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Agenda Item: 13.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 11 December 2019.

Subject: Community Justice Annual Return to Community Justice Scotland.

1. Summary

1.1. The Orkney Community Justice Partnership must provide Community Justice Scotland with an annual return on progress against key national indicators.

2. Purpose

2.1. This report presents Members of the Integration Joint Board with the annual return to Community Justice Scotland from the Orkney Community Justice Partnership.

3. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is invited to note:

3.1. The annual return and performance therein, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.2. The impact of justice services on improving outcomes for those subject to court disposals locally.

3.3. The current national policy drivers in relation to short term custodial sentences and the impact this will have on Orkney justice services.

4. Background

4.1. The new model for Community Justice came in to effect on 1 April 2017.

4.1.1. As part of this, a new national agency (Community Justice Scotland) was established to provide assurance to Scottish Ministers on the collective achievement of community justice outcomes across Scotland. A National Hub for innovation, learning and development has also been created, as a function of Community Justice Scotland. Community Justice Scotland provides leadership, training and insight to support partners to prevent offending and reduce the number of future victims.

4.1.2. Community Justice Scotland works to change the conversation about justice, increasing understanding and support for what will make Scotland better for all of us and give expert evidence and detailed briefings to Parliament, helping to shape laws and policies to be the best they can for everyone in our community. They work with partners and help drive change by identifying improvements and challenges in the community justice system. They also identify worldwide expertise, best practice and opportunities for commissioning, and introduce fresh ideas which inspire innovation and change.

4.1.3. At a local level, strategic planning and service delivery is now the responsibility of local Community Justice Partnerships. The statutory partners are required to produce a local plan for Community Justice. The statutory partners are also required to engage and involve the Third Sector in the planning, delivery and reporting of services and improved outcomes.

4.1.4. Local Community Justice partners are responsible for preparing, delivering and reviewing a Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP) for their local area. The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 states that the statutory community justice partners must:

- Have regard to the national strategy, the national performance framework, the local outcomes improvement plan for the area (This is the plan that is prepared and published under section 5(1) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.), and any Guidance issued by Scottish Ministers.
- Consult with Community Justice Scotland, such community bodies and other persons in relation to the area as they consider appropriate. Third sector service providers will fall under the definition of 'community bodies'.
- Consider which community bodies are likely to be able to contribute to the preparation of the plan and make all reasonable efforts to secure their participation. Where a community body wishes to participate in the preparation of the plan to any extent, the community justice partners must take such steps as are reasonable to enable it to do so.

4.2. The Orkney Community Justice Partnership is chaired by the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care and papers are available for public scrutiny at <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/communityplanning/index.asp?pageid=658992>.

5. Delivery of the Role in the Orkney context

5.1. Justice services in Orkney are funded through the national section 27, Social Work Scotland Act (1967) grant and delivered by the Criminal Justice service located within the Social Work Service of Orkney Health and Care.

5.2. Daily operations are led by a service manager who has oversight of a team of social workers, community payback assistants and administrative support. The team has a broad range of practice and policy drivers to implement. Of interest is the Scottish Government policy in relation to the presumption against use of short-term sentences. This is playing out locally with increased demand on services to the point that weekend service delivery has been required.

5.3. The national return at Appendix 1 highlights several positive developments for the Board's consideration namely:

- The work to make justice services more visible to the Orkney public and of the thanks from those communities in receipt of a service as to the impact of this.
- The ongoing impact and co-ordination of our MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) responses and in particular the communication that exists between services to manage risk between meetings.
- In terms of work to reduce further offending the service continues to support those subject to orders to attend, where appropriate, further training and education, physical and mental health appointments as well as counselling on a range of issues.

5.4. The national return is also clear on page 16 in its descriptor of the priority areas of focus and challenges that are facing justice services on Orkney in the immediate future. Of interest to the Board for their consideration should be:

- Priority actions in relation to domestic abuse, the provision of forensic mental health services and our ongoing dialogue with the Scottish Prison Service in relation to the planning of the release of Orkney residents from prison.
- Challenges in relation to the pressures across the system of increased demand, the impact of publicity on both victims and those appearing in court and the accessibility of services on our non-linked isles.

6. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Council Plan 2018 to 2023 and 2020 vision/quality ambitions are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

Promoting survival: To support our communities.	Yes.
Promoting sustainability: To make sure economic, environmental and social factors are balanced.	Yes.
Promoting equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	Yes.
Working together: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	Yes.
Working with communities: To involve community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process.	Yes.
Working to provide better services: To improve the planning and delivery of services.	Yes.
Safe: Avoiding injuries to patients from healthcare that is intended to help them.	No.
Effective: Providing services based on scientific knowledge.	Yes.
Efficient: Avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy.	No.

7. Resource implications and identified source of funding

7.1. There are no resource implications attached to this report as funding is allocated by the Scottish Government.

8. Risk and Equality assessment

8.1. There are no risk or equality implications arising from this report.

9. Direction Required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No.

10. Escalation Required

Please indicate if this report requires escalated to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No.

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13. Supporting documents

13.1. Appendix 1: Orkney Community Justice Partnership Annual Return to Community Justice Scotland.



Community Justice Scotland

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Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Local Area Annual Return Template 2018-19



1. Background

The introduction of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 triggered the formal implementation of the new model of Community Justice in Scotland. A number of key documents are associated with the Act including the National Strategy, Justice in Scotland: Vision & Priorities and the Framework for Outcome, Performance & Improvement.

The 2016 Act places a duty on community justice statutory partners to produce a Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP) which outlines key local needs & priorities and the plans & actions to address these against a backdrop of the documents noted above. Beyond this, the partners are also tasked with reporting, on an annual basis, the community justice outcomes and improvements in their area – again with reference to the associated strategy and framework documents and, when complete, submit those annual reports to Community Justice Scotland.

This guidance, which underpins the reporting template, was produced as a response to views and opinions gathered by the Community Justice Scotland Improvement Team following the publication of the 2017-18 annual report.

Community Justice Scotland is committed to working in partnership with community justice partners and have designed the template and guidance to support local areas in reporting on their annual outcomes and improvements in a meaningful way that captures necessary data in an effective and efficient manner.

2. Statement of Assurance

The information submitted to Community Justice Scotland using this template is for the purpose of fulfilling the requirement under s27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 for Community Justice Scotland to produce a report on performance in relation to community justice outcomes across Scotland.

The data submitted using this template will be used for this reporting purpose only. In the report, local authority areas will not be specifically identified. However, Community Justice Partnerships should be aware that any information held by Community Justice Scotland is subject to statutory Freedom of Information obligations.



3. General principles of the template

The template is designed to capture a range of important data in a way that allows local partners to highlight key aspects of community justice activities, outcomes and improvements over the specified period without it being onerous or time/resource demanding.

Most of the template is self-explanatory and, where this is the case, there is little guidance required. In the sections that require more direction for completion, the text (in blue) will outline what is expected in terms of reporting.

It would be helpful if responses in each of the “evidence and data” boxes within section 4 of the template (“performance reporting”) is held to a maximum of 300 words to ensure the main points are captured. This allows for an efficient analysis by Community Justice Scotland on return. The use of bullet points in your answers is acceptable.


Where the template asks for evidence, a written response will suffice and there is no expectation that you send additional supporting documentation – if there are any aspects Community Justice Scotland is unclear on it will be our responsibility to request clarification where necessary.

If any response or evidence requires details about people with lived experience (e.g. evidence in respect of someone’s life story) please NO NOT include any personal sensitive information (as outlined in Schedules 2 & 3 of the Data Protection Act 1998) as Community Justice Scotland does not require such information. If this is unavoidable then please ensure that the data is fully anonymised.

This is the second iteration of the template and guidance. It is anticipated that this template will remain largely unchanged for the reporting periods 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.



4. Template Completion Guide

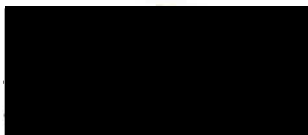
1. Community Justice Partnership / Group Details	
Community Justice Partnership / Group	 Orkney Community Justice Partnership
Community Justice Partnership Group Chair	Sally Shaw, Orkney Health and Care
Community Justice Partnership / Group Co-ordinator	Allana Bell, Orkney Health and Care
Publication date of Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)	April 2018 (expires 2021)

2. Template Sign-off

The content of this annual report on community justice outcomes and improvements in our area has been agreed as accurate by the Community Justice Partnership / Group and has been shared with our Community Planning Partnership through our local accountability arrangements.

