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Harbour, Uig, Isle of Lewis.

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Tel: 01851 672469.

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BLUE PIG CREATIVE SPACE:

Carloway's unique working studio and gallery of Jane and Peter Harlington. Collage,

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in Stornoway: Blue Pig in Town (7b) (Map Grid

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beautiful little gallery situated next to the beach at Dalbeg (HS2 9AE) on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis. Paintings, prints and pretty things, all handmade by Lesley & Alisdair Wiseman.

Open most afternoons but phone if you want to make sure we're in or if you want to visit at a different time. Tel: 07500 117832

www.thebeachhousegallerv.co.uk





CALANAIS VISITOR CENTRE is the gateway to the world famous Calanais Standing Stones. Visit our interpretative display, enjoy home cooked food and spectacular views in our café, and find a unique gift in our shop.

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go to our website www.calanais.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram CALANAIS STANDING STONES is one of the most significant megalithic complexes in Europe. The most impressive set of stones is Calanais 1 with Calanais 2 and 3 nearby.

CARLOWAY BROCH is an iron age structure located above Loch an Duin. It is one of the best preserved Brochs in the Hebrides dating back over 2000 years. For more information on both, please visit: www.historicenviroment.scot



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Open: Monday - Saturday 9.30am to 5.30pm throughout the summer season, but feel free to visit at any time. Admission charges and further information: Tel: 01851 643416.

Email: info@gearrannan.com Web: www.gearrannan.com







#### Stornoway - see map on page 3

#### THE ISLAND SPIRIT WHISKY SHOP:

A small, independent, family-run business located in the heart of Stornoway town centre. We offer a wide range of Scotch Whisky, Gin, Rum & other fine Spirits, Local Craft Ales, Local products & Gifts. Facebook/Instagram: @Islandspiritwhisky

Twitter: @Island\_whisky

Mobile: 07555 697540 Shop: 01851 705705

38 Cromwell St. HS1 2DD



THE STORNOWAY SMOKEHOUSE is the oldest in all the islands and has one of the last brick kilns remaining anywhere. Seasoned by decades of use, we cure in it our flagship product, Stornoway Double Smoked Salmon, which we export widely. In our shop, we also sell our Famous Stornoway Kippers and a wide range of other smoked delicacies. We look forward to welcoming you to the Smokehouse in the coming season. Tel: 01851 702723 Email: info@stornowaysmokehouse.co.uk www.stornowaysmokehouse.co.uk (Map Grid: C4)



#### CYCLING-CAMPING-YOGA-BEACH-ECO LIVING

Stornoway's go-to outdoor lifestyle store - specialising in bikes, scooters and skateboards, camping and hiking gear, paddleboarding, and other watersports equipment, as well as yoga and eco-living products. Website: www.store-67.com Email: store67enquiries@gmail.com

Facebook/Instagram: @store67\_sy

Kenneth Street, HS1 2DS



**ENGEBRET LTD FILLING STATION** Open 7 days: Monday to Saturday 6am to 11pm,

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HARRIS TWEED HEBRIDES is an award-winning cloth manufacturer based in Shawbost on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis. Our shop in Stornoway stocks a wide range of Harris Tweed by the metre, garments and accessories

**OPEN** throughout the year from Monday to Saturday, 10am -5.30pm. Visit us to see the finest Harris Tweed products and to find out more about our beautiful cloth!

Tel: 01851 70004625 Email: retail@harristweedhebrides.com North Beach, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2XQ. (Map Grid: B4)



MUSEUM & TASGLANN NAN EILEAN: Discover the history and culture of the Outer Hebrides. Learn about our distinctive lives shaped by the land and the sea. Enjoy a wealth of engaging displays including six of the famed Lewis Chessmen. Find out about island life from the earliest human occupation to the present. Research the history of the Outer Hebrides through the archive collections. Museum Open Tue - Sat: Apr - Sep, 10am - 5pm & Oct - Mar: 1pm - 4pm. Closed Sundays and Mondays. Archive Open: by appointment. Tel: 01851 822746. (Map Grid: A3) Email: museum@cne-siar.gov.uk or archives@cne-siar.gov.uk



**HEBRIDEAN JEWELLERY SHOP** at 63 Cromwell St. Stornoway selling a wide variety of jewellery, giftware and books of quality and good value for money. This quality hand crafted jewellery is manufactured on South Uist in the Outer Hebrides.

