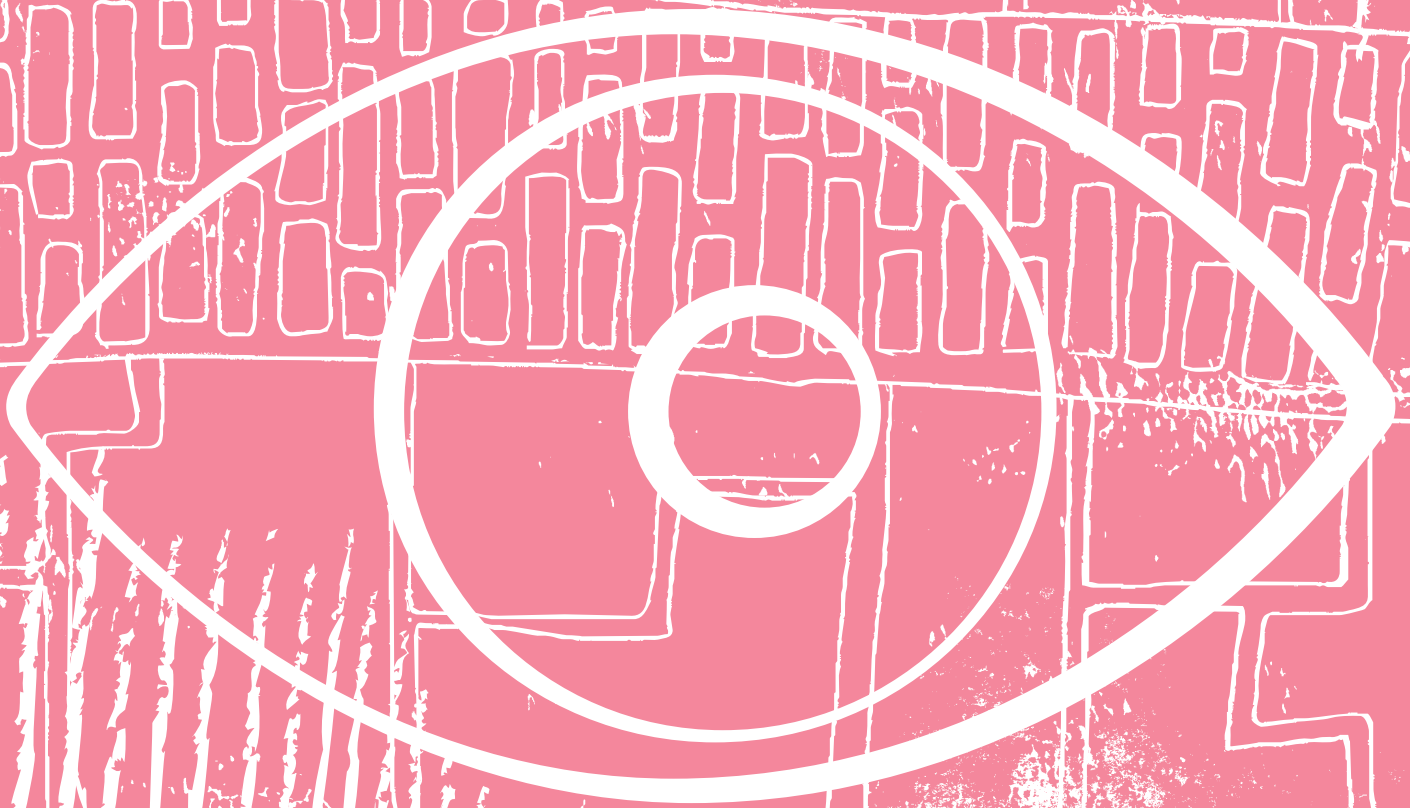


# I-SPY STROMNESS



## EXPLORING STROMNESS

Stromness is a great place to explore - there are lots of narrow roads, hidden lanes and piers.

REMEMBER it can be busy at times so be VERY CAREFUL especially on the streets and remember cars go both ways along the street.

TAKE CARE if you go near the edge of any piers - the stones can be slippery if they are wet.

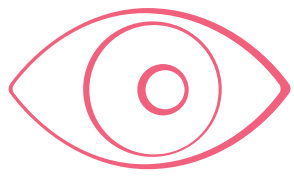
TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE!

I-SPY STROMNESS has been created by children of P7 Stromness Primary School. We are proud of our town and hope you enjoy exploring it.

This project was funded by the Stromness Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI). The £3.4 million project, based in the conservation area in Stromness, was delivered from 2009 to 2014. The project has several areas of spending including bringing vacant space back into use, building repair grants for homeowners, street paving and training projects.

