

SANDAY.FOY.

Inter-Islands ecoscapes gathering and conference.
July 2026

Wae the support o Rewilding Britain Innovation Fund, Sanday Development Trust warmly welcomes you tae be part o wur six day Foy, as a knowledge exchange between specialists fae doon sooth and the experts fae Island communities. Wul be hosting folk fae Islands all ower tae put wur heeds taegther an think strategically aboot coastal communities, and the environmental challenges that may develop in the future . The Foy celebrates a that's special aboot wur unique Island, an whit can be done tae preserve an adapt in a changing climate: while restoring habitats which noo only live in memories and stories.

Friday 17th

11:00 Meet the team, project overview, aims and challenges.
@Heilsa Fjold

13:00 Dune walk with William:
exploring the conservation work at Cata Sand and Sanday's
largest tombolo
(With a 'deed man's plunge' masterclass)

Saturday 18th

9:00 Wildlife walk with Sanday naturalists and experts who have been studying and recording Sanday's flora and fauna for over a decade (Location to be confirmed)

16:00-17:00 Presentation fae young Islanders that have taken part in the John Muir Award, exploring how the dunes have moved and changed over time.
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19:30 - Free Supper and Ceilidh/dance with a licensed bar.
Music by the Sanday band, with thanks to the
Community Association for their support.

Sunday 19th

10:30 Pilates on the beach
@Stywick

11:00 Plunge at Stywick with the wild swimmers group 'Sanday selkies'

12.30 Prof. Jane Downes - Sanday archaeology talk
@Community Room.

19:00 Seasearch - Orkney marine habitats talk
Dr Karen Boswarva
@Community Room.

Monday 20th

9:00 Die flooer (ragwort) pulling morning on the machair with local expert Helen Cromarty-RSPB/SpeciesontheEdge. (Location to be confirmed)

16:00 Wild Flooer walk wae our old freend and County botanist John Crossley (Location to be confirmed)

18:30 Belsair BBQ

Tuesday 21st

9:00 Planning and strategy morning & Inter-Island project exchange. Blether wae project leads Jake Ghaleb & William Lennie, Anne Bignall & Valerie Dawson (Orkney Mainland), Heather Lynch (Barra), Brodie Sim (Tiree) @Sanday Kirk.

15:00 Continued project planning. Blether wae - Professor Joanne Porter, Heriot-Watt University on the effects of shellfish, kelp and seagrass to dampen wave energy. @Sanday Kirk

19:30 Public talk Isle of Barra 'Muir is Tir' Dune conservation project. @Community Room.

21:00 Zumba at Cata Sand

Wednesday 22nd

9:00 'Geepie-gawpies' Gathering Summary @Sanday Kirk

11:30 Oyster-plant trail with Helen Cromarty Burrian (Start Point).

12:30 Newark eroding archaeology walk and talk from County Archaeologist Paul Sharman

14:30 Next steps guided by Sanday Land and Sea steering group and Dr Elizabeth Lacey, Heriot-Watt University @Sanday Kirk

18:00 Join us for a dram at the pub to see the week oot.

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