

Sanday

Sanday has been called the 'Jewel of the Isles' because of the richness of its archaeology, but it deserves the name just as much for the beauty of its beaches, the abundance of birds, seals and other wildlife, the glittering seas, the clear air and the spectacular skies.

Those of us who are lucky enough to live here welcome all who come to share our love for this island and a tranquil, easy-going way of life.

This is the perfect place to escape and chill out. The pace is slow here, governed by the weather and the farming calendar. Enjoy walks, wildlife watching, fishing, shopping for crafts, or gentle drives on quiet roads. You might get stuck behind a tractor or combine harvester now and again, but the only traffic jams are likely to be caused by a flock of sheep or herd of cattle.



Sanday has a resident Ranger providing a year-round service of activities including guided walks incorporating natural and local history, archaeology minibus trips, rock-pooling and bird-ringing. For details of current events see notices in local shops or visit the Sanday website: www.sanday.co.uk

The island has a range of accommodation that caters for most needs: two hotels, a hostel and campsite, bed and breakfasts, self-catering accommodation and caravans for hire. Both hotels have bars and serve meals, and we also boast takeaways, a vegetarian restaurant and tea-room, four shops and a market garden, so there's no shortage of food and drink. With most establishments being owner- or family-run, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Orkney's weather can be fickle, so come prepared for sun, wind and rain (often all on the same day) and then get out and enjoy yourself! If you haven't brought your own transport, cars and bicycles are available for hire, as are fishing rods, and loch boats. There is also a fitness suite and swimming pool at the school.

We have a thriving community on Sanday. We keep ourselves entertained with a variety of sports, music of all kinds, dances, pub quizzes and a range of other activities; you'll be welcome to join in if you want to - just look for notices in the local shops.



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How to get to Sanday

From mainland Scotland take the ferry or plane to mainland Orkney. For further information contact:

- Flybe 0871 700 2000 www.flybe.com
- John O'Groats Ferries (passenger, Summer only)
01955 611353 www.jogferry.co.uk
- NorthLink Ferries 0845 600 0449 www.northlinkferries.co.uk
- Pentland Ferries 01856 831226 www.pentlandferries.com

Then enjoy the journey from mainland Orkney to Sanday by sea or air, taking in the views of other outer northern isles:

- Loganair 01856 872494 www.loganair.co.uk
- Orkney Ferries 01856 872044 www.orkneyferries.co.uk



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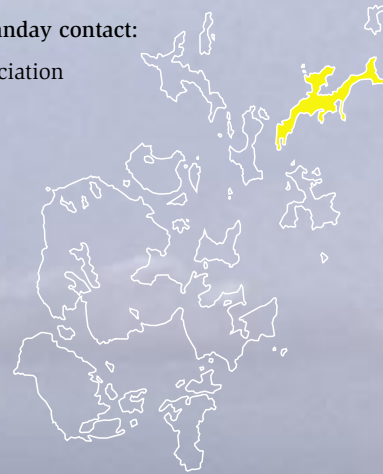
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*Where sand, sea
and sky meet*



Things to know about Sanday

You can explore 5,000 years of history on Sanday. Enter the ancient tomb of Quoyness. Stand where Vikings once stood to honour their dead. Look out for the 19th-century Stove 'Model Farm', Boloquoy Mill, Scar House, Start Point lighthouse, the Hearsie Hoose (the former home of our horse-drawn hearse) and relics of both World Wars. Don't miss the runic stone kept at Kettletoft Hotel. See farms standing proud on mounds that have built up over thousands of years, and old buildings roofed with their original massive slates.



Detail of the Viking whale-bone plaque found at Scar in 1991



Boloquoy Mill



An arch on the west side



Quoyness Tomb

Selkies, or seals, are abundant around our shores – over 5% of British common (harbour) seals breed here. Approach quietly and you can see them, and grey seals, hauled up on the beaches and the rocks, or cruising the coastline, often keeping a curious eye on you.



