**No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour** prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

Monday cargo to be booked by **1600** on previous Friday, otherwise all cargo must be booked before **1600** the day before sailing. Cargo must be delivered to Stromness Pier no later than **1100** on the day of sailing.

# Westray - Papa Westray

## Passenger Service - Winter

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**Orkney Ferries**

Our service from Westray to Papa Westray is a **passenger only** service.

Passenger Only Service		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pierowall	dep	0730 <sup>B</sup>	0740	0740	0740	0720 <sup>B</sup>	0740 <sup>B</sup>	
Papa Westray	dep	0755	0805	0805	0805	0735	0805	
Papa Westray	dep	0800 <sup>B</sup>	0810	0810	0810	0740 <sup>B</sup>	0810 <sup>B</sup>	
Pierowall	dep	0825	0835	0835	0835	0755	0835	
Pierowall	dep	0830*				0800*	0915 <sup>A</sup>	
Papa Westray	dep	0855*				0815*	0940	
Papa Westray	dep	0900*				0820*	0945 <sup>A</sup>	
Pierowall	dep	0925*				0835*	1010	
Pierowall	dep	0930 <sup>A</sup>	0915 <sup>A</sup>	0915	0915 <sup>A</sup>	0915 <sup>A</sup>		
Papa Westray	dep	0955	0940	0940	0940	0940		
Papa Westray	dep	1000 <sup>A</sup>	0945 <sup>A</sup>	0945	0945 <sup>A</sup>	0945 <sup>A</sup>		
Pierowall	dep	1025	1010	1010	1010	1010		
Pierowall	dep			1230		1510*		1315
Papa Westray	dep			1255		1535*		1340
Papa Westray	dep			1300		1540*		1530
Pierowall	dep			1325		1605*		1555
Pierowall	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1610 <sup>A</sup>	1625 <sup>A</sup>	1700 <sup>A</sup>
Papa Westray	dep	1625	1625	1625	1625	1635	1650	1725
Papa Westray	dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1640 <sup>A</sup>	1655 <sup>A</sup>	1730 <sup>A</sup>
Pierowall	dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1705	1720	1755
Pierowall	dep	1815 <sup>A</sup>		1815 <sup>A</sup>	1815 <sup>A</sup>	1815 <sup>A</sup>	1815 <sup>A</sup>	1855 <sup>A</sup>
Papa Westray	dep	1840		1840	1840	1840	1840	1920
Papa Westray	dep	1845 <sup>A</sup>		1845 <sup>A</sup>	1845 <sup>A</sup>	1845 <sup>A</sup>	1845 <sup>A</sup>	1925 <sup>A</sup>
Pierowall	dep	1910		1910	1910	1910	1910	1950

**All bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Pierowall either online, or by phone during office opening hours**

**A - On request** - must be booked at least 1 hour before departure from Pierowall either online or during office opening hours. Sailings after 17:00 must be booked before office closing hours.

**B - On request** services. Monday sailing, must be booked before 1400 on Sunday. Friday sailing must be booked before 16:00 on Thursday. Saturday sailing, must be booked before 1600 on Friday.

\* Sailings will operate during term time only

Passengers must be available for boarding **10 minutes** before departure. For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and website - [orkneyferries.co.uk](http://orkneyferries.co.uk)

**No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour** prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

All sailings with the exception of those marked \* are scheduled to connect with the arrival and departure of the RoRo vessel at Rapness. Sailings requested outwith these times will be treated as hires and charged accordingly.

