

12.MURAL 3

At the roundabout, walk towards Tesco along Shell St and you will see a mural on the side of the store. The mural welcomes visitors arriving by ferry. The imaginative depiction of islanders sailing in the harbour is set against the background of the Stornoway townscape, Painted in 2025 by artist Chris Rutterford and commissioned by local charity the Western Isles Islands Lottery.



13.HORSE AND CART

Walk along the road away from the centre of town you will pass the Bowling Green. On the left there is the wooden sculpture of the horse and carriage with a man riding on top. Miss Porter the horse (named after Porter's Lodge) was put in place by Stornoway Amenity Trust in 1994 and Western Isles Lottery provided her with a carriage and companion with the help of Simon O'Rourke who carved the man sitting on top.

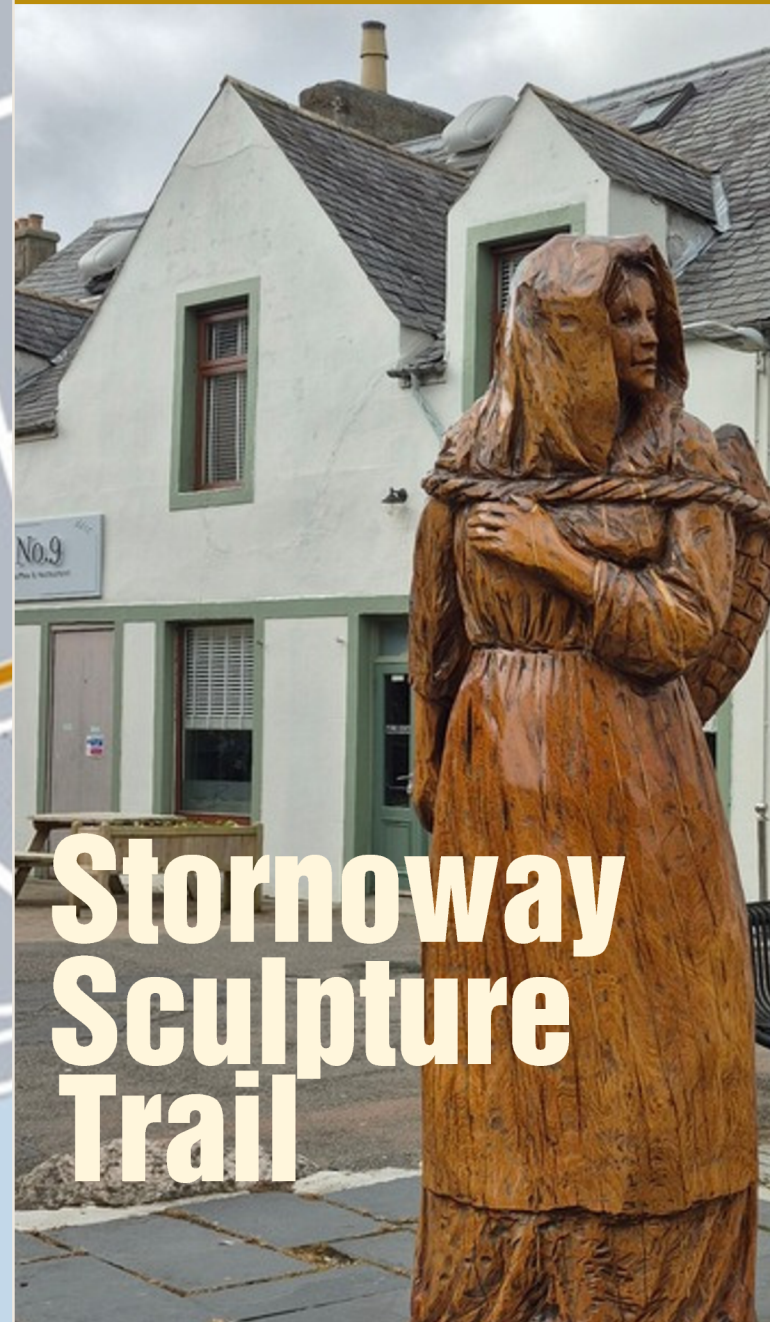


14.HIGHLAND COW

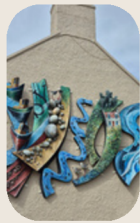
Passing the roundabout and on the right is the Highland Cow sculpture that brings this trail to an end. Beautifully carved from wood it sits atop a hill outside the entrance to the Co-operative Supermarket on Macaulay Road. This sculpture was carved by Uisdean Paterson, and it represents the cattle shows that used to occur each July in that area.



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Stornoway Sculpture Trail



1. PERCEVAL SQUARE MURAL

Start your trail at Perceval Square, where a striking 3D mural brings some of Lewis’s most iconic scenes to life. Created by Ian Brady, the artwork features island beaches, fishing boats and nets, the famous Callanish Stones, along with blackbirds and gulls inspired by local wildlife. Keep an eye out for another of Ian Brady’s murals later on the trail.

2.SUNDIAL

Facing the mural, look to your left to find the sundial set into the ground. Each brass plaque features artwork created in 2011 by S1 pupils from The Nicolson Institute, using the theme of hands to symbolise the growth and community spirit of Stornoway and the wider island. The designs were crafted into brass with senior Physics students helping to position each plaque accurately.

3.STAG AND EAGLE

Directly ahead of the sundial, at the top of the steps, you will find a wooden stag on the right and a wooden eagle on the left. These striking carvings, created by Uisdean Paterson, celebrate the island wildlife that can be seen across the Outer Hebrides.



4.FISHERMAN

