

Item: 7

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 11 November 2025.

Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Summer 2026 Timetables.

Report by Director of Enterprise and Resources.

1. Overview

- 1.1. The draft timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services to be operated during summer 2026 were presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 19 August 2025, with the main comments and representations from transport representatives outlined in section 4 of this report.
- 1.2. The draft timetables and feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum were presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 16 September 2025.
- 1.3. The inter-island ferry services timetables for summer 2026 are scheduled to operate from 3 May to 27 September 2026 inclusive.
- 1.4. The proposed timetables, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, are consistent with those operated in previous years. However, there may, on occasion, be a requirement to make minor amendments to the timetables for operational and/or educational purposes.
- 1.5. In advance of the Council's budget setting process for 2026/27 being established, the timetables 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 summer 2026, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, subject to:
 - An adequate service revenue budget for 2026/27 being established.
 - Amendments required for operational and/or educational purposes requested by Orkney Ferries Ltd.

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 summer 2026 were considered by the Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 19 August 2025 following circulation of the draft timetables to the communities in advance.
- 4.2. Due to the challenges on circulating the draft timetables to coincide with community council meetings, it was agreed that going forward, the draft timetables will be made available online in advance. Comments should be returned to the transport representatives on each island with the exception of hauliers who can report directly to the Transportation Service.
- 4.3. Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre
Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Community Council noted the additional evening sailings on a Saturday evening during this summer (2025) with the aspiration to have additional dates for summer 2026. It was noted that these were well received by the community. Orkney Ferries Limited have agreed to the continuation of the service one Saturday per month over the summer months and to coincide with dates such as County Show.
- 4.4. South Isles
- 4.5. The Flotta Transport Representative referred to the Tuesday/Thursday morning schedule with a call-in to Lyness at 06:50 followed by Flotta at 07:10. It was noted that the Hoy community originally requested for a consistent timetable in the morning, however following a period of further consultation the Flotta community made a request to retain connectivity in the morning two days a week. It was noted that the Tuesday/Thursday was consistent with the winter timetable for 2025/26.

- 4.6. The South Isles Transport Representatives agreed that improved afternoon connectivity on a Saturday afternoon would be advantageous to both communities where possible. It was agreed that this would be taken back for further consideration, noting that the crew require sufficient time for safety checks and maintenance. Following consideration, Orkney Ferries Limited confirmed that they are unable to accommodate any additional services on a Saturday afternoon. The time from 11:30 to 14:15 is used for safety drills which are a legislative requirement. It should also be noted that the timetable is already at its maximum for crew working hours.
- 4.7. Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)
The Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Transport Representative noted that the current Saturday sailing does not connect with the NorthLink ferry times. A request was made to amend the timings, noting that check in at NorthLink closes at 10:30. This request has since been withdrawn by the Community Council – the community prefers the Saturday and Sunday morning timings to be the same at 09:30.
- 4.8. Shapinsay
The Shapinsay Transport Representative noted changes to the operating times for Shapinsay Show, County Show, Darts Events and to coincide with Sunday excursions to the Outer North Isles. It was noted that these would be accommodated by Orkney Ferries Limited where possible. The community will make these excursion requests directly to Orkney Ferries Limited.
- 4.9. Papa Westray Passenger Service
The Papa Westray timetable was amended on a Friday to provide better onwards connectivity to Kirkwall via the Westray ferry. The impact however was that school children were arriving to Westray too early, with no school transport available until later. Following a request from Papa Westray Community Council to change the timetable, and subsequent discussions with the Community Council and Westray School, further amendments have been made to the timetable to ensure appropriate connectivity for Papa Westray pupils to attend secondary school in Westray. These timings are highlighted on the final timetable, attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.10. Outer North Isles
- 4.11. The Outer North Isles timetable for summer 2026 is consistent with that currently operated, noting that the Friday morning arrival times to Kirkwall remain a concern for the communities. It was noted that the Stronsay/Eday service has the latest arrival time to Kirkwall on a Friday and, given the timetable in previous years has prioritised the other islands, they should receive an earlier arrival during summer 2026. The total hours per vessel must be taken into consideration when making any changes. Following exploration by Orkney Ferries of the rationale for the Friday

morning schedule, in particular cargo operations, timings at linkspan, vessel capacity, the timetable will remain unchanged for summer 2026.

