



BAG THE BRUCK 2024

1-30 April

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



All plastic and all non- biodegradable rubbish (Linked Mainland and Shapinsay): Please do take home any clean plastic bottles or cans that are suitable for recycling and place them in your recycle bins, to help us ensure they will get recycled.

If you are able to take all the bags away with you can dispose of them either at the Household Waste Recycling Centres disposal points or in your own domestic bins – that would be very much appreciated.

For any fishing related litter – this will be collected by Cooke Aquaculture Scotland and Scottish Sea Farms during April if the location (what3words) and photo is provided on the Collection Form.

Vapes

If you find any **vapes**, please collect them separately to one of the vape retailers who provide separate disposal facilities or the waste electrical section in the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

DON'T COLLECT:

Dangerous Items: Please do not attempt to pick up dangerous items such as canisters, syringes, hypodermic needles, cylinders, drums or any other containers that might contain or have contained chemicals.

Large Items: Do not attempt to remove bulky items such as cars and fridges. Once again, please make a note of their location on the Collection form and we shall ask the Council to deal with this separately.

Natural Materials: Please don't bag wood, driftwood or seaweed, these are natural materials and are often collected by beachcombers.

Birds: Do not collect dead birds from the beaches and be careful to avoid disturbing nesting birds. The Clean-up dates were chosen to avoid the nesting season but there may be a few early starters! If you have any concerns please send an email to bagthebruck@gmail.com

Injured Animals: If you find any injured animals please contact the SSPCA on 03000 999999.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Community Council Sponsorship Possibilities: You may wish to approach your local Community Council. You will have to apply to the Community Council prior to your event. They generally prefer a rough estimate of how many bags you might collect before the event, along with the application normally in the form of a letter initially. Greener Orkney has already made Community Councils aware of the Bag the Bruck dates.

Black and Small Purple Collection Bags: This year we are using black bags and small purple bags for schools. Please DO NOT use any other colour of bags as these will not be picked up. Once each bag is full, tie or secure it closed, so that no debris can be blown back into the environment prior to pick up.

Gloves and Outdoor Wear: Gloves should be worn at all times during the Clean-up. We can source smaller sized gloves for children. Everyone should wear strong footwear. Conditions may also necessitate warm clothing, waterproofs, high -visibility clothing etc.

First Aid: It is a good idea to take along a first aid kit, and that at least one person in the group has first aid training.

Children: Children must be accompanied and supervised by appointed responsible adults (e.g. minimum ratio of one adult to 10 children). Please ensure that, where relevant, parents' permission is obtained for all children taking part. If working near water, supervisors and children should be able to swim. Before the Clean-up, please ensure all children are aware of and understand the items they should pick up and the items they should avoid.

Weather: If the weather becomes too bad, please consider delaying the Clean-up. Whilst Bag the Bruck was originally undertaken over one weekend, in recent years it has been extended.

Roadsides/Verges: If you decide to do a Clean-up in these areas, then high visibility clothing is essential and road cones / signs are advisable. Please take extra care near traffic.

Tide Times: Please be aware of high tide times. Up-to-date information for your area can be obtained online at: <https://www.tideschart.com/United-Kingdom/Scotland/Orkney-Islands/Orkney/>

Collection points for Clean-up packs: Customer Services at the OIC Office in School Place, Kirkwall, Dounby Post Office and Warehouse Buildings in Stromness have all kindly agreed to act as collection points for the labelled Clean-up packs of bags and gloves (for children).

Skate Egg-cases: Please refer to the enclosed fact sheet about skate egg-cases.

After the Clean-up: •

- Bruck collections may be taken to Hatston, Bossack or Garson Household Waste Recycling Centres. Should you require any further information, please contact Greener Orkney at: bagthebruck@gmail.com

If you can't take the bruck collected to the Waste Recycling Centres, please follow the guidelines below of what to do.

- Ensure that all the bags are well tied up and placed at a collection point which is accessible for collection by Council vehicles. Pick up points **must be** on an OIC adopted road. Please refer to the attached list of pick up points for areas where there have been difficulties in the past and where pick up points for 2024 have been identified by OIC. The Ideal places are carparks adjacent to beaches where there are waste facilities provided by the Council. Do ensure that all metal or plastic items that are too large to fit easily in a bag are bundled together and placed in a separate pile next to the bags. Any large items relating to fishing which cannot fit in a black bag can be piled up, the what3word address recorded and a photo taken and recorded on the Collection form.
- Keep count of all the bags you collect and confirm the collection point by completing the Collection Details form and sending it to bagthebruck@gmail.com as promptly as you can. This will ensure that the bags and other items are collected as quickly as possible.
- Bruck collected will be taken to Chinglebraes Waste Transfer Station by the Council's waste team for onward transport to the "Waste to Energy" plant in Shetland. However, should you wish to recycle items collected on the day, e.g., plastic bottles, aluminium cans, you are welcome to take them to a bottle bank, recycling centre or add them to your home recyclables.

Greener Orkney wishes you every success with your Clean-up event and thanks again for your hard work and support!

Our very best wishes,

Greener Orkney

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