



terms the Trust must make enough money or it will shrink, or even disappear.

**In the light of our clear determination, ongoing and proposed projects, and their business plans, we have persuaded OIC and Orkney Enterprise to take the exceptional step of giving us 2/3 of the funding for another year for the Local Development Officer (LDO) post.**

**That will take us to June 2006. We must be generating enough revenue by then if we are to retain our paid workers and cover the £2-3000 per year that day to day expenses cost the Trust.**

importantly to create jobs and wealth in the island.

The Trust has been awarded another 6 months contract for delivering the SCHRI across Orkney and then we hope to be able to tender for it again. This gives us some revenue in the meantime.

The major Renewables projects are the big Wind Turbine and the Anaerobic Digester plant. If they are successfully brought to fruition the Trust's future will be secured financially and there will be the revenue to invest in other job creating projects.

If the investment model we are exploring works, local people can

houses being renovated, often from not much more than a rumble of stones. The Trust may have had some small part to play in this.

#### LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

We are very conscious in the Trust that we are elected to serve the interests of the island, not just the Trust. We inevitably make some mistakes and we try to learn from them.

You have ideas, opinions and suggestions. These are wasted as moans, pleeps and girns in the pub etc. etc.. We welcome your constructive input and invite you to come to the AGM on 20th April and to consider standing for the board of directors.

At this stage, it is essential to get the Westray Renewable Energy Company structure right. No-one said this would be easy but the end result has to work both commercially and financially and be what most people in Westray want.

The project development group is working hard on this, taking professional, financial and legal advice and receiving help and encouragement from both Highlands and Island Enterprise and OIC.

During this year both Geordie Drever and Willie McEwen have shared the Chairmanship of the Trust.

Sharing the responsibility and work has been well worthwhile as these changes are so significant.

This next year 2005/6 will be the last year on the Trust for both of us.

**Geordie Drever, Willie McEwen  
Joint Chairmen**



THE HOFN WINDMILL

#### DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT TRUST ARE VOLUNTEERS AND ARE NOT PAID.

We already had the aspiration to **“generate as much energy from Community owned and operated Renewable Energy Projects as we use in total in Westray by 2012”**.

We are now actively pursuing this route to fund the Trust, but more

become shareholders in the Wind Turbine, get their dividend, and the income coming directly into the Westray economy will be considerable.

The Trust was started when the population was falling rapidly; the school roll was dropping and projected to drop faster. The population is now slightly up, the school roll is slightly up and no-one can fail to notice the number of private

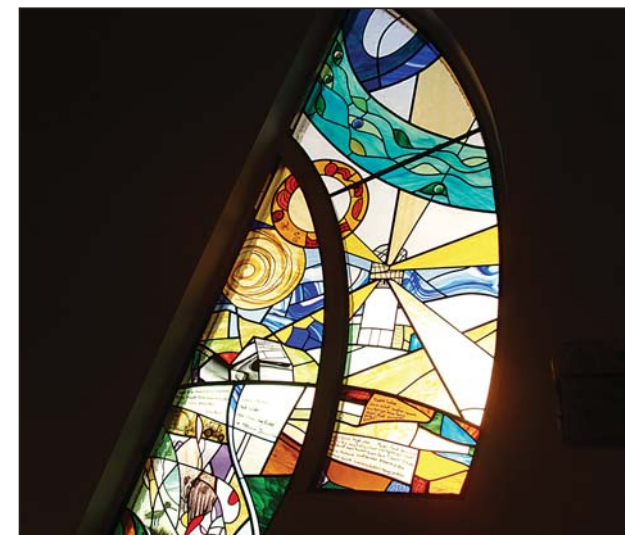
# CARE CENTRE SET TO OPEN ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME



KALISGARTH PICTURED FROM THE EAST

**THE CREATION of a Care Centre has been a key goal for the Development Trust from its outset. We are delighted the vision is now nearing fruition in the shape of “Kalisgarth”.**

Like many large capital projects it has taken longer than hoped for but the standard of the facility will be well worth the wait, providing high quality residential and day care in excellent surroundings.



The Trust's Directors expressed disappointment to the Council that there was no community input in the staff selection process following earlier understandings that there would be.

Since then sub-group members have continued to work with Council representatives and are currently examining options to formalise ongoing community involvement, probably through a “Friends of Kalisgarth” type of body.

We are also planning an open day for everyone to see around the building and will be involved in the official opening later in the year.

The Trust is also committed to watching the residential uptake on an ongoing basis and continuing to monitor Westray's Care needs. The building has been designed so that it can be extended if need is demonstrated over time. It has taken 7 long years to reach this stage but the end result is one that will serve the people of Westray well for many years to come.

Congratulations to Norman Cooper for coming up with the imaginative and memorable name of “Kalisgarth”. Particular thanks are due to Dawn Sherwood (Project Manager, OIC) and to Cllr. Keith Johnson (Chair of Social Services & Housing) for sharing the vision and pushing it forward.

#### SUB GROUP

*Chair: Iain MacDonald  
Linda Hagan,  
Stephen Hagan,  
Alison Hutchison,  
Alena Tulloch.*