- 4.12. The passenger service, in addition to the backbone service, to the North Isles was welcomed, however, the Sanday Transport Representative suggested that the timetable be amended to provide better connectivity for islands on specific days. It was agreed to take this back for further consideration and that a separate meeting be held in December 2025 with the relevant transport representatives following consultation on the islands. The additional passenger service will be subject to budget. Service provision will also be subject to vessel availability, noting that the relief vessel may be deployed across the network if another vessel is brought out of service.

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Implications of Report

1. Financial:

The timetables 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 be considered for summer 2026, consistent with that operated during summer 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.

4. Human Resources:

None related to the report recommendations.

5. Equalities:

None related to the recommendations in this report.

6. Island Communities Impact:

None related to the recommendations in this report.

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 Summer 2026 Timetables.

Outer North Isles

Ro-Ro Service

Effective from 03 May - 27 September 2026

Orkney Ferries, Kirkwall, KW15 1LE
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		Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday***			
Kirkwall	dep	0700	0720	0740	0720	0700	0740	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0720	0700	0740	0700	0720	North Ronaldsay	0840	0920	0900	
Eday	arr						0855													0955			
Eday	dep						0905													1005			
Stronsay	arr	0840			0855			0840			0840			0900			0840				1040		
Stronsay	dep	0855			0910			0855			0855			0915			0850				1050		
Sanday	arr			0905			0925			0905			0905			0905	0925						1025
Sanday	dep			0915			0935			0915			0915			0920	0935						1035
Eday	arr	0930						0930			0930			0950			0955						
Eday	dep	0945						0945			0945			1005			1005						
Westray	arr		0845			0825			0845			0845			0825			0845				1045	
Westray	dep		0900			0840			0900			0900			0840			0900			1055		
Kirkwall	arr	1100	1025	1040	1050	1005	1100	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025	1040	1120	1005	1045	1120	1025		1230	1220	1200	
Kirkwall	dep	1115	1035	1055		1300	1030	1115	1035	1055		1300			1040								
Stronsay	arr	1250					North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray	1250															
Stronsay	dep	1300							1300														
Eday	arr										1210												
Eday	dep										1220												
Sanday	arr			1220							1240												
Sanday	dep			1230							1250												
Eday	arr			1250																			
Eday	dep			1300																			
Westray	arr		1200			1425				1200			1425			1205							
Westray	dep		1210			1435				1210			1435			1215*							
P. Westray	arr														1255**								
P. Westray	dep														1315**								
Kirkwall	arr	1440	1335	1415		1600		1440	1335	1415		1605			1505								
Kirkwall	dep	1600	1620	1640	1620	North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray	1640	1600	1620	1640	1600	1620	1500	1600	1620	1640	1600	1620	1640	1545	1620	1600	
Eday	arr	1715							1715			1715			1715								
Eday	dep	1730							1730			1730			1730								
Stronsay	arr	1805			1800				1805			1805			1805			1740			1725		
Stronsay	dep	1815			1810				1815			1815			1815			1750			1740		
Sanday	arr			1805				1805			1805			1625			1805			1805			1725
Sanday	dep			1815				1815			1815			1635			1815			1815			1740
Eday	arr																	1825			1815		
Eday	dep																	1835			1825		
Westray	arr		1745							1745			1745			1745			1745			1745	
Westray	dep		1755						1755			1755			1755			1755			1800		
	arr	1955	1920	1940	1945	1715**	2005	1955	1920	1940	2000	1920	1800	1955	1920	1940	1955	1920	1940	1940	1925	1905	

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

* This sailing is not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall.

** These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

*** On the following **SUNDAYS** there will be special excursions

North Ronaldsay: 7th June, 5th July, 19th July, 30th August

Papa Westray: 28th June, 2nd August

RO-RO Timetable 3 May – 27 Sept 2026 INCLUSIVE, excluding the following dates for special excursions, posters are on display
 advertising local events: **North Isles Sports - 20th June, Westray Regatta - 25th July, Sanday Show - 31st July, County Show - 8th August, Stronsay Massive Weekend - 15th & 16th August**

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

Please be aware that there may be a requirement to reverse on to the vessel.

For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website - www.orkneyferries.co.uk

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.