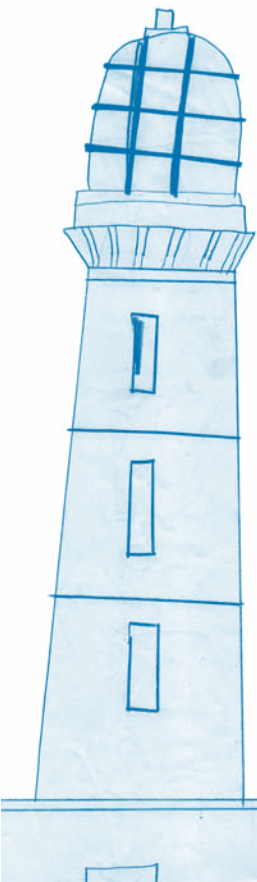
If you would like to find out more about our town visit the Stromness Museum or go online to [www.stromnessorkney.com](http://www.stromnessorkney.com)





# STROMNESS IS FULL OF AMAZING STORIES ABOUT...

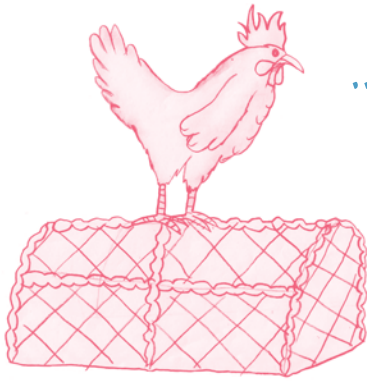
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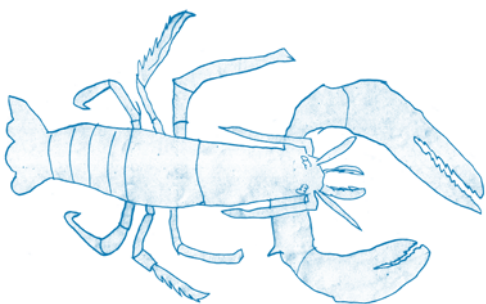


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AND WRITERS



...SHIPWRECKS

...FAMOUS PEOPLE AND ORDINARY PEOPLE



...EXPLORERS



...MERCHANTS

...WARS



...THE LAND

EXPLORE OUR TOWN - YOU MIGHT DISCOVER SOME OF THEM!