Signature of Community Justice Partnership / Group Chair :

Date : 15/8/19



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3. Governance Arrangements

Orkney's Community Justice Partnership (OCJP) was established in April 2018. Explicit links have been put in place between community planning, in the form of the Orkney Partnership Board, and the Orkney Community Justice Partnership, which encompasses partners at national level such as the Scottish Prison Service, and the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, that are out with the scope of local community planning processes. The Orkney Community Plan 2016-19, which includes the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP), formally acknowledges this linkage as follows;



During 2016-19, the Orkney Partnership Board will formally welcome the member representing Orkney's statutory Community Justice Partnership, formed in response to the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 with a mission to bring together all the agencies involved in the planning, delivery and monitoring of community justice services to improve outcomes for service users and the wider community.

The agreed terms of reference provide for the Orkney Community Justice Partnership to report to the Orkney Integration Joint Board (IJB) and the Orkney Partnership Board. Sally Shaw – Chair of the Orkney Community Justice Partnership, reports to the Orkney IJB in her role as IJB Chief Officer and to the Orkney Partnership Board. The OCJP meets at least three times a year.



4. Performance Reporting – National Outcomes

NATIONAL OUTCOME ONE

Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice

Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Activities carried out to engage with 'communities' as well as other relevant constituencies	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued feature of unpaid work projects in <i>The Orcadian</i> newspaper and use of press releases (see Appendix 2) - Production and distribution of an updated Unpaid Work example Booklet (Appendix 4) issued to UPW recipients e.g. Development Trusts, displayed in OACAS and OIC offices - Community justice questions used in Orkney Opinion panel (see Appendix 1 for results)
Consultation with communities as part of community justice planning and service provision	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact made with local Development Trusts advising them of Unpaid Work projects (see Appendix 5)
Participation in community justice, such as co-production and joint delivery	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCJP contributions towards costs of delivery of local multi-agency MARAC training delivered by Police Scotland and Safe Lives - OCJP support of "Out of the Shadows" multi-agency training delivered by charity Families Outside
Level of community awareness of / satisfaction with work undertaken as part of a CPO	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orkney Opinions feedback (Appendix 1) - Input to <i>The Orcadian</i> newspaper detailing local unpaid work projects, - public website with minutes and information on Partnership's membership and activities.
Evidence from questions to be used in local surveys /	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of community justice questions in Orkney Opinions panel as a means of gauging public understanding and perception of community justice (see Appendix 1)



citizens' panels and so on			
Perceptions of the local crime data	No		
Other information relevant to National Outcome One			

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NATIONAL OUTCOME TWO Partners plan and deliver services in a more strategic and collaborative way			
Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Services are planned for and delivered in a strategic and collaborative way	No		Meetings are held at least three times a year
Partners have leveraged resources for community justice	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of admin support to Orkney Community Safety Partnership - Partnership contribution of funding towards provision of a venue and materials for MARAC multi-agency training held by Police Scotland and Safer Lives on 8/7/19.
Development of community justice workforce to work effectively across organisational/professional /geographical boundaries	No		
Partners illustrate effective engagement and collaborative partnership working with the authorities responsible for the delivery of MAPPAs	Yes		MAPPAs are well-established in Orkney which includes multi-agency collaboration between organisations such as police, Criminal Justice Social Work, Housing and health. Ongoing contact and updates is maintained between partners between meetings.
Other information relevant to National Outcome Two			



NATIONAL OUTCOME THREE People have better access to the services that they require, including welfare, health and wellbeing, housing and employability			
Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Partners have identified and are overcoming structural barriers for people accessing services	Yes		Majority of communication via email Coordination with Shetland for Community Justice meetings and MARAC training
Existence of joint-working arrangements such as processes / protocols to ensure access to services to address underlying needs	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlands & Islands MARAC statistics updates are given at each meeting - Scottish Prison Service Data Sharing Agreement and flexible release agreement
Initiatives to facilitate access to services	No		
Speed of access to mental health services	Yes		
% of people released from a custodial sentence : a) registered with a GP b) have suitable accommodation c) have had a benefits eligibility check	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orkney would benefit from a single point of contact (especially in cases of Complex Need) for Orkney custodies, especially in the logistics of returning custodies to the island and relaying this information. This would also benefit Western isles and Shetland as they face similar issues, an Isles Sub Group has been formed in response. - These factors are all reported in CJSW case notes – this can only be utilised if the individual has had contact with social work in custody or have been referred from other agencies – relies on information sharing. This process could be strengthened by liaising with DWP and Housing.
Targeted interventions have been tailored for and with an individual and had a successful impact on their risk of further offending	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flexible release arrangements agreed by Scottish Prison Service. - Court Report writing – initial assessment, generating case management plan in the event that they're given supervision in the community – in 2018-19 most people given CPO in Orkney were offered supervision. Also includes under 18s on CPO (with mandatory supervision.)
Other information relevant to National Outcome Three			