Seal Pup



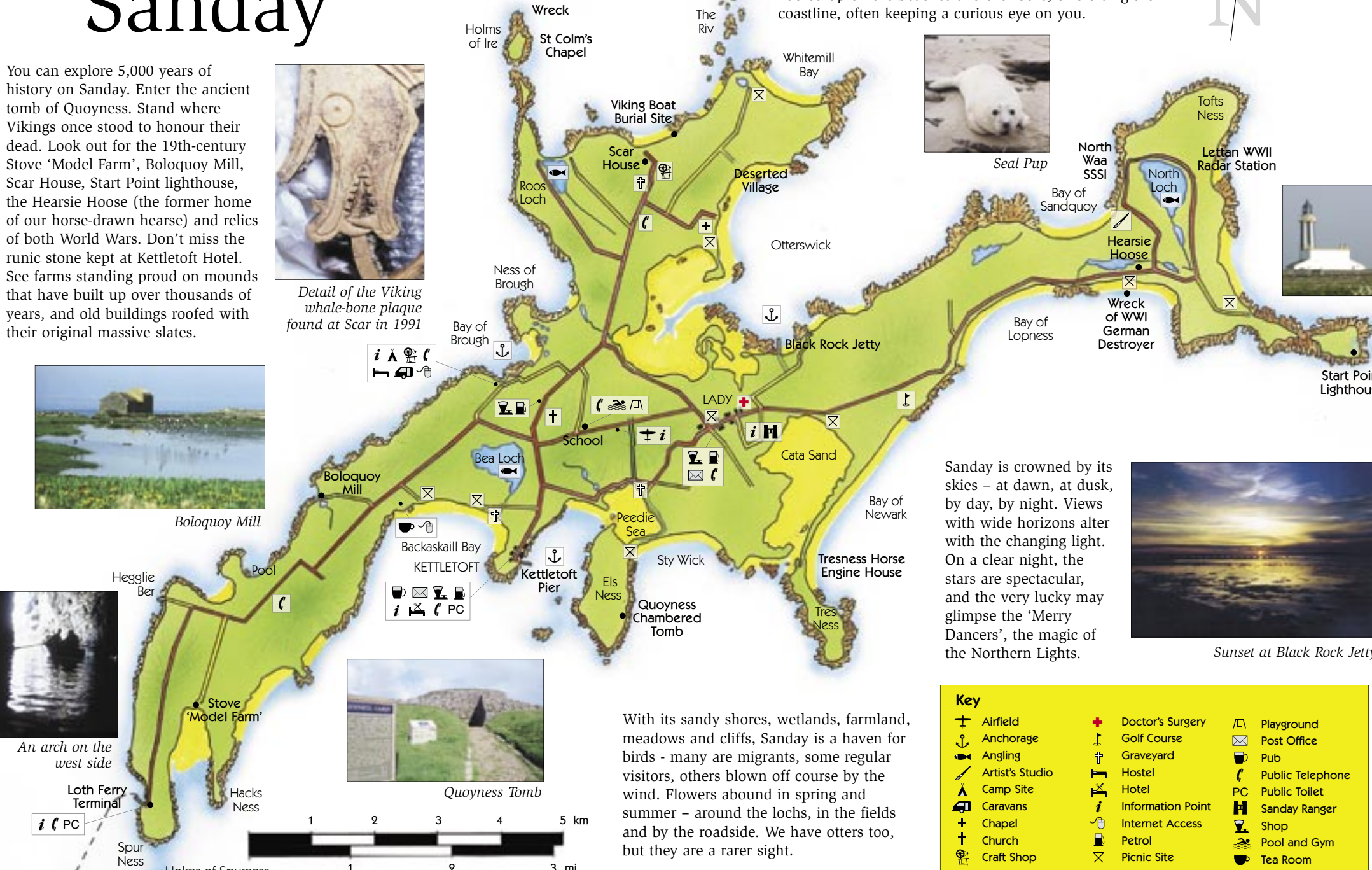
Start Point Lighthouse



Sunset at Black Rock Jetty

Sanday is crowned by its skies – at dawn, at dusk, by day, by night. Views with wide horizons alter with the changing light. On a clear night, the stars are spectacular, and the very lucky may glimpse the 'Merry Dancers', the magic of the Northern Lights.

With its sandy shores, wetlands, farmland, meadows and cliffs, Sanday is a haven for birds - many are migrants, some regular visitors, others blown off course by the wind. Flowers abound in spring and summer – around the lochs, in the fields and by the roadside. We have otters too, but they are a rarer sight.



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	Airfield		Doctor's Surgery
	Anchorage		Golf Course
	Angling		Graveyard
	Artist's Studio		Hostel
	Camp Site		Hotel
	Caravans		Information Point
	Chapel		Internet Access
	Church		Petrol
	Craft Shop		Picnic Site
	Playground		Post Office
	Pub		Public Telephone
	Public Toilet		Sanday Ranger
	Shop		Pool and Gym
	Tea Room		