South Isles

Ro-Ro Service

Effective from 03 May - 27 September 2026

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Orkney Ferries

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 1	Sunday 2
Longhope	dep	0625	0625	0625	0625	0625	0800	0800	0800
Lyness	dep		0650		0650				
Flotta	dep	0650	0710	0650	0710	0650	0830	0825	0825
Lyness	dep	0710		0710		0710	0900	0845	0845
Houton	arr	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0935	0920	0920
Houton	dep	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0950	0930	0930
Lyness	dep	0845				0845	1030		1015
Flotta	dep	0910	0845	0845	0845	0910	1055		
Lyness	dep		0910	0910	0910				
Houton	arr	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945			1050
Houton	dep	1015	1000	1015	1000	1015			1100
Lyness	dep	1100	1040	1100	1040	1100			1135
Flotta	arr							1005	1150
Flotta	dep							1010	1155
Lyness	arr							1025	1210
Houton	arr	1135	1110	1135	1110	1135	1130		
Houton	dep	1145	1120	1145	1120	1145			
Flotta	dep		1200		1200				
Lyness	dep	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230			
Houton	arr	1305	1305	1305	1305	1305			
Houton	dep	1315	1315	1315	1315	1315	1415		
Flotta	dep					1400			
Lyness	dep	1400	1400	1400	1400	1425	1500	1500	1630
Flotta	arr	1420	1420	1420	1420		1520	1520	
Flotta	dep	1425	1425	1425	1425		1610		
Houton	arr	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500			1705
Houton	dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515			1715
Flotta	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		1530	1750
Lyness	dep	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640		1815
Houton	arr	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1605	1850
Houton	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1615	1900
Lyness	dep	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1700	1935
Flotta	dep	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1720	
Longhope	arr	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1740	1955

**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.

Sunday 1 - effective as follows

03/05/26 to 07/06/26 and 16/08/26 to 27/09/26

Sunday 2 - effective as follows

14/06/26 to 09/08/26

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

Please be aware that there may be a requirement to reverse on to the vessel

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.

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre

Ro-Ro Service

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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	1115
Tingwall	dep	1150	1150	1240	1150	1150	1150	1155
Rousay	arr	1215	1215	1305	1215	1215	1215	1215
Rousay	dep	1315B	1315B		1315B	1315B	1315B	1315B
Egilsay	dep	1335B	1335B		1335B	1335B	1335B	1335B
Wyre	dep	1355B	1355B		1355B	1355B	1355B	1355B
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	1520
Wyre	dep	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530
Tingwall	dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605
Rousay	dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1705B	1635
Egilsay	dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655		1655B
Wyre	dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B	1715B
Rousay	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730
Tingwall	dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Rousay	arr	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825
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 - www.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.

Additional monthly Saturday evening late sailings will be available. These will be agreed with community representatives and will be published on our website and social media channels

Shapinsay

Ro-Ro Service

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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	0900*
Kirkwall	dep	0945	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	
Kirkwall	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	
Shapinsay	dep	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	
Kirkwall	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	
Shapinsay	dep							1730*
Kirkwall	dep							1815
Shapinsay	dep						1900	1900
Kirkwall	dep						1945	1945*

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

* Slight alterations may be made to these sailings on the following Sundays in May, June, July and August to allow connections with other services. **Dates to be published once agreed.**

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 - www.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.

Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)

Foot Passenger Service

Effective from 03 May - 27 September 2026

Orkney Ferries, Kirkwall, KW15 1LG
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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	0830C	
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	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Graemsay	dep	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830
Stromness	dep					2130B		
Graemsay	dep					2145B		
Hoy (Moaness)	dep					2200B		

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.

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

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and
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