NATIONAL OUTCOME FOUR Effective interventions are delivered to prevent and reduce the risk of further offending			
Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Use of 'other activities requirements' in CPOs	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examples include attending a college course, engaging in SDS courses (updating CV's etc), attending health appointments. Recorded in CJSW Client case notes and statistics and recorded by admin staff and reported in annual SG statistical returns.
Effective risk management for public protection	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAPPA processes well established in Orkney - Risk Assessment is carried out in Court Report writing stage and throughout court process and also throughout the supervision of sex offenders.
Quality of CPOs and DTTOs	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CJSW Client Feedback collected via questionnaire after completion (2018-19 results in Appendix 3). DTTOs not applicable in Orkney.
<p>Reduced use of custodial sentences and remand :</p> <p>a) Balance between community sentences relative to short custodial sentences under one year</p> <p>b) Proportion of people appearing from custody who are remanded</p>	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 90% of clients on CPOS for 2018-19. - 10% of clients in custody in 2018-19. Custody rarely recommended. - 100% of clients were on remand before custody in 2018-19.
The delivery of interventions targeted at problem drug and alcohol use [NHS Local Delivery Plan (LDP) Standard]	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orkney is meeting targets for delivery of Alcohol Brief Interventions: 549 delivered were delivered in 2018-19 with 45% of these delivered in primary care 55% in wider settings. The target for 2018-19 was 249. - In 2018-19, 97.7% of NHS Orkney clients requiring drug/alcohol treatment commenced treatment within the national standard of 3 weeks - There is currently no means of collecting data on individuals who have committed

			offences with this context.
Number of Police Recorded Warnings, police diversion, fiscal	Yes		DTTOs not applicable in Orkney. Suitability for diversion is assessed by CJSW.

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measures, fiscal diversion, supervised bail, community sentences (including CPOs, DTTOs and RLOs)			Partnership can consider how to effectively share this information with each other.
Number of short-term sentences under one year	Yes	No	<5 short-term custodial sentences in 2018-19 (Orkney had 6 custodies in 2018-19)
Other information relevant to National Outcome Four			



NATIONAL OUTCOME FIVE Life chances are improved through needs, including health, financial inclusion, housing and safety, being addressed			
Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Individuals have made progress against the outcome	Yes	Yes	All Supervision respondents in 2018-19 feedback reported a change in their thinking and behavior as a result of supervision.
Other information relevant to National Outcome Five			

NATIONAL OUTCOME SIX People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities			
Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Individuals have made progress against the outcome	Yes		Evidenced in comments received in CJSW feedback questionnaires, for example regarding their unpaid work experience, one client commented that “the supervisor explained things and gave me confidence to try new things. It has all been a new experience to me. I feel very much that we gave something back to the community.”
Other information relevant to National Outcome Six			

NATIONAL OUTCOME SEVEN Individuals’ resilience and capacity for change and self-management are enhanced			
Indicator	Reported?	Useful?	Evidence and Data (max 300 words per indicator)
Individuals have made progress against the outcome	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidenced in CJSW client feedback, for example “my social worker helped me to make better like choices, to think about things. It really helped in that respect.” - Resources for survivors of rape and sexual assault are well-established for example the Women’s Social Group ran by Orkney Rape and Sexual Assault Service
Other information relevant to National Outcome Seven			

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5. Priority Areas of Focus

1. Response to Domestic Abuse
2. Provision of forensic mental health services proportionate to low and intermittent demand
3. Transfer of prisoners to and from the community

6. Case Studies

To date Orkney has not produced a case study.

