

# Regeneration of a fragile island community: Papa Westray, Orkney

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Papa  
Westray

# Papa Westray

- 4.5 miles long
- 90 folk
- Rich in history, culture & nature





Papay:  
Remote but  
resourceful



**Papay:**  
**Steeped in History**





# Papay: A resilient community



# Papay: key links





# The Papay Co-op: History & Start-up



- Urgent need for a community shop
- Declining population
- Lack of accommodation
- Focus on Beltane House

# BELTANE HOUSE: 'the New Hooses'



NEW HOUSES PAPA WESTRAY MILLER'S SERIES



# BELTANE HOUSE: Hostel, Shop & Community Centre





# BELTANE HOUSE: a community hub





# Beltane House: focus for events





# The Papay Co-op: the way we work





# Sustainable Papa Westray Project: Refurbishment & Regeneration



- Make Beltane House fit for purpose
- Carbon reduction & Recycling
- Employment & social learning

# Sustainable Papa Westray Project: Achievements



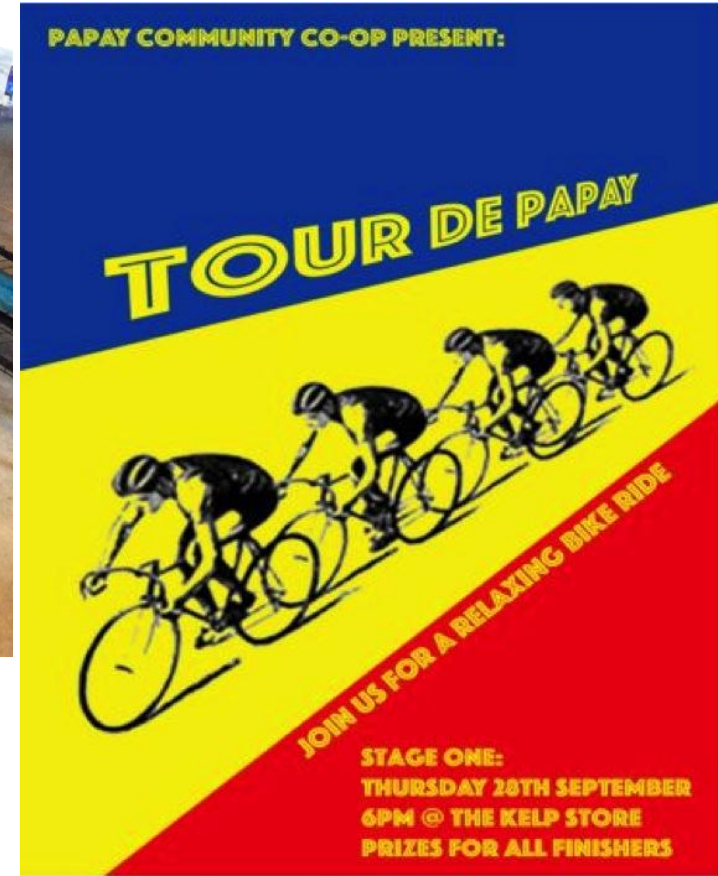
- Warm homes
- Innovative recycling



# Sustainable Papa Westray Project: Achievements



- Youth employment
- Engaging workshops



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# Sustainable Papa Westray Project: Achievements



- Renewed community facilities
- 4-star community hostel
- Major carbon savings



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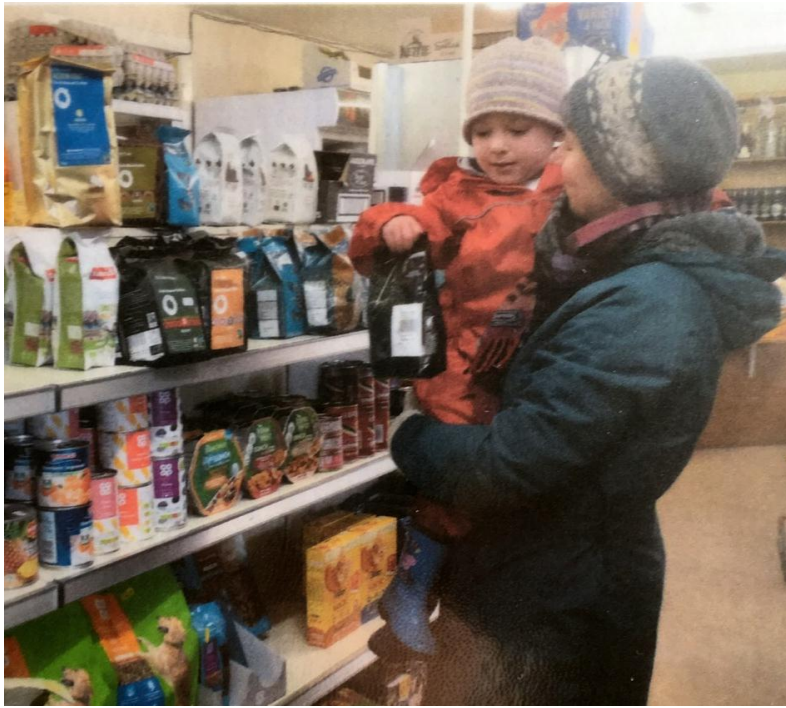
# Sustainable Papa Westray Project: Challenges



BOTHICAN BAY, PAPA WESTRAY.

# Solutions: Working Together

- a. Joint work with other island groups
- b. Monitor progress regularly
- c. Flexibility to find local solutions
- d. Influence each other





# Lessons learned

K E L P  
S T O R E  
P A P A Y

SAT 16 FEB 2-4pm  
free entry



**RE-IMAGINING PAPAY**

A photomontage workshop  
with Rebecca Marr

- Engage community from outset
- Focused steering group
- Plan along with others
- Variety & fun
- Gain folks' interest innovatively



Thanks!