If you are unable to visit our shop, please visit us on our online store. www.hebrideanjewellery.co.uk

HS1 2DD (Map Grid: B3)

Tel: 01851 702372.



**ARTIZAN:** A gallery gift house, coffee shop and bar in the heart of Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. Serves breakfast and lunch menu including cakes, sandwiches, light bites, small batch freshly-brewed coffee and other hot and cold beverages.

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm, Sat 9.30am -11.30pm,

Closed Sunday

www.artizanjewels.co.uk 12- 14 Church Street, Stornoway (Map Grid: B3)



RILEYS is a family run toy shop named after our son. Soon after opening in 2022 we won the Autism friendly business award.

We have a wide range of competitively priced toys to include sensory toys and a sensory board for children to play on. We strive to create an all inclusive space that all children can enjoy.

Email: thoraighbankcrofting@aol.com Tel: 07794 106041



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HOME IMPROVEMENT CENTRE is a family-owned shop located 200m from the ferry terminal and 400m from Stornoway bus station stocking powertools, handtools, timber, fireparts, plumbing and electrical, hardware, paint, gardening, homeware and gifts, cookshop and bathroom accessories. Phone: 01851 703646 20 Bells Road HS1 2RA

@homecentre\_stornoway (Insta) @HIC.Stornoway (FB) Open: Mon - Fri 8am - 5.30pm Saturday 9am - 5pm

Closed Sunday



TECH MOBILE: Laptops, PC's, tablets, games consoles, games, sims, chargers, phone repairs, top-ups, accessories and much more, www.tech-mobile.co.uk

Email: louis@tech-mobile.co.uk Tel: 01851 700178



STAR INN:Stornoway's oldest pub dating back to the 1700's serving beers, cocktails, wines, spirits, local gins, Scottish malt whiskies, barista coffee & local baking. **Open:** Mon to Wed 11am – 11pm Thurs to Sat 11am – 1am Sunday 12.30pm - 11pm

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#### **SALKA HEBRIDEAN SEA GLASS JEWELLERY**

Jewellery made from Sea Glass found on our wild and windy beaches and shores of the Outer Hebrides. www.salkajewellery.com www.salkagiftshop.com



www.sandwickbaycandles.com Isle of Lewis - see map on Page 5

ST. COLUMBA'S UI CHURCH (Eaglais na h-Aoidhe) was built in the 14th century on the site of a cell first occupied by St Catan, a contemporary of St Columba, in the 6th century. Situated within its own graveyard, overlooking Broad Bay, the church is the burial place of the Macleod Chiefs of Lewis and contains two carved grave slabs commemorating Roderick Macleod VII (d.1498) and his daughter Margaret Mackinnon (d.1503). It is only a 10 minute drive from Stornoway and on a bus route. www.uichurch.co.uk.



DANCING FLOWER CRAFT SHOP is in the delightful village of Carloway, where we handmake beautiful Harris Tweed arts and crafts inspired by the Outer Hebrides. Our wee blue shop is full of unique, colourful, hand-embroidered, and one-off bespoke arts and crafts, as well as paintings, prints and cards by other local artists.