7. Challenges

- Uncertainty about future funding can cause uncertainty for professionals in clients across services
- Increase in referrals has led to a strain on resources available e.g. Women's Aid refuge full
- Client engagement – people not attending appointments
- Accessibility for clients located far away from OIC offices - Supervision is flexible, UW less so.
- Low number of client feedback interviews conducted
- Sheriff Court in paper can lead to individuals who have committed offences losing jobs and difficulty gaining employment, it can also cause distress to survivors and victims
- General staffing issues/pressure of caseloads (e.g. waiting times for mental health services, lack of Victim Support volunteers)
- No local programme for sex offenders available (e.g. Moving Forward, Making Changes)
- No group work services i.e. Caledonian Project
- GDPR linked to decrease in referrals to Victim Support
- Accessing service use in Orkney non-linked isles can be difficult due to transport links
- It can be a challenge collecting feedback from survivors of rape or sexual assault due to the time taken for some cases to reach a conclusion

8. Additional Information

Appendix 1 – Orkney Opinions Panel, August 2018

Three community justice questions were constructed for the Orkney Opinions survey, a public consultation group established by Orkney Islands Council which seeks viewpoints on a range of topics. The survey was piloted in 2017-18 and has been extended until March 2019. This is a helpful tool to the Partnership as it will help assess the local population's current understanding of community justice. As of August 2018, a total of 150 Orkney residents have accepted invitations to join the group. The 4th survey, issued in August 2018, was responded to by 78 individuals. The respondents have the option to skip questions.

The questions regarding community justice in the fourth survey included:

1. The Orkney Community Justice Partnership oversees services that seek to reduce offending by coordinating support and intervention for people who have committed offences. In 2017 the Partnership identified three key local areas for development:
 - Response to domestic abuse
 - Prisoner release arrangements and transfers back to Orkney
 - Provision of mental health services to individuals involved in any stage of the criminal justice system (from arrest right through to completing a sentence)

Would you have any other suggestions for a local priority action?

The majority of respondents agreed with Partnership's choice of Priorities. Other suggestions for development included a focus on employment post-release, drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, support for those with family in the criminal justice system, counselling for victims and diversionary measures.

2. A Community Payback Order (CPO) is a supervised community sentence. The aim is to address underlying causes of crime and reduce reoffending. Part of a CPO may involve unpaid work (20 – 300hrs) for the benefit of the community. Recent local projects have included Stromness Community Council (painting railings and other maintenance tasks), St Lawrence Kirkyard (creating and furnishing a quiet contemplation space in a ruined chapel), renovating play equipment in Kirkwall for children with disabilities, and making garden furniture to donate to charities such as CLAN, Red Cross, Restart etc. Do you have suggestions as to how unpaid work projects can be highlighted to the public?

Answered by 48 respondents (79%). The most popular answers amongst respondents were The Orcadian local newspaper, the Orkney Islands Council website and social media. Other suggestions included signage at unpaid work sites, approaching community councils and local radio.

3. Recent legislation has aimed to promote the use of community sentences in place of short term prison sentences, typically of less than a year. How do you feel about community sentences as a response to offending?

Answered by 51 respondents (84%). 76% of respondents to this question had a positive attitude towards community sentences. Further comments stated that community sentences should benefit the local community, be proportionate to the crime/offence committed and be closely supervised. Concerns raised included community sentencing being a 'softer' option and consideration of the victim.

Appendix 2 Excerpts from *The Orcadian* newspaper and Orkney Islands Council website



Christmas comes early for CLAN

By Rachel Batty

CHRISTMAS HAS come early for Kirkwall's CLAN Cancer Support, as several generous donations have brightened up the end of their year.

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The draw, which took place on Saturday, December 15, was for an Orkney Chair donated by Chris Casely, who wanted to thank the charity for their support of his own family.

"I made the chair as a

thank-you to CLAN for everything that everyone there has done for my lovely granddaughter, and the support that they have given the family, both here in Orkney and in Aberdeen," he said.

Elsbeth added: "We are absolutely delighted to say that the Orkney Chair, which was so kindly donated by Chris Casely, has raised over £4,300, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank absolutely everyone involved in making this possible.

The winner of the Orkney Chair is Angela Thompson from 1144, but the chair will remain in Orkney."



Kirkwall's CLAN Cancer Support team were presented with a wheelbarrow from Jewson's last week. From the left: Kenny Logie (Jewson's), Arhale Thomson (CLAN Support volunteer), Heather Tait (CLAN Support volunteer), Elspeth Linklater (CLAN Orkney Support facilitator), Karen Hinkley (CLAN Orkney shop supervisor) and Alan Paton (criminal justice department).



The charity also raised over £4,000 during a prize draw of an Orkney Chair. From the Left: Marty Flett (CLAN Patron) and Chris Casely, who donated the chair.

