

The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.
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Good news! Many of you will know already, but we are delighted to let you know that the electric car service is back to full time. From 05/07/21 they will be available.

Monday-Friday 9am till 5pm

Bookings can be made between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

To book this service or speak to the coordinator to discuss; sdtooffice@shapinsay.org.uk or 07798570439.

School House Open Day

Saturday the 31st of July
Drop in between 2 & 4pm.



Please be aware of other people,
Keep distance if there is a queue
Use sanitiser before entry
Wear a mask while inside the building
There will be a one-way system in place.
(Enter through the front door, exit at the back)

Meet a Director



My name is Stewart Leslie, I live at Quoymorhouse with my wife Gemma and two children Evan (5) & Aine (2).

I attended Shapinsay Primary School then went on to Kirkwall Grammar School until I came home to work on the family farm. We run beef cattle and sheep on the farm and it takes up most of my spare time. I enjoy preparing and showing cattle at the summer Shows but with the current situation, this has not been possible. I am hopeful this will return to normal next year.

I joined the board of the Development Trust to hopefully help make Shapinsay as an attractive place to live and visit as possible. As funding for local authorities get cut year on year, I think we are very fortunate to have a community turbine here to invest money back into Shapinsay and make it a sustainable place to live.



Shapinsay Lifeboat Guild

Quoits & Barbecue

Saturday 21st August at the playing field

Names in for the Quoits by 3pm for 3.30pm start

Barbecue 4pm onwards

Ladies Gents and under 16's competition

Side shows - Raffle - RNLI souvenirs

There will be soft drinks and tea/coffee, but no bar this year.

I am sure you are all aware of Covid Guidelines and we hope restrictions will be further lifted on the 9th August, but will go with the advice at the time.

Power cut reminder

In the event of an unexpected or planned island power cut, if you have any non medical needs which you require assistance with you can contact Fiona Summerfield telephone 0755 752 3558 or Alison Meason 711 261. Hot water flasks and hot water bottles are available free to use during times of power cuts.

Peer support group

Have you had a previous cancer diagnosis? Are you affected or have you been affected by cancer in any way? It is hoped to start a monthly peer support group on Shapinsay. If you are interested in coming along the first cuppa and blether it will be on Thursday 19th August at 2pm. All welcome to come along. Any queries to Alison Meason 078676 22814.

Health Walks

Tuesday 3rd August at 2pm Meet at the Gatehouse Square, Shapinsay for a walk to the war memorial and return. Bring a flask/drink if you would like to have a cuppa. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday 10th No walk

Walk details for 17th August onwards to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on Shapinsay Island Wellbeing page or contact Alison 711 261 or Julia 874789.

Kirk news

We have now been back in the building for over a month, and it feels good – especially the singing (even though with masks on – quite an experience!) and since the 19th of July we have 1 metre distancing in place rather than 2 metres. It looks way more normal! We meet for worship at 12 noon (11 am from the 22nd of August). On Sunday the 1st of August we are going to celebrate the sacrament of communion coronavirus style. We are asking you to bring a glass and a piece of bread, we will provide juice and port. We hope you can join us.

As we cannot give out hymnbooks on the day, we lend them out long-term to folk. If you haven't got a hymnbook and would like to get one, please get in touch and I will deliver one to you.

Here is a run through of the current arrangements. We can have a total of up to 43 individuals in the church – that includes the worship leader. We have a one-way system – we come in through the side door and leave through the main door. Offering is collected at the door to the sanctuary as we come in. The service is also shorter (40 minutes) with singing and the Lord's Prayer, but no flowers meantime. The wearing of face masks in church is now mandatory, unless exempt. Please bring your own masks with you when visiting church – we do have some spare ones though if you forget. You will be required to sanitise your hands as you enter and exit church. Hand sanitisers are available. Stewards will ask for your contact details for test and trace purposes. All hymnbooks and Bibles are removed so please bring your own for your perusal.

We will continue with our e-services which will be accessible in the same way as at present. The in-person worship will be an adaptation of the e-service for that Sunday – so I am assuming you are either doing one or the other.

You can access our e-services in any one of four ways:

1. Through Kirkwall East linked with Shapinsay Facebook page where our joint services (between Kirkwall East, Shapinsay and Moncur Memorial Church Stronsay) are published every Sunday: <https://www.facebook.com/kirkwalleastlinkedwithshapinsay>

2. Through the YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Yg_uFSQsU7UWDC2SSnyCA

Or search for Kirkwall East Church, Shapinsay Church or Moncur Memorial Church.

3. By dialling 01856 404667 from your phone and listening to the audio recording of the service. You will be charged as you would normally be for a local phone call (and that of course depends on your contract).

4. By getting a script of the service by e-mail (do contact me if you would like that).

We hope to see you soon!

Rev Julia Meason, JMeason@churchofscotland.org.uk, 874789/711275.



Electric Bikes for hire

As the shed nears completion, we are now almost ready to begin hiring out our e-bikes.

We have 6 adult ebikes two small ebikes and one trike. They will be free for Shapinsay residents to use on for up to a couple of days at a time Shapinsay or to take anywhere within Orkney.

None residents will hire them for £5 for two hours or £7.50 for a whole day.

The adult bikes can get up to 15.5mph, any speed past that point will be up to your leg power. The trike has a throttle on it that will take up to around 10mph but you won't be able to pedal much faster than that. It also has a large storage box on the back to keep your backpacks etc in. You must be over the age of 14 to be able to ride any of these bikes for safety/insurance reason.

Ebike Grant Scheme for Commuters

SDT have applied for a grant towards the cost of 14 ebike's for people who are commuting regularly. If we are successful, we will be able to offer them to anyone who commutes at a one-off cost of around £550 including delivery, helmets and hi vis (a payment scheme can be set up on an individual basis). This would be done on a shared ownership scheme for the first 3 years. If you commute for work and would like to be considered for the scheme, email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk or call 711733 to have your name added to the list.

We currently have more than 14 people on the list, so we will need to do a questionnaire to see who meets the criteria and will use them most, this will help us decide which 14 get first refusal.

TENDER NOTICE

SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR:-

*REPAIR AND VARNISHING OF
BENCHES*

AT PIER/THE LODGE

AND OUTSIDE THE SMITHY

Please contact