Open 10am - 5pm throughout the Summer, 11am - 3pm in Winter, and appointments possible outside these times Email: info@dancingflowercrafts.co.uk Call: 07985289468



BARVAS TO CARLOWAY: collect treats from Hebridea Bakehouse then take in the sights of the Whale Bone Arch in Bragar, Arnol Blackhouse, Norse Mill & Kiln in Shawbost, The Beach House Gallery in Dalbeg, **Dalmore** beach, Dancing Flower Crafts, then to Leathad Ard Gardens (25a) a hidden oasis of colour showing what can be achieved in an exposed location. Open to the public with donations going to charity. Continue onto Blu Gallery, Garnin Gallery & Gearrannan Blackhouse Village



GARENIN GALLERY: Located next-door to the stunning Gearrannan Blackhouse Village (9) on the west coast of the island, we are an art gallery and gift shop that specialises in Scottish artists and makers. We sell a wide variety of art and gifts (both originals and prints) by a mix of well-known Scottish artists and talented islanders alike, as well as photography by Joseph Kirkman ARPS. Website:www.garenin-gallery.co.uk Email: gareningallery@gmail.com Instagram: @garenin\_gallery



THE BLACKHOUSE, ARNOL Gain a unique insight into island life by visiting a traditional, fully furnished, thatched house built in the 1880's, with an attached barn, byre and stackyard which sheltered the family and their animals under the same roof. Gaelic-speaking members of staff are usually on hand to answer queries about

the crofting life on the Isle of Lewis Tel: 01851 710395

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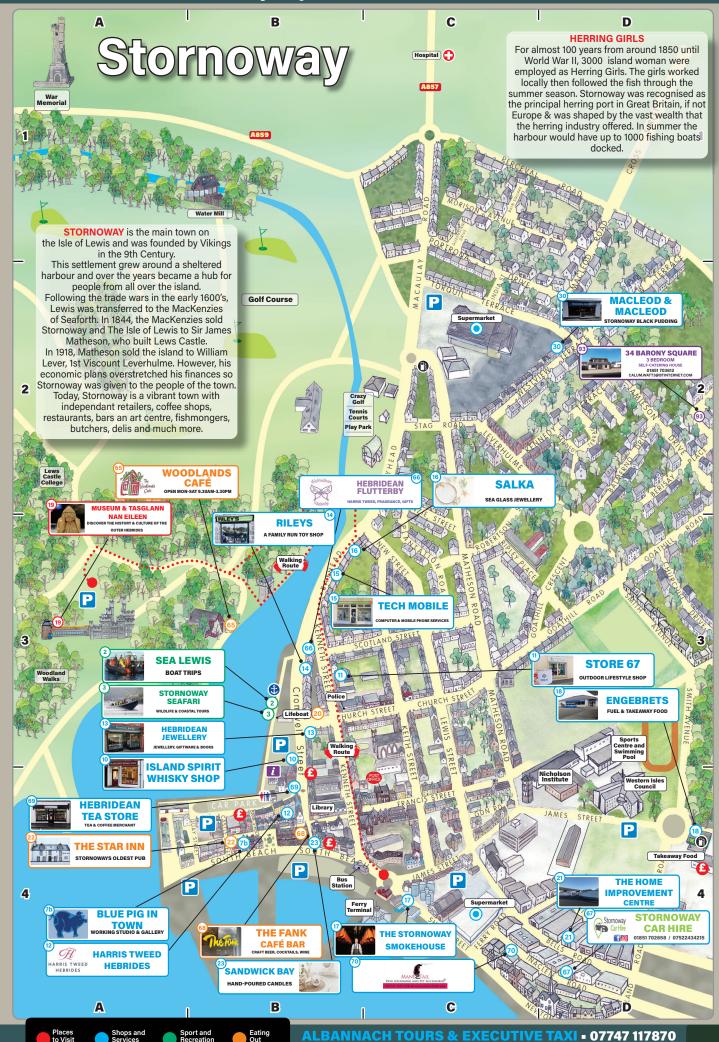
# CARLOWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE AND

The refurbished Centre with a new Community Shop, laundrette and toilets open to the public, and a community hall and kitchen available for hire. Pop in while you're on your tour of the West Side for a warm welcome.