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Tankerness House Gardens targeted by vandals

19 September 2018

Orkney Islands Council and Orkney Blide Trust are appealing to members of the public for their help reporting vandalism, following recent damage at Tankerness House Gardens.

The walled gardens which sit behind the Orkney Museum, are a favoured spot for visitors and locals alike.

Formerly maintained by the Council, since spring this year the Gardens have been cared for by the Blide – giving the charity's service users the chance to work close to nature and contribute to one of the county's most loved public places.

Frazer Campbell, Service Director for Orkney Blide Trust, says the while the recent damage has bewildered his team – "We cannot understand why anyone would do this" - they won't let it get them down:

"It is really disappointing for our newly formed gardening team to find some of their work destroyed by vandals.

"Orkney Blide Trust agreed to look after Tankerness House Gardens as part of our programme of giving something back to the community that supports us so well.

"The care and attention the team have given to the upkeep of the grounds has received many compliments and we hope to have the damage repaired as soon as possible."

The Council's Sport and Leisure Service Manager, Garry Burton, says the public can help protect the county's play and leisure spaces from misuse and vandalism: "We'd just reiterate that if people hear or see something and are concerned to please notify the Police immediately. We take damage to the facilities we oversee on behalf of the community very seriously – anyone caught in the act can expect to be prosecuted."

Meanwhile, recent damage to the CLAN therapeutic garden in Kirkwall is being put right by Community Payback workers coordinated through Orkney Islands Council. OIC's Criminal Justice Service manager, Jon Humphreys said: "On hearing of the damage in local media, one of our Community Payback Supervisors went along to CLAN to offer assistance to help restore the damage done – we're pleased to say our offer has been gratefully received and remedial work is already underway.

"The garden was in part originally constructed by workers undertaking Community Payback Orders, at least one of whom carried on working there voluntarily after their 'hours' were completed - so it's satisfying to be able to contribute to the repairs and we plan to be involved in ongoing development at the Garden again.

"While there are some limitations on what we can do, and we have a range of existing commitments, we are always happy to look at suggestions from the public for potential suitable tasks, via phone [01856 873535](tel:01856 873535) ext 2660, or [email](#)."

Appendix 3 – Feedback from CJSW clients 2018-19

Unpaid Work 2018-19 Respondents	Question	% of 'Yes' Responses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the information you were given at the start of your Unpaid Work tell you what you needed to know? 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think the Unpaid Work was worthwhile? 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did you get good support from the Community Payback Supervisors? 	100%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think that the work that you did benefited the community? 	100%
Supervision 2018-19 Respondents	Question	% of 'Yes' responses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were you given enough information about supervision at the start of the Order? 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were you treated with respect? 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have your thinking and behaviour changed during your supervision? 	100%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has supervision helped you to stop/reduce your offending? 	100%



Community Payback Orders in Orkney

Examples of Unpaid Work Projects



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A Community Payback Order (CPO) is a type of sentence that Courts impose, to be served in the community. A Community Payback Order can vary in length according to the Court's view of the circumstances, and often includes Supervision, where there are identified issues that a Social Worker can help resolve, or Unpaid Work, or both. The overall aim is to reduce the risk of reoffending. The criteria for Unpaid Work tasks include:

- Benefitting the local community
- Not taking away paid work from others
- Costs of materials generally supplied by the beneficiary

This booklet contains some examples of Unpaid Work projects completed by clients in Orkney.

If you have an idea for a task that we could help with, you can ring us on 01856 873535 2660, or e-mail us at criminal.justice@orkney.gov.uk