# Outer North Isles Refit Timetable

## Ro-Ro Service

From Sunday 10th January 2027 until Saturday 13th March 2027 (dates TBC)\*

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**Orkney Ferries**

		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		
Kirkwall	dep	0740	0720	0740	0720	0740	0720	0740	0720	0740	0720	0800	North Ronaldsay			
Eday	arr			0855				0855								
Eday	dep			0905				0905								
Sanday	arr			0925				0925								
Sanday	dep			0935				0935								
Stronsay	arr	0920		1010		0920		1010		0920		0940				
Stronsay	dep	0930		1020		0930		1020		0930		0955				
Sanday	arr	1005				1005				1005		1030				
Sanday	dep	1015				1015				1015		1040				
Eday	arr	1035				1035				1035		1100				
Eday	dep	1045				1045				1045		1110				
Westray	arr		0845		0845		0845		0845		0845					
Westray	dep		0900		0900		0900		0900		0900					
Kirkwall	arr	1200	1025	1200	1025	1200	1025	1200	1025	1200	1025	1225				
Kirkwall	dep		1035	1040	1330		1040		1300		1045					
Sanday	arr		1200				1205									
Sanday	dep		1210				1215									
Stronsay	arr		1245	1220												
Stronsay	dep		1255	1230												
Eday	arr						1235									
Eday	dep						1245									
Sanday	arr			1305												
Sanday	dep			1315												
Westray	arr				1455				1425							
Westray	dep				1505				1435							
P. Westray	arr				1545						1235					
P. Westray	dep				1600						1250					
Kirkwall	arr		1435	1440			1400		1600		1440					
Kirkwall	dep	1600	1620	1540		1540	1620	1540	1620	1600	1620		1620	1540	1620	
Westray	arr		1745		1745		1745				1745		1745		1745	
Westray	dep		1755		1755		1755				1755		1755		1800	
Eday	arr	1715				1655		1655		1715				1655		
Eday	dep	1730				1710		1710		1730				1710		
Stronsay	arr			1720												
Stronsay	dep			1730												
Sanday	arr	1750		1805		1730			1745	1750				1730		
Sanday	dep	1800		1815		1740			1755	1800				1740		
Stronsay	arr	1835				1815		1745		1835				1815		
Stronsay	dep	1845				1825		1800		1845				1825		
Eday	arr			1835												
Eday	dep			1845												
Kirkwall	arr	2025	1920	2000	1920	2005	1920	1940	1920	2025	1920		1920	2005	1925	

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours

\*\*Sailings could be subject to delays due to cargo operations\*\*

\* Refit may extend beyond 13th March 2027. Once refit is complete, sailings will revert to the published timetable.

Weather permitting, a weekly service will be carried out to North Ronaldsay. As departure times vary from week to week dependent on tidal conditions, actual sailing times will be published the day before the sailing.

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No Show Charges – Cancellations must be made at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled departure from Kirkwall either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

# North Ronaldsay

## LOLO\* Service - Winter

Effective from 28 September 2026 - 1 May 2027

Orkney Ferries, Kirkwall, KW15 1LG  
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**Orkney Ferries**

Sailing times from Kirkwall to North Ronaldsay vary from week to week and are dependent of tidal and weather conditions.

A decision will be made by 1400 on the day before sailing.

Those wishing to travel are advised to check sailing times the day before departure.

All North Ronaldsay departures are entered into the booking system for an 0800 departure to allow bookings to be made. Passengers making a booking should be aware that their departure time will be subject to change.

All booked customers will be contacted to advise of actual sailing times the day before departure.

Information about sailing times will also be available by 1400 the day before departure on our website at [orkneyferries.co.uk/news](http://orkneyferries.co.uk/news) and Facebook and Telegram channels.

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Return sailings will depart North Ronaldsay on completion of cargo operations.

Passengers from North Ronaldsay to Kirkwall should be ready to board as soon as the vessel arrives in North Ronaldsay.

October 2026
Saturday 3rd
Saturday 10th
Saturday 17th
Saturday 24th
Saturday 31st

January 2027
Saturday 2nd (to be reviewed BH)
Saturday 9th
Saturday 16th
Saturday 23rd
Saturday 30th

April 2027
Saturday 3rd
Saturday 10th
Saturday 17th
Saturday 24th

November 2026
Saturday 7th
Saturday 14th
Saturday 21st
Saturday 28th

February 2027
Saturday 6th
Saturday 13th
Saturday 20th
Saturday 27th

May 2027
Saturday 1st

December 2026
Saturday 5th
Saturday 12th
Saturday 19th
Saturday 26th (to be reviewed BH)

March 2027
Saturday 6th
Saturday 13th
Saturday 20th
Saturday 27th

\*Passengers should be aware that the service in North Ronaldsay is **LOLO** (lift on/lift off) only. This means there is a limit on vehicle weights and those travelling with a vehicle heavier than **8000kg** are advised to contact our office to ensure that their vehicle can be safely lifted.

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