Bidh fàilte bhlàth romhaibh! www.facebook.com/carlowavcommunity



# Stornoway, capital town of the Isle of Lewis



# Isle of Lewis (continued) - see map on Page 5

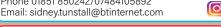
BARVAS TO NESS: (A857)independent retailers, restaurants, cafés, a museum, grocery shops, laundrette, charity shop, galleries and more. HISTORICAL SITES: Clach an Trushal "Stone of Compassion" the remaining stone from a circle and not the site of a great battle is said at 19ft to be the tallest standing stone in Scotland. Steinacleit Stone Circle lay hidden until the 1920's when crofters digging peat uncovered the circle; thought to be Neolithic, but may be prehistoric. **Dùn Èistean**, an archaeological site in Nis (Ness) is the stronghold of Clan Morrison,

once a powerful family within the Lordship of the Isles. The 12th century church of **St Moluag** and **The Butt of Lewis Lighthouse** designed by David Stevenson.

SEA IN DESIGN: is located 20 minutes from Stornoway on the way to The Butt of Lewis. Selling antique and vintage maritime and nautical pieces alongside curiosities, Hebridean artifacts, salvage, militaria, books, works of art, the unusual and whatever else comes our way that we find interesting. www.seaindesign.com

Open year round Tues - Sat or by appointment

Phone 01851 850242/07484105892



COMUNN EACHDRAIDH NIS is a visitor centre situated in North Dell on the main A857. It houses an accredited museum, local history archive and genealogical records for the North Lewis area. The newly refurbished centre also offers a cafe and gift shop supporting local producers. Exhibitions vary throughout the year.

Open: Mon - Fri 10am-4.30pm throughout the tourist season. Tel: 01851 810377

www.nesshistorical.co.uk



Tel: 01851 810735, www.abarber.co.uk

THE BREAKWATER: Licensed cafe with panoramic sea views across Port harbour & beach. Coffees, teas, cold drinks and milkshakes. Pizzas, toasties, paninis, burgers, fish & chips, curries and much more. Gift shop and toilets. Open Tues & Wed 12pm to 6pm, Thurs - Sat 12pm to 9pm.

Daytime and Evening Menu available. See Facebook for more info @thebreakwater.ness Call (01851) 811001.

Email: thebreakwater.ness@gmail.com

SPÒRSNIS is a modern and well-equipped leisure centre, owned and run by the community in Ness. A 10-pin bowling alley compliments the gyms, sauna and multi-purpose hall and visitors are able to make use of the facilities including the showers and chemical waste disposal.



Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 8pm www.sporsnis.co.uk info@sporsnis.co.uk



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Email: info@celtic-tours.com www.albannachtours.co.uk



Opening times: see Facebook

Tel:01851 830778



www.westernislesdesigns.co.uk

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UIG LODGE is a fishing lodge, B&B and award winning salmon smokery based on the beautiful west coast of Lewis. It overlooks the dramatic white sands of Uig Bay.

Visitors welcome all year round. Open Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Tel: 01851 672396.

Visit our online shop: www.uiglodge.co.uk Email: info@uiglodge.co.uk

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and shaped by the wild elements of Scotland. 18 Breasclete HS29EF Visit: www.islewear.co.uk for opening hours.



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**COLL POTTERY CRAFT CENTRE:** A working craft centre featuring ceramics, glass, and jewellery. Our galleries have something for everyone in a wide range of items all made on site. Additionally, we offer classes/tuition in pottery and glass, from beginner to advanced, ideal for a rainy afternoon, or even longer.

Open 7 days www.collpottery.co.uk Facebook: Coll Pottery Craft Centre Tel: 07787 030504 / 07876273900



# Isle of Harris - see map on Page 5

#### **ARDHASAIG GLASS AND ARTS:**

Home of The Hebridean Design Company:

Handmade Glass and Embroidered Art designed and created here in our Open Studios & inspired by the colours and landscapes around us. Glass workshops held throughout the year - contact us for more details and how to book.