**This project has been assisted by
Community Payback Workers**



Community Payback

Breaking the cycle of re-offending

**Orkney Health and Care
Criminal Justice Social Work**



Deck Chair made from recycled wood, donated to Restart Orkney



Picnic bench made from recycled wood, Kirkbister Museum



Painted picnic benches



Bird box at Glaitness School



Bird boxes made from recycled wood



Bus shelter, Burray - Before



Bus shelter, Burray - After



Chicken coop donated to Restart Orkney



Repainted museum farmimplement



CLAN Garden, Kirkwall - Before



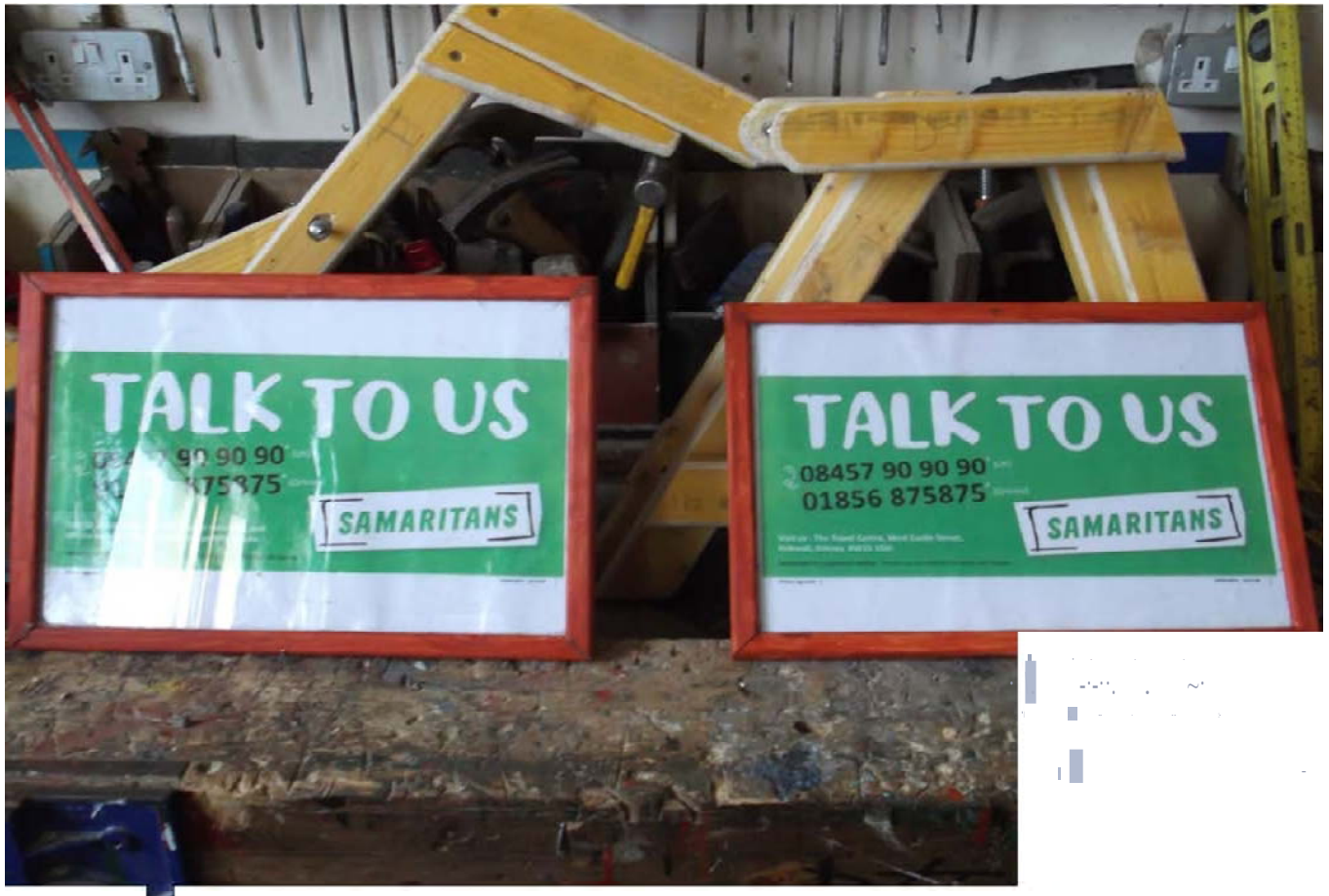
CLAN Garden, Kirkwall - After



Wishing Well, made from recycled wood



Burray Play Park maintenance, including grass cutting and fence repairs



"Choose Life" Weatherproof Frames



Snow clearance, Kirkwall



Clay Loan, Kirkwall - Before



Clay Loan, Kirkwall - After



Repainted hand railing, Deerness



Repainted war memorial fence, Stromness



Repainted Wendy house



Santa Grotto



Re-painted railing at Longhope Lifeboat Museum



St Lawrence Kirkyard



Planters made from recycled wood

Credit where credit's due

☒ On behalf of the Burray Community Association I would like to take this opportunity to praise some people who may be more used to being criticised than thanked.