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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	0745	0715	0745	0745	0715	0745	
Papa Westray	arr	0800	0730	0800	0800	0730	0800	
Papa Westray	dep	0805	0735	0805	0805	0735	0805	
Pierowall	arr	0820	0750	0820	0820	0750	0820	
Pierowall	dep	0850A	0815A	0920	0920	0815A	0920	0935
Papa Westray	arr	0905	0830	0935	0935	0830	0935	0950
Papa Westray	dep	0910A	0835A	0940	0940	0835A	0940	0955
Pierowall	arr	0925	0850	0955	0955	0850	0955	1010
Pierowall	dep	0930	0855			0855		
Papa Westray	arr	0945	0910			0910		
Papa Westray	dep	0950	0915			0915		
Pierowall	arr	1005	0930			0930		
Pierowall	dep	1010*	0940*	1000*	1000*	0940*	1000*	
Papa Westray	arr	1025	0955	1015	1015	0955	1015	
Papa Westray	dep	1030*	1000*	1020*	1020*	1000*	1020*	
Pierowall	arr	1045	1015	1035	1035	1015	1035	
Pierowall	dep	1055		1055				1115
Papa Westray	arr	1110		1110				1130
Papa Westray	dep	1115		1115				1135
Pierowall	arr	1130		1130				1150
Pierowall	dep	1235	1325	1235	1325			1315
Papa Westray	arr	1250	1340	1250	1340			1330
Papa Westray	dep	1255	1345	1255	1345			-
Pierowall	arr	1310	1400	1310	1400			-
Pierowall	dep		1455B			1510A		-
Papa Westray	arr		1510			1525		-
Papa Westray	dep		1515B			1530A		1530
Pierowall	arr		1530			1545		1545
Pierowall	dep	1600	1555A	1600	1600	1600	1600	
Papa Westray	arr	1615	1610	1615	1615	1615	1615	
Papa Westray	dep	1620*	1615A	1620*	1620*	1620*	1620*	
Pierowall	arr	1635*	1630	1635*	1635*	1635*	1635*	
Pierowall	dep	1640*		1640*	1640*	1640*	1640*	1640
Papa Westray	arr	1655*		1655*	1655*	1655*	1655*	1655
Papa Westray	dep	1700		1700	1700	1700	1700	1700
Pierowall	arr	1715		1715	1715	1715	1715	1715
Pierowall	dep	1815		1815	1815	1815	1815	1815
Papa Westray	arr	1830		1830	1830	1830	1830	1830
Papa Westray	dep	1835		1835	1835	1835	1835	1835
Pierowall	arr	1850		1850	1850	1850	1850	1850

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

A - will **not** operate between **4th July and 17th August**

B - Additional sailing from **5th July - 18th August** inclusive

All sailings (with the exception of A/B) 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.

For Conditions of Carriage please see notices posted on vessels, company premises and website - www.orkneyferries.co.uk

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

* Sailings are on demand dependent on the previous scheduled service being at full capacity

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.

North Ronaldsay Sailings Summer 2026

LOLO* Freight and Passenger Services

Effective from 03 May - 27 September 2026

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Orkney Ferries

Tuesday 05 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 09 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 12 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
Papa Westray	arr	1220
Papa Westray	dep	1250
North Ronaldsay	arr	1405
North Ronaldsay	dep	1435
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 16 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 19 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
Papa Westray	arr	1220
Papa Westray	dep	1250
North Ronaldsay	arr	1405
North Ronaldsay	dep	1435
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 23 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 26 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
Papa Westray	arr	1220
Papa Westray	dep	1250
North Ronaldsay	arr	1405
North Ronaldsay	dep	1435
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 30 May 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 02 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 06 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 09 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 13 June 2024		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 16 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
Papa Westray	arr	1220
Papa Westray	dep	1250
North Ronaldsay	arr	1405
North Ronaldsay	dep	1435
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 19 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 23 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 27 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 30 June 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 04 July 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 07 July 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 11 July 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 14 July 2026		
	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 18 July 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 21 July 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 24 July 2026 ***		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Westray Regatta 25th July

Tuesday 28 July 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 01 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 04 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 07 August 2026 ***		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

County Show 8th August

Tuesday 11 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 14 August 2026***		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 18 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 22 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 25 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 29 August 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 01 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
Papa Westray	arr	1220
Papa Westray	dep	1250
North Ronaldsay	arr	1405
North Ronaldsay	dep	1435
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 05 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 08 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 13 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 15 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
Papa Westray	arr	1220
Papa Westray	dep	1250
North Ronaldsay	arr	1405
North Ronaldsay	dep	1435
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 19 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 22 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 26 September 2026		
Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

*Passengers should be aware that the service in North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray 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.

For conditions of carriage please see notices on vessels, company premises and website - orkneyferries.co.uk

*** Sailings changed due to events the following day.

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 North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray departure times are estimates and are subject to alteration due to cargo operations, weather and tide.

All arrivals in Kirkwall subject to change due to cargo operations.

Sailings are all weather permitting and subject to confirmation the day before sailing.