

The Shapinsay Sound



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Housing Community Consultation

As mentioned in last months Shapinsay Sound, this consultation started on **Saturday 27th April** and continues into the first week of May.

The maps of the pieces of land available to us, with the options suggested by the architect are on display at the Boathouse, together with his comments, pros and cons, for each area identified.

If you haven't already been along, to view these, make your comments and vote for your preferred option please come along for one of the sessions below, when we aim to have at least one board member available.

Wednesday	1st May	12.00 - 4pm
Thursday	2nd May	10am - 2pm
Friday	3rd May	3pm - 6.30pm
Saturday	4th May	1.30pm - 4pm

It will also be available to view during normal office hours, **10am – 2 pm, Monday to Friday**. If you are unable to attend at any of these times, please contact us and we will do our best to arrange access at another time during this period.

As the decision of, where and if, we are to build housing on Shapinsay is to be decided on the outcome of this public consultation it is important that you come along, give your opinions and vote for your preferred option.

As mentioned last month, as part of the ongoing process we plan to have a steering group, to guide through whatever is decided during the consultation week. This will be made up of some board members and 3 or 4 residents. If you would be interested in taking part in this, please register your interest, with no commitment at this stage, by contacting the Boathouse or a board member, before the end of the consultation week.

If anyone requires transport to be able to get to this, please contact Eileen (07901575162).

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Shapinsay Wellbeing Coordinator

Alison Meason



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I have enjoyed chatting with many of you over the past month and have been interested to hear your ideas and opinions on what's needed for enhancing wellbeing on Shapinsay and look forward to speaking with many more of you over the coming weeks whether this be in one of the community groups, on the boat, in the shop or I am happy to meet up with anyone should they wish to discuss any matter.

The Enhancing Well-being within our Island Communities project is looking at different areas of needs/priorities within the island and some of these include transport, housing, befriending, new community initiatives and home care.

Do you feel that you could offer time to help others in the community? Visiting an older person or housebound person? Helping out with shopping? Help with cleaning/odd jobs? Help with food preparation? Would you like see a men's shed on the island?

Would you be interested in more social activities such as a knit and natter group? Small group gatherings with a cuppa and table games? Men's walking football? Carpet bowls? Healthy walking group? Gardening group? Being part of a handyperson scheme doing odd jobs for others?

Do you have a hour or two spare a week where you could visit someone housebound/lonely?

I would love to hear your thoughts on any of the above or if you have another idea or just need help with something non medical I can try to find the information/organization/person/charity to assist you.

All information is treated with confidentiality.

I can be contacted via the Boathouse telephone 711733, by email wellbeing.shapinsay@gmail.com or in person. I look forward to hearing from you.

Alison Meason

Shapinsay Development Trust



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And

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Quiz

by Abby Summerfield

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Shapinsay Community Association

The Community Association will be holding a Race Night on the **11th May in the hall at 7.30 for 8pm.**

There will also be a raffle and push a coin at the the bottle. Funds raised will go to the Community Association. All welcome, bring your own bottle.

Shapinsay School

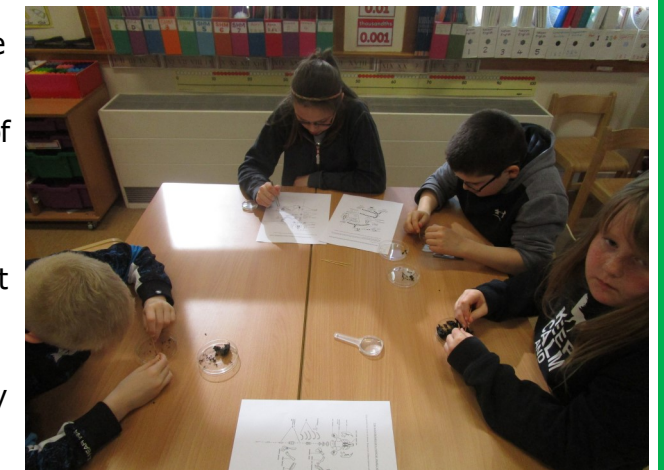


The Nursery children are planting and growing. So far they are growing tatties, beans, peas, tomatoes and Livingston daisies. Some are in the classroom and some in the polytunnel. Their new role play area is an ice cream shop.

The children in Nursery are also planning a visit to the library in Kirkwall for some activities.

P1 - 3's topic this term is "**Made in Orkney**". They are finding out about what things are produced locally, and hope to produce their own recipe book. If anyone would like to help us with this project with Orcadian recipes or crafts please get in touch with us. Lots of visits and visitors are planned as well.

P4 - 7 are continuing with the Orkney theme and finding out about how micro-organisms are used in the production of food and drink. They will also be finding out about how historical periods fit together to improve their sense of chronology. At the end of April they spent a day with Lindsey Taylor from the RSPB, learning about the sea eagles in Hoy, dissecting owl pellets (barn owl pellets from Aberdeenshire and local long eared owl pellets) and visited the Bird Hide.



All of the children have been helping the Eco group with their project to plant more wild flowers and vegetables. So far the polytunnel is looking very productive!

In April we were visited by Education Scotland who were carrying out a thematic inspection about involvement in learning. One very positive aspect that was highlighted was the interaction between the school and community. We would like to have further involvement from the community in developing our curriculum so please watch out for news of open events.

Shapinsay Wldlife Matters

Do Buff-Tailed Bumblebees occur on Shapinsay?

Warning: This article is not for the faint hearted! Tricky stuff this.

A recent colonist in Orkney, the Buff-tailed bumblebee *Bombus terrestris* is regularly noted on Mainland and the linked isles. It is one of the most common and widespread bumblebees in the UK, but it has not been recorded on Shapinsay as far as I know.

So here is the challenge. Can you find and identify one on Shapinsay?

The males and worker castes of bumblebees all die as winter approaches and only the Queens survive and emerge in spring. The Buff-tailed queens are amongst the first species to emerge from hibernation and were seen in late March on Mainland this year. So if you see a big bruiser of a bumblebee in May it will most certainly be a queen bee.

Bumblebees bodies can be divided in to three bits, a head with the eyes and antennae, a thorax where the wings and six legs are attached and the abdomen which is the largest bit including the tail.

The four most distinctive features of Queen Buff-tailed bumblebees are:-

- They have a narrow brownish collar across their thorax
- They have a yellow/buff band across the front part of their abdomen
- Their tails are pale buff coloured, never clean white
- They are very large and appear rather brown if just glimpsed in flight



Shapinsay Wildlife Matters Part 2

The Northern White-tailed bumblebee *Bombus lucorum* is very common on Shapinsay and has broadly the same pattern of black and pale bands as the buff-tailed ones.

I told you it was tricky! So how do you tell the difference?

The four most distinctive features of Queen White-tailed bumblebees are:-

- They have a broad bright pale yellow collar on their thorax
- They have a yellow band across the front part of their abdomen
- They have a pure clean white tail
- They are slightly smaller than buff-tailed bumblebees



Both species love to forage on dandelions as these are our first wild flowers that come out in Orkney, which have plenty of pollen and nectar for them to feed upon. So please leave your sprayers and strimmer's in the shed and let the bees feed so they can build up their colonies and prosper. They are dependent on us nowadays.

If you are interested and you think you have found a Buff-tailed bumblebee, please try to get a photograph and send it to me at paul.hollinrake@yahoo.com and I'll attempt to confirm your sighting.

Good luck.