

Unst Partnership Ltd



Unst Skip Service

As you may know, for the past six years Unst Partnership has been running the Skip Scheme, a service set up to provide the means to remove household waste from Unst since SIC stopped providing the free skip service. SAT are very kindly taking all the metal and white goods which are separated out on the day for free.



The Skip Scheme brings in two skips at a time, 6 times a year, at a cost of £4,200. (We used Covid money to pay for an extra skip this year as SAT were on furlough goods for a while.) We have 52 signed up for membership at £45 per year and an average of 20 one-off uses per year at £20.

If you do the maths, membership means a charge of £7.50 per skip day if all days are used and even if only used once is about the equivalent to the cost of one Council pick up or a trip to town with a trailer.

This means that there is a shortfall every year of approximately £1460 which is now covered by Unst Partnership out of the proceeds from the shop. In the early years, UP could get contributions from the SIC's Community Development Fund, which has since ceased as they said it was no longer a "new" project. We have also had some funding from the community council.

Covering this loss is unsustainable long term and we feel we now have no alternative but to increase the membership fee to an amount which reflects the need to our Community more realistically. UP take no charge for the administration, people who help on the day are volunteers, the pick up service is free and the alternatives are that people will have to get their bruck to the Council Tip themselves or pay the Council a lot more for removal.

That means that after the final two skip days of this season (27th March & 24th April) our annual membership fee is likely to be £55 or £60. That still works out at about £10 a time and we feel is value for money. There will still be a one-off drop fee but we would like to get as many annual members as possible.

Please remember it is for **bulky household** waste. We cannot take agricultural waste and if you are clearing out a croft or outbuilding, it is fairer on everyone to take that to Lerwick or hire your own skip.

Unst Partnership website:- www.unstpartnership.com

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Promoting development, industry and education on Unst.

Spring 2021

UP Shop open again!

The Unst Partnership secondhand shop is open once more, having been closed for January and February. Same hours as before, 2-4pm Thursdays and Saturdays. Goods can be dropped off on Monday night 6-8pm or to the office if we are open. Kathleen Johnson is keen to see you there, socially distanced of course, and there are lots of nearly new items on view, including toys, jigsaws, household goods, a variety of books and DVDs, computer games and PAT tested electrical goods, in addition to home made jam, marmalade and chutney and Fair Trade coffee and chocolate.



Larger items are usually sold online using photos on our Facebook page, "Unst Partnership Charity Shop". If you have a large item to donate, send Kathleen a photo and she will try to sell it for you. We can arrange pickup and drop-off within Unst, further afield by arrangement.

Unst Tourism Maps

The paper version of the Unst Tourist map is paid for through advertising. Last year, we did not print a paper copy but put a map online on our website without advertising. With the doubts over events and tourism this year, we are waiting to see how things go. It may well be that this year's map is an online version again. Directors will make a decision on this in late March/April. Apologies to advertisers if it does not go ahead.

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 trailer.

Appropriate licence and insurance required.



Latest Unst Partnership Accounts and Minutes

The accounts made up to the 31st March 2020 can be viewed on the Unst Partnership website (under UP Meeting Minutes).

Further information about UP activities are also on the website.

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