Further along pass through the gate to the marina and you will discover a sculpture of a fisherman holding a salmon. Carved by Uisdean Paterson in 2016, it reflects the scale of Stornoway’s fishing heritage, recalling how during the 1800s herring boom the port was bustling with up to 6,000 fishermen at its peak.



5.HERRING GIRL 1

Opposite the fisherman, back in the car park, you will find one of two Herring Girls sculptures. Created by Charles Engebretsen and Virginia Hutchinson in 2003, this life size figure stands at ground level, inviting you to meet her gaze. Her bandaged hands reflect the hard, skilled work she represents and the vital contribution these women made to the islands’ fishing heritage.



6.SEALS

Pass the Herring girl and follow along North Beach carpark. Follow the road round at the Crown Inn and as you head towards the pier you will see a pair of seals in a pool of stone which were also carved by Uisdean Paterson. Another pair further along the trail sitting outside the building directly behind the back of the Town Hall.



7.IOLAIRE MEMORIAL

Heading towards the Town Hall, there is an entrance to an open clearing on Point Street. In the left-hand corner as you enter you will find another memorial to the Iolaire. On the wall behind the cairn is a memorial mural showing how many men were lost from The Royal Navy Reserve, The Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Light Infantry, and the Mercantile Marine



8.PEAT GIRL

Straight ahead you will see the sculpture of the Peat Girl with her basket of peat. This sculpture was created by Simon O’Rourke and commissioned by Western Isles Stornoway Trust marking the history and importance of the peat cutting culture in Lewis.



9.THE SILVER DARLINGS

At crossroads between Cromwell Street and Point Street, you will see the paving stone with “The Silver Darlings” on it. This was designed by Sam Macdonald and commissioned by Stornoway Townscape Heritage Initiative.

10.HERRING GIRL 2

Keep straight and as you reach An Lanntair (the art centre building), take the right turn towards the bus station. Cross the Pedestrian crossing and through the car park towards the pier and that is where you will find the second of the two Herring girl



11.MURAL

If you head back across the pedestrian crossing where you came from and towards the roundabout, you will see the Health Board Building. On the side of the building next to it is the second of Ian Brady’s 3D mural. This one incorporates notable Stornoway features with images of the Lews Castle, the Caledonian Macbrayne Ferry, and birds and fish.

