

**Kate Barrett, Kirkwall**

## **Meet Orkney's Media Mogul**

Local organisations on Orkney have benefited from 72-year-old Kate Barrett's newly acquired desktop publishing skills.

Using her ILA Scotland funding to learn those skills, Kate has produced literature and posters for the island's Volunteer Centre, Crossroads, the Creative Patchwork and Quilting Club and the Field Club.

Kate's most recent project was a book on a local ornithologist for the Field Club, which also featured one of her own drawings.

"I wanted to do desk top publishing as I felt the skills would be very useful, given the number of organisations and clubs that I am involved in. I made inquiries and found I could do desk top publishing as part of a course being run at Support Training which is near my home in Kirkwall," she explained.

Kate did the desk top publishing part of the CLAIT (Computer Literacy And Information Technology) course – choosing to learn and study at home at her own pace. She got help with the cost of the course from ILA Scotland.

"I am not sure that studying as part of a formal course would have suited me. I rather liked the idea of saying I want to do some studying, but I'll get the dusting done first," she added.

Now, with her desktop publishing skills under her belt, Kate's next project is to acquire some website design and maintenance skills.

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