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17th March 2020 - The following statement supercedes all previous correspondence

Unprecedented Times

We the Craffhub cic write to you the REWDT for support and assistance during the coming weeks.

We have opened The Craffhub all through the winter (Oct to Mar) for our community, workmen and visitors when no other facility has been open.

Our staff have volunteered over 400 hours to do this so we could continue paying our basic bills and we are now completely out of funds

Many of our customers are in the vulnerable groups identified as part of the ongoing the Covid-19 crisis and will shortly be advised to self-isolate for 12 -13 weeks.

In order to protect our community and Craffhub cic staff and following government advice issued yesterday we are likely to have to close for at least two weeks, maybe several in these uncertain times.

We may be able to access government assistance for small businesses but to date we have no information as to whether we are eligible or how long this may take.

Yesterday we learnt that we had been successful in our application to the OIC Culture Fund and received £1500 (restricted funds) towards a defined and costed programme of workshops up to March 2021.

It will be in everyone's interest that we can be up and running again as soon as it is safe to do so, to boost morale and get people back on their feet again.

In the meantime it is important for us all to pull together and we are open to suggestions for partnership working with REWDT and any other community bodies to help and protect our Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre community in any way we can including continued provision of our voluntary services where possible.

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We currently have approx. £1500 in outstanding liabilities which we would have cleared at the onset of the tourist season which was just about to start.

We are asking REWDT to help us get through the next 3 months by assisting us with our essential bills to keep everything going so that we may reopen for our community as soon as it is possible.

Without this timely assistance and support we are in great danger of having to close down for good.

BT £60 - per month

Card Machine - £40 per month

Insurance - £40 per month

Rent £200 – Rent holiday for as long as we are out of business starting 01 April 2020

*X lease is up on
March 31st*

Yours sincerely

The Craffhub cic

18/3/20

*Cardyne - sent final copy of lease letter
+ advised to sign no bills*