ESSENCE OF HARRIS: Our scented soy wax candles,



2 miles North of Tarbert and on The Hebridean Way - at Ardhasaig, Isle of Harris, HS3 3AJ.

Disabled access and parking. Tel: 01859 502644

Email: info@thehebrideandesigncompany.com Website: www.thehebrideandesigncompany.com





HOTEL HEBRIDES: With a high level of design throughout, this 4 star boutique hotel incorporates stylish and contemporary dining in the modern Pierhouse Seafood Restaurant and at its heart a great bar, the Mote lounge, with a fine selection of whisky, great food, live music and a brilliant buzz. Tel: 01859 502364

Email: stay@hotel-hebrides.com www.hotel-hebrides.com

HARRIS TWEED ISLE OF HARRIS Our shop in Tarbert has a large selection of Harris Tweed clothes for ladies, gentlemen and children and a superb range of bags, hats, shoes, purses and other accessories. The



Tweed is handwoven in the weavers own

home. Opposite the shop is our store with Tweed, yarn and wool for sale. Coach parties welcome. Tel: 01859 502040/502505/502727 ISID OF HIRRIS www.harristweedisleofharris.co.uk Email: info@harristweedisleofharris.co.uk



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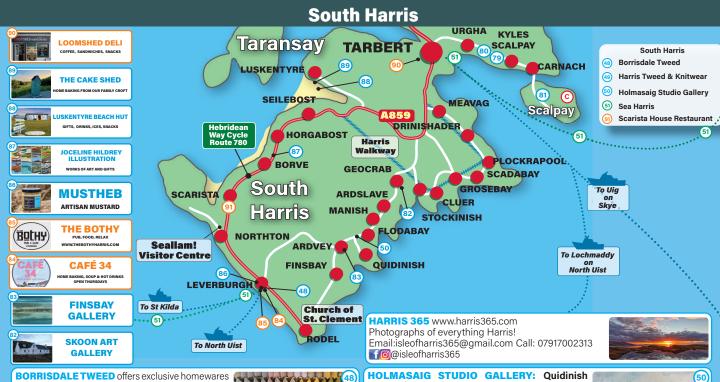
www.blamireatharris.com











**BORRISDALE TWEED** offers exclusive homewares & accessories made from our independently woven HARRIS TWEED® All products are made by us or in collaboration with small scale manufacturing partners within the UK. Centrally located in . Leverburgh.

Usually Open Monday-Friday from 12 noon - 6pm Please call or email if travelling far. 01859 520788 info@borrisdale.co.uk



S.E. Harris. Fine Art by resident artist Margarita Williams DA awarded the CRMacintosh/Assoc/

France residency in Collioure 2014. Watercolour paintings, cards Japanese woodblock prints, mixed media work reflecting the unique landscape, birds and wild flowers. St Kilda also inspires her varied work 200 + originals. Open: 11am - 5pm Mon - Sat.

Tel: 01859 530401. www.holmasaiggallery.com



HARRIS TWEED AND KNITWEAR

Situated 5 miles from Tarbert on The Golden Rd this purpose built 'Clo Mor' exhibition is a self guided tour showing you Harris Tweed through the ages with hands on sections for all to enjoy and video footage of the weaving process. It has a unique display of old and new pictures, artifacts and present day designer products. Coach parties welcome. Toilet facilities. Tel 01859 511189 info@harristweedandknitwear.co.uk

Open: April - October, Mon - Sat 9am-5.30pm www.harristweedandknitwear.co.uk





SEA HARRIS: Specialise in fast, comfortable day trips from Leverburgh to St. Kilda on our purpose built vessel Enchanted Isle. These dramatic volcanic islands are owned and managed by the National Trust for Scotland and are one of 39 sites in the world listed as a UNESCO Dual World Heritage Site. They boast the highest sea cliffs in the UK as well as being the single most important sea bird

breeding station in North West Europe - an amazing experience! We also offer shorter boat trips to the many other islands around the coast of Harris on our Rib Pabbay, with our Shiants trip from Tarbert being a firm favourite with bird and nature lovers and often referred to as a 'mini St. Kilda'