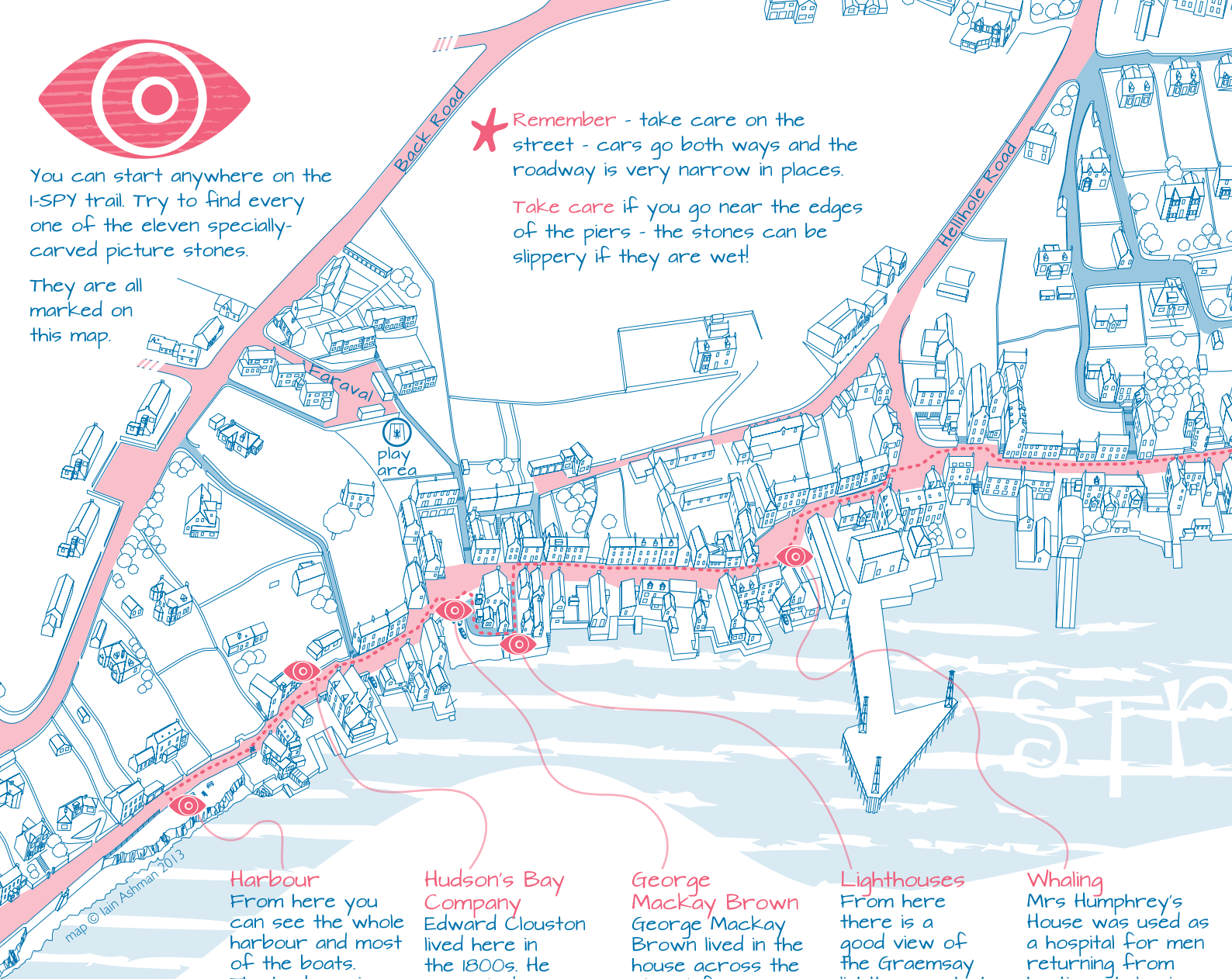


You can start anywhere on the I-SPY trail. Try to find every one of the eleven specially-carved picture stones.

They are all marked on this map.

**★ Remember** - take care on the street - cars go both ways and the roadway is very narrow in places.

**Take care** if you go near the edges of the piers - the stones can be slippery if they are wet!



You can explore Stromness using any of the roads (marked in red) and the footpaths (marked in blue).

Easy access route  
Some of the lanes have steps or are quite steep so if you'd like a more level path follow the red dotted line on the map. Most of the stones are on this route.

Once you've found each stone draw a picture of what is carved on it in these spaces.



### Harbour

From here you can see the whole harbour and most of the boats. The harbour is sheltered by two small islands, called The Holms. The Vikings called it Hamnavoe ('haven bay').

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The first known building on the shore of Hamnavoe was an inn built in 1595 by William and Mareon Clark.

How many piers can you see from here?

Is the ferry Hamnavoe in the harbour?

### Hudson's Bay Company

Edward Clouston lived here in the 1800s. He recruited many Orkney men for the fur-trading outposts around Hudson Bay in Canada.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The main kind of fur traded came from beavers. It was used to make clothes and hats.

When did Captain Cook (a famous explorer) visit Stromness?

Whose ship, with a scary name also got water from Login's well?

### George Mackay Brown

George Mackay Brown lived in the house across the street from you with the round blue plaque (sign)?

#### DID YOU KNOW?

He was a famous Scottish writer and is known all over the world.

What was the number of the house he lived in?

When was he born?

### Lighthouses

From here there is a good view of the Graemsay lighthouse which has helped guide hundreds of boats safely into Stromness harbour.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The first lighthouse in Orkney was lit by oil lamps!

Can you name any other lighthouses in Orkney?

Can you see anything else that helps get boats safely into the harbour?

