

Unst Partnership Ltd



Funds for Your Group

In 2019, Unst Partnership held a "From UP to You" event in Baltasound hall, with £3000 to give out to local groups. Several groups attended the event and made their "pitch" for funding, with voting taking place later in the evening, after the tea and homebakes. Six groups each received £500.

Since then, Gardiesfauld have built a new floor entrance, Uyeasound Hall have made renovations and the Boating Club are upgrading their entrance and toilets/showers. The Lunch Club are more stable financially, the Junior Netballers have been able to train and travel more frequently and Ability Shetland continue to provide a range of activities for their young people.

We are planning to hold another "UP2U" event later this year, supported through profits from the UP shop. It is open to any groups or voluntary organisations on the island. Your group should have a constitution and bank account and have reasonably open membership, depending on the type of group. Voting is open to anyone present on the night, as long as they are aged over 8.

Watch out for details on our Facebook page, "Unst Partnership Ltd", and on shop noticeboards.



Groups assisted in 2019: Unst Junior Netballers; Unst Boating Club; Uyeasound Hall; Gardiesfauld Youth Centre; Unst Senior Citizens' Lunch Club; and Ability Shetland.

UP Shop

The UP shop continues to thrive through the generosity of the local community. This summer has been particularly busy due to the high number of visitors to the Isle also dropping in for a browse and a bargain.

Most recent figures showed that since 1st January this year, the shop has taken in £10,850 and seen 3049 people through the door, a great achievement considering that the shop was closed for Covid in January/February and was only trading online at that time.

Many thanks to manager Kathleen Johnson and all the volunteers that assist working on the shop desk - more volunteers would be appreciated. Opening hours will continue to be Thursday & Saturday 2-4pm. Goods can be donated/dropped off at these times too.

Check out "Unst Partnership Charity Shop" Facebook page for furniture and larger items for sale, items wanted, also latest news or promotions.

Fair Food Fund

The Unst Fair Food fund will run until the end of this year, as far as grant aid permits. UP have run this scheme in conjunction with the Community Council since April 2020. Previous to Covid, donations of food were made at local shops and delivered via Unst Health Centre. Once the present scheme ends, food delivery will either go back to that sort of system or be sent up from the Shetland Foodbank in Lerwick.

Since April 2020, we have received £22,200 in grant aid for the food and fuel fund, with a small amount going to the Community Newsletter costs and mileage for the volunteers delivering prescriptions. Our last grant, £3750 from Shetland Charitable Trust, required us to put in £1250. However, we have taken between 5-10% from these various grants to cover our admin expenses, about £1500.

If anyone is still requiring assistance with food or fuel, or knows of someone who is, they should get in touch with the Community Council clerk Josie McMillan or contact Gordon Thomson at the UP office, details below. All enquiries treated in confidence.

Unst Partnership website:- www.unstpartnership.com



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Recycling Centre draft plans

Draft Plans have been drawn up by Malcolmson Architects for the proposed Recycling centre at Hagdale. The site was purchased from the Unst Show Committee.



PHASE 1 - EXTERNAL VIEW

Phase 1 consists of a bigger shop and office area, a workshop/drop-off area, a commercial style laundry and a "Changing Places" toilet for those with additional support needs. The building has solar panels on the south facing roof, with a parking area outside and a goods entrance on the east side.

In phase 2, there are plans for more community facilities such as a small meeting room, more workshop areas, a hub area with small kitchen and polycrubs outside.

The plans can be seen in more detail on the UP website (www.unstpartnership.com) and at the UP shop/office. We would be happy to receive comments or suggestions on the building. The Development Officer for the project is Peter Sandison and he can be contacted by email at psandison.up@gmail.com

Community Skip Scheme

Our next Community Skip Days are on Saturday 25th September and 30th October. That's it for the year until the next two, on 19th February and 26th March, 2022. It is £20 for a one-off drop or £50 for an annual sub, which is still a saving if you use all three. We now have 50 annual members and received £500 from SCBF towards the overall cost of £4200, subsidising the rest from shop profits. We take bulky household goods and DIY waste as well as white goods and metal, passed to Shetland Amenity Trust. For trailer pickup, contact the UP Office on 01957 711495 or email up@unst.org



Trailer For Rent!

(9.9 x 5.5ft) LM105 drop-side trailer.

Rate: £15 half day (12 hours), £30 full day (24 hours), £50 weekend. Costs + VAT.

Borrower must have a sufficient vehicle to attach to trailer.

Appropriate licence and insurance required.



Latest Unst Partnership Minutes

Minutes of UP meetings and other projects are on our website.

Our AGM is going to be held in October/November. Directors for the year are elected at this meeting. Chair: Gordon Thomson, Vice Chair: Sarah McBurnie, Company Sec: George Rodger, Directors: Joan Bailey, Don Craig, Colin & Susan Edwards-Horton, June Harrison, Di Hervey, Frances Browne (CPD), Julie Thomson (UCC).