Book online at ww.seaharris.com



#### SCARISTA HOUSE RESTAURANT Isle of Harris

Good Hotel Guide César Award winner. Featured in The Good Food Guide, The Michelin Guide, Scotland the Best and Alastair Sawdays's Eat Slow Britian. Elegant, licensed, candlelit restaurant open for dinner to non-residents every evening serving fresh Island fish, shellfish, lamb, beef and game. Scottish cheeses. Interesting and varied wine list. Booking essential. Tel: 01859 550238. Email: bookings@scaristahouse.com www.scaristahouse.com



# Isle of Benbecula - see map on Page 8



#### THESTEPPINGSTONERESTAURANT:

Serving snacks and hot meals throughout the day, using fresh local produce where possible. Open all year round, showcasing the best in local produce since 1997 Reservations are recommended.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 11am-8pm & Sunday 12-6pm Tel: 01870 603377



#### **MACLEANS BAKERY & BUTCHERS:**

Run by the MacLean brothers since 1987, we are a small independent bakery based in Uachdar, Benbecula, just off the main A865. Our delicious breads, rolls, pastries, savouries, oatcakes & biscuits are freshly made every day using traditional methods.

Shop open: Mon 9.30am-1pm, Tues-Fri 9.30am 5.30pm & Sat 9.30am-1pm. Tel: 01870 602659. Email: enquiries@macleansbakerv.co.uk



#### MUSEUM NAN EILEAN (LIONACLEIT):

Discover the history and culture of the Outer Hebrides. Always something new to see! Enjoy engaging temporary displays including island heritage and national touring exhibitions. Located within the Sgoil Lionacleit Community School.

Museum Open: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Wednesday - 1pm Saturday 10 am - 3.30 pm 10am Closed: Sunday & Monday Email: museumU&B@cne-siar.gov.uk



Museum nan Eilean



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TRINITY TEMPLE is a historic ruin listed as of European significance and possibly Scotland's oldest University. The building is the remains of a medieval monastery and college founded by Beathag, daughter of Somerled. The building has been extended up to the 16th century but destroyed after the Reformation. Again restored in the 16th Century by Dotain Ban and recently renovated in 2011.



NORTH UIST, popular with fishermen, walkers, birdwatchers, cyclists and motorhome owners has a varied landscape of saltwater lochs, cultivated crofts and magnificent beaches surrounded by machair. **Traigh Lingeigh** has a huge expanse of pure white sand, crystal waters and a shallow bay suitable for swimming and snorkeling. The ferry from Uig on Skye docks in **LOCHMADDY**. Na Madaidhean are rocks in the bay after which the loch and the village are named. The Loch is an area of conservation giving recognition to marine landscapes and diverse wildlife. Taigh Chearsabhagh museum and heritage centre is located in the village.



Visit the **HEBRIDEAN JEWELLERY** shop workshop at lochdar, selling a wide variety of jewellery, giftware and books of quality and good value for money. This quality hand-crafted jewellery is manufactured on South Uist in the Outer Hebrides.

The shop in South Uist has a coffee shop close by the beach, where light snacks are served. If you are unable to visit our shop, please visit us on our online store.

www.hebrideanjewellery.co.uk

Tel: 01870 610288, HS8 50X.



THE ISLE OF BERNERAY is where you arrive by ferry from the Isle of Harris. Berneray Shop and Bistro, Berneray Historical Society and a post office are located in the village alongside a picturesque fishing harbour. West Beach has a 3 mile stretch of sand made up of broken shells and fringed with machair. Much of the landscape is agricultural with cornfields on the western side of the island; home to corncrake and other nesting birds in the spring and summer. To the north is a scenic walk with views towards the Harris Hills. Berneray is linked to North Uist by a causeway.