### Whaling

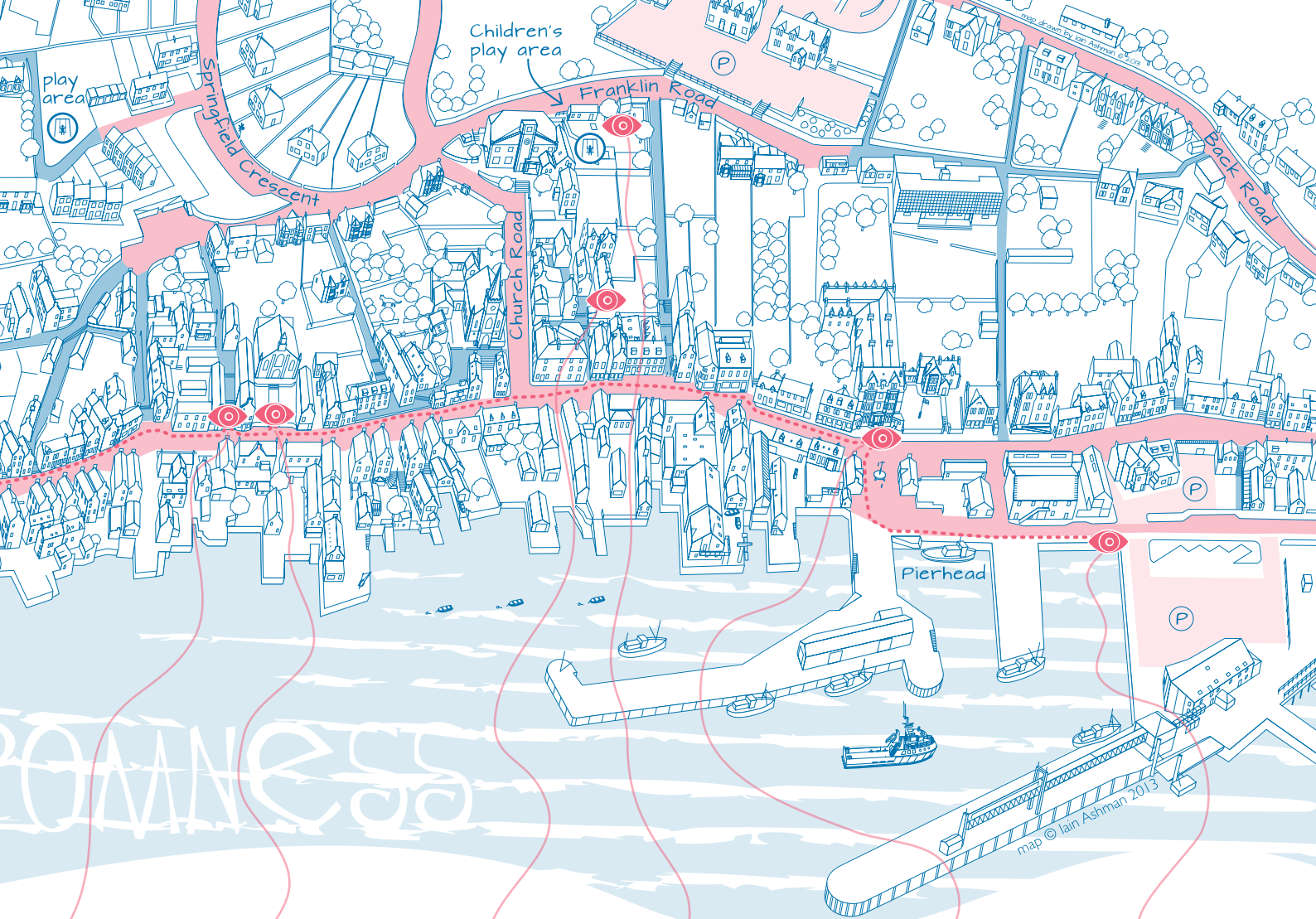
Mrs Humphrey's House was used as a hospital for men returning from hunting whales in the Arctic. Ships often became trapped in the sea ice and many men came home with frostbite and scurvy.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Young men from Orkney worked on the whaling ships. They were strong and had good boat handling skills.

When was Mrs Humphrey's house used?

The men left their families for many months at a time. How do you think their families felt?



### Merchants

Alexander Graham was a merchant who traded in Stromness. Can you find his house?

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Graham Place was named after him.

When was he born?

What is the number of the house with the round blue plaque (sign)?

### Street

The street was paved 160 years ago. Before that there was a dirt road that became very muddy in the rain.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The smaller stones in the middle of the street were for the horses so that their feet didn't slip. Some of the stones have been replaced with new ones.

Did you notice where the stones changed from new to old?

### People

Just imagine when this place used to be busy with people washing clothes, fetching water and feeding chickens! Now it's quiet.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The houses were built with the gable end facing the sea because the weather was so rough.

How many houses can you see with crow steps? You can find the crow steps at the ends of the roof, below the chimneys.

Why do you think the houses were built so close together?

### Houses

This house is built like an old Orkney stone house for children to play in.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The house is called Cubby Roo and was built in July 2012.

How many crow steps are on Cubby Roo?

(Cubby Roo was a legendary giant in Orkney - he would have had problems fitting into this house)

### World War 2

The Stromness Hotel was the headquarters for the Army in Orkney during World War 2. Visit Stromness Museum to discover more about Orkney during the two World Wars (and MUCH more).

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Barrage balloons were used to make it harder for low-flying aircraft to drop bombs accurately.

Which flags can you see on the hotel?

How many windows can you see on the front of the hotel?

### Fishing

There are fewer fishing boats now than there used to be. Creels are still used to catch crabs and lobsters.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
At one time hundreds of herring boats used to come into the harbour! So many that you could walk across the harbour from boat to boat because they were so tightly packed together.

Name one of the boats you can see.

How many boats can you see?

Can you find Frankie the Cat hiding somewhere on the map?