Orkney 2025 Island Games Volunteer & Community

Haiku

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Thunder in my chest Footsteps echo, heart beats fast Race begins at dawn.

Colin







Land of roaring seas Give my all, welcome to all, Memories for life.

Colin







Ancient lichened stones Bere glinting in summer sun Gold, silver and bronze

Fiona F







No more bananas What will fuel the athletes now? Orkney fudge cheesecake

Helen







Orkney Island Games "You may only do this once" Flights booked from Leeds!!!

Jill L







Waves crash on hard rocks Spray of salt hits ticklish skin The moon leaves me lost

Anushka T



Waves wash sandy shores Comrades race for the bright goal Orkney wins all hearts

Sarah M







The Old Man of Hoy Was long ago a wee boy And his name was cliff

Gordon D







the winds come and go memories flash back and forth all things will be well

Aileen L







Hen Harriers fly In island with endless skies Tough to say goodbye

Erland J







Stones have seen so much But nothing as great as you Just be AMAZING

David P







Whether big or small The smells are all atrocious Please flush and keep clean

Adam C







I'm writing a haiku Never thought I'd be asked to My first for the games

Callum M







Windy blustery Braes, sunlit fields, stone and sea All golden for you

Stephanie M







Island Games Orkney A week that will change us all July twenty-twenty-five

Helen R







The force of waves Transport you to your goal – win or lose – success

Carolyn E







Excited people Arrive in the Orkney Isles So keen to take part

Penny A







You're sitting here now Where sun shines always (or not) In the Orkney Isles

Bethany & Evelyn







Heavy rain? Who cares In time the rainbows appear The skies and spirit lift

Lesley R







I came from the south And Orkney has restored me Now my journey ends

Lynne B







Foek from all over, Orkney 2025, Run and swim and golf.

Isla M







Gannets in the sky Tammie Norries on the cliff Games are on – July

Isla M







Our Island, wind, sea Happy, friendly, come and see Island Games are free

Richard B







Wind whips, muscles strain Shot put, high jump, island's heart, Victory's sweet roar

Jennifer O







Anticipation Excitement, dreams and wonder What will these games be?

G Manson







Welcome to this loo And a poem just for you To read as you poo!

Lucy D







Spirit and friendship Great equipment and kit bags Bring on Island Games

Bruce W



Living in Orkney We love to have visitors Welcome to our islands

Carrie D







The isles are buzzing Athletes from around the world Connected by joy

Susan M







Taking part that counts Enjoy friendships and sports teams Sea, happiness, love.

Merilyn F







Clouds race across sky Grass flattens under your feet Fleeting impressions

Lorna R







The sun never sleeps Daylight lasts for hours and hours July in Orkney

Lindsay B







Enjoy yourself here, Wherever you are here from, And smile, win or lose.

David M







Orkney welcomes you Competitor and supporter Let's make someone's day

Mark K







Exercise is good Can't wait for the games to start See you there my friend

Ian H







The warmth of Orkney May it always be with you And be near your hearts

JM







Whatever the weather A run, sea swim or walk Lets the spirit soar

Dawn W







To fly is to soar High on the joys of life Memories for life

Fraser C







Sunshine, wind and rain All the seasons in one day No place like Orkney

Fraser C







A lovely sunset Lights dancing on the stone face Signals the days end

Matthew W







Journey well, come forth, An Orkney welcome for you. Play, win, share, care, be!

Clare S







I live in Orkney The people are very nice I hope you have fun

Kaylee S







Best of luck today Hope it turns out well for you Now go out and do it!

Jacqueline L







The stones of Orkney Circles of remembrance Welcome to our home

Jem B







When it's very wild and you'd rather be a child dance in the Orkney wind!

Kate C







Arts, sports, festivals, Somewhat appalling weather, Puts nobody off.

Steve B







Where is the wind from? Find a shelter or enjoy It will change next hours

Jenny B







Each hour of each day Sees change in clothing needed Seek shelter in loo.

Steve B







Sea and sky above Big hopes and dreams to fulfil You can do it all

Michele D







A time to reflect.
Anticipation, what's next?
Friendships or medals?

Michelle K







Beautiful rolling sea Running fast before the wave Breaking the barrier

Sheena G







Rainbow over the ring Links peoples past and present As The Games link us

Rona C







Welcome to our home Enjoy your sporting time here Bring home memories

Patsy S







A curlew trills clear,
A greenfield sways in the wind,
Peace be with you here.

Proby W







Sun reflects on waves Players strive and swear to win Orkney has our hearts

Nina S







The breeze is blowing The anticipation high We are all winners

Sara M







Rolling fields of green Crashing waves against the beach Orcadian views

Bruce P







Silent shores welcome Many reasons you are here Leave it all out there

Hamish F







Orkney beautiful Chances to shine with light bright Hope despite win, loss.

Avril C







Island child grows up Leaves to live abroad, what fun. Comes back home to play.

Sharon C







Welcome to Orkney Wet, windy and wild weather – even in summer

Fiona K







Sit and rest awhile Contemplate the big picture Good luck next time around

Fiona K







Water rippling by Clouds flying way up above Medals flashing bright

Gillian C







Wet, windy, stormy We hope instead for sunshine Best wishes to all

Elaine B







No bananas left What will fuel the races now? Porridge is the best.

Helen R







Wind blows constantly The sea crashes on the rocks Orkney is our home.

Malcolm M







Be still, be calm, wait You have time, gather thoughts now. Focus. Confidence.

Kristen M







Orkney welcomes you The wind, the waves, the beaches Breathe smiles and relax.

Kristen M







Storm clouds are clearing Prepare yourself on the tee Best game in the world

Tina S







We're all together As we smile, race, help, walk, win. Enjoy together.

Hilary C







New loos are welcome As are fellow islanders Wash hands after use

Liam M







Trying your best here We all want to be better Never mind – just go!

Kate R







Sunshine has gone now But it will come back again And we will all smile

Morag C







The sun is rising Hopes and dreams, driven to win Dreams have been achieved.

Grace P







Nervous and heightened Together proud and worthy The best is to come

Rhian M







Clouds flitting by fast Stretching to prepare for run I'm not looking back.

Patricia L







Islands in summer Sport is on my mind this week Athletes do your best

John B







Be happy today Bonnie Orkney welcomes you Be the best you can

Laura C







Faces full of hope Excitement all around us Orkney let's do this!

Amy G







Ancient stones stand tall Orkney's heart beats with new dreams Games ignite the isles.

Debs C







Ancient stones whisper Orkney's spirit strong and proud Games bring new dawn's light.

Debs C







Orkney welcomes you Our islands are yours this week We hope you return

Kirsty C