**UIST GIFTS AND INFORMATION:** Based on Pier Road in Lochboisdale, Uist Gifts and Info is a friendly Information centre for visitors to the islands. Selling Harris Tweed, local arts, crafts, gifts, books and clothing from the Outer Hebrides. Providing shipping agent facilities and land services for visiting boats. Local tours, information on walks, cycling routes, archaeology and wildlife spotting in the local area. Tel: 01878 700777. Email: uistgifts@gmail.com Pier Road, Lochboisdale, South Uist, HS8 5TH.



BAYHEAD SHOP & 24-HOUR FUEL: Licensed convenience store with Post Office and petrol station. Our wide range of fresh foods and groceries features local products.

Newspapers & fresh baking available daily. Shop Open Monday - Saturday, 8.00am - 6.00pm. You can find us on Facebook for any updates. Tel: 01876 510257

On B865 at Bayhead, HS6 5DS



#### **KILBRIDE HOSTEL, CAFE AND CAMPSITE:**

An ideal stopping off point for anyone walking, cycling or visiting South Uist. En-suite bedrooms, meals and camping facilities.

Situated by the white sand beach and Kilbride Cafe.

Tel: 01878 700568 Mobile: 07751 251522 Email: kilbridesouthuist@gmail.com www.kilbridecampsite.co.uk



R.S.P.B. NATURE RESERVE at Balranald. Balranald is famous for its corncrakes, now one of Europe's most endangered species. The circular nature trail through the croft land of the reserves is 3 miles (4.5 km) and takes 2-3 hours. The trail goes through wildflowerrich machair and round a bird-rich headland. A wide selection of wildlife can been seen, from wading birds to the elusive otter.



THE KILDONAN MUSEUM lies on the main north, south road in South Uist. A museum, with arts and a cafe. Car parking and facilities available. A good place to visit for information about South Uist, its culture, environment and history.

Open: April - October, 7 days a week, 10am - 5pm. Tel: 01878 710343

kildonanmuseum.co.uk HS8 5RZ



## Isle of Barra - see map on Page 8



**BÙTH BHARRAIGH** (Castlebay) Community run visitor information and shop providing local food and crafts.

Laundry, Free WiFi

Open seven days a week Phone: 01871 817948

Email: visit.info@buthbharraigh.co.uk

www.buthbharraigh.co.uk



BARRA HERITAGE CENTRE located close to the centre of Castlebay, Dualchas is placed in a prime location looking out over the bay to the southern islands. It is a treasure trove of historical documents, artefacts and photographs relating the story of the Herring fishing industry, the Clearances and the emigration which ensued after The Clearances. The centre is a visible commitment made by the community towards preserving Barra heritage and sharing their stories with people worldwide.



CASTLEBAY SPORTS CENTRE is situated next to Castlebay School and includes a swimming pool (20 metres by 9 metres) with Sauna, which can be used in term time after 4pm and in the holidays from 2pm. Also available is a fitness suite area with Technogym equipment. For general enquiries or to book a gym induction please contact 01871 810129. For games hall bookings please contact Castlebay School on 01871 810100.

www.cne-siar.gov.uk/csc/index.asp For the latest information check our Facebook page: 'Castlebay Sports Centre:'



THE HEBRIDEAN WAY is a classic 185 mile cycle route, starting at Vatersay to the south of Barra, and finishing at the Butt of Lewis, crossing 10 islands, linked by ferries and causeways. Following the official National Cycle route 780, it provides spectacular scenery and awesome coastlines. Along the west side of Benbecula, the cafes, restaurant and supermarket make it an ideal staging point. See maps on page 5 & 8.



