

The Seas Around the North Isles

Part of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme

Interested in maritime history?
Want to know more about the North Isles/your island?
Are you interested in contributing to the project?

A project looking at the maritime history of the North Isles, covering all aspects. Come along and hear about the project and opportunities for communities to be involved.

Public Meeting at the Community Room,
Westray Junior High School, Tuesday 29th October
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Prehistoric Seafaring

What did the isles look like thousands of years ago?
How did our ancestors travel between isles in prehistory?

Maritime Cultural Landscapes

Investigate how maritime activity has influenced the way in which island communities have developed through fishing, harbours, traditional boats, lighthouses, salt works, tangles, etc. Can we see cultural links and unique island characters?

Shipwrecks

Uncovering official and unofficial information about wrecks around the North Isles. Are there any which are unrecorded? Sharing anecdotes and stories passed down through families about local wrecks.

Maritime art

Research maritime art on each island and create new art. This could lead to a North Isles maritime art exhibition or trail. Create art inspired by the maritime surroundings as a painting, sculpture, tapestry, wood-carving...

Opportunities for individuals, groups and communities

Do you or any of your friends and family have stories or anecdotes relating to maritime history?
We would like to hear them.

Learn new and interesting skills:
GPS surveys, GIS mapping, 3D modelling, possibly boat building, participate on ROV expeditions

Enjoy any form of art?
Looking for island-based artists to lead and/or participate in research and creation of new art.

What kind of outputs will benefit the North Isles/your island most?
Leaflets, website information, exhibition materials, digital archive, talks and events, etc.?