The Burray play park is regularly mowed, trimmed and strimmed by those on community payback orders under the criminal justice section of the Orkney Islands Council.

I have recently been very impressed by the standard of their work, and by the care and attention that they have given to maintaining the appearance of the park. The lads doing the work have obviously gone the extra mile, and done a great job to keep the park looking good instead of just doing the minimum that they were required to do.

They have earned a thank-you from the Community Association, and we are very grateful for their efforts.

PAM WOODCOCK,
Windbreck, Burray

Community Service

☒ Over the past 15 years, Marengo Garden, in St Margaret's Hope, has benefited from the assistance of the community service team.

No job has ever been too much to tackle — from spreading tons of gravel on our garden paths, painting sheds and lately reconstructing and

painting garden furniture.

The seats are especially enjoyed by elderly and disabled folks.

The hard work, skills and efficiency of the team has been, and will be, very much appreciated by the volunteers in the garden and visitors to the garden — locals and tourists.

The Marengo Community Garden is part of the Orkney Open Gardens this year, in June and July.

Come and see now the community service team have helped!

LESLEY LIVSEY
Quoynethes, South Ronaldsay

Playpark thanks

☒ We would like to say thank you to the Criminal Justice Team, who have spent time repairing and repainting the wooden fence round the Marwick playpark area, adjacent to Grieveship Estate in Stromness.

The spider climbing frame is now also as good as new, as well as the slide.

We do appreciate all the work that has been done, as well as the team agreeing to continue this summer.

A big thank-you to you all.

JUDE BARNES

Secretary

MYRTLE CASSIDY

Treasurer

Grieveship Residents' Association

Payback praise

☒ I wish to thank Lindsay Hall and his group of four lads, doing community service, for their hard work in grasscutting at the Strathborg picnic area, in Sandwick.

They did an excellent job and they certainly did their "pay back" to the community in their work here.

Their help was much appreciated by myself and I look forward to their support again, later in the season.

To make it even better, the only cost was the fuel for their equipment — in this case, paid for by the community council.

I recommend them for other voluntary projects.

EDITH AITKEN
Vellin, Quoynethes

Do you have any questions or comments?

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Working together to make a real difference

Our Ref:

Date

Dear

I am contacting you in regard to the provision of Unpaid Work as part of Community Payback Orders in Orkney. Community Justice is defined as agencies, individuals and services working together to support, manage and supervise people who have committed offences from the point of arrest through prosecution, community disposal or custody and other alternatives to these, until the offender is reintegrated into the community.

Local communities are a vital part of this process, which aims to prevent reoffending and to promote social inclusion. As part of a Community Payback Order, a person that has committed an offence may undertake a set period of unpaid work however please note that it is not designed to replace or hinder commercial contracts. Unpaid work has directly benefitted local communities in Orkney, for example:

- Provision of benches for Stromness Primary School
- Construction of a ramp to allow disabled access at Ness Battery
- Clearing and maintenance of the CLAN garden in Kirkwall
- Verge clearing in Sanday

You can view further local examples via our website under the Community Planning section of the Orkney Communities online portal.

If you feel this is something that would benefit your local community, please feel free to get in touch - I am more than happy to answer any queries you may have. I can be contacted via the details provided below.

There are various factors you may wish to consider as a potential recipient of unpaid work projects. We hope you can appreciate that many of these factors are out with our control; however, we always endeavour to help to the best of our ability.

When the court issues an unpaid work requirement to a convicted individual, a set number of hours is given which can range from 20 to 300, averaging around 4,179 hours of unpaid work undertaken for the last four years. This average amount of hours equates to approximately 2.5 Full Time Equivalent workers and with an average of 40 individuals placed on unpaid work orders per year, therefore client availability may be limited. Furthermore, there can be significant fluctuations in the number of Orders issued per year – there may be times throughout the year where new projects are actively being sought and times when recipients will experience a

wait for their finished product or project.

Please find some examples of local unpaid work projects in the booklet attached. Recipients are generally responsible for covering the cost of materials needed for an unpaid work project. Examples of this may include glue, nails, paint and timber however one of the Community Payback Supervisors will discuss this with the recipient.

We look forward to hearing from you and to discussing how we can benefit yourselves and the wider community. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch by email to criminal.justice@orkney.gov.uk or to phone us on 01856 873535 xtn 2650.

Yours sincerely,

**Community Payback Supervisor
Orkney Health and Care**