## **Map of Uist, Benbecula and Barra**

BENBECULA in Gaelic is Beinn na Faoghla meaning 'Mountain of the Ford, an apt name for the island and it's solitary hill Rueval, (Ruabhal) also know as the Hill of Miracles — a stepping stone between North and South Uist. Connecting the islands is a series of once treacherous causeways, that meant crossing to the Uists



would have involved fording the dangerous stretches of tidal sands. BALIVANICH accessed by a costal road detour, is situated to the northwest of the island where you will find an airport, hospital, fuel station, swimming pool, museum, supermarket, Maclean's Bakery & Butchers, Stepping Stones Restaurant and a riding school

BENBECULA AIRPORT has a long military history: an airfield was built here during WWII, which then became the control centre for the Hebrides rocket range during the Cold War. An Army base established in 1958 is the



headquarters for those who service the South Uist missile range, which lies on the northwest part of South Uist together with its local radar tracking station.

RAF Benbecula serves as the range headquarters and provides additional support facilities; the final part of the range is the radar tracking station on St Kilda. The Hebridean range is described as the largest air and sea range in Europe.

SOUTH UIST is a beautiful island with clear waters and white sandy beaches to the west and heather uplands to the east. The 20 miles of Machair that runs alongside the sand dunes provides a habitat for the rare corncrake. Golden eagles, red grouse and deer can be seen on the mountain slopes to the east. To the east of the A865 near to Stilligary lies Loch Druidibeg, one of the best places in the Hebrides to see the full range of island wildlife and habitats. South Uist is an archaeologists paradise, a historians dream and the birthplace of Flora Macdonald, who gained immortality for assisting Bonnie Prince Charlie after he fled the mainland following his defeat at Culloden in 1746. Walking is part of the South Uist experience; **Ben Mhor, Ben Corodale** and **Hecia** are the highest peaks for the experienced hillwalker. There is a horseshoe walk to the hills from **Howmore Hostel** where you will see spectacular landscapes. **Lochboisdale,** once a major herring port, is the main settlement and ferry terminal. The marina is located at the end of the breakwater with facilities for visiting yachts. The Gaelic language, crofting

industries, peat cutting and seaweed gathering are still an important part of everyday life.

Askernish Golf Course is the oldest golf course in the Western Isles and is a unique test for any golfer.

WALKING ON BARRA AND VATERSAY If you ascend Heaval which is the highest hill you can see the surrounding Islands and on a clear day you can see the Isles to the south and as far as the Isle of Mull. **The Vatersay walk** is a circular walk of about 4 miles and takes approximately 3 hours. The walk begins in the small car park across the road from the Annie Jane monument. It takes in the sight of Bagh Siar (West Bay), Bagh a Deas (South Bay), Eroisdale and Vatersay Bay. Throughout the spring and summer the Machair is in full bloom and runs along the entire west coast of Barra and Vatersay.





**GRIMSAY, GRIOMASAIGH** is a tidal island connected to North Uist and Benbecula that measures four miles long and two miles wide.

A beautiful landscape, history, archaeology, seafaring, crafts, fresh seafood and a warm welcome awaits you.

In the far south is the ISLE OF ERISKAY with its famous ponies. The ponies are semi wild and often seen in the vicinity of the village. Eriskay is also home to famous wreck the S.S. Politician. The wreck was the inspiration for the Compton Mackenzie book and film, Whisky Galore. The SS Politician was an 8000-tonne cargo ship which left Liverpool on the 3rd February 1941 laden with amongst other things 260,000 bottles of whisky, bound for Kingston in Jamaica and New Orleans. She went aground off the coast of Eriskay.



CAFE KISIMUL: (Castlebay) A family run licensed restaurant specialising in Indian & fresh local seafood. **Open:** Mon - Sat for lunch and dinner. Booking essential (evenings)

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KISIMUL CASTLE sits on a rocky island just off Castlebay and was built around 1039. Since that time, Kisimul has been the stronghold of Clan MacNeil. It is completely surrounded by water and has never fallen to an enemy. Kisimul was abandoned in 1838 when the island was sold, and the castle's condition deteriorated. The castle remains, were purchased by the chief of Clan MacNeil in 1937, who in 2001 leased Kisimul Casle to Historic Scotland for 1000 years for the annual sum of £1 and a bottle of whisky. The

boat trip from Castlebay jetty to the castle takes 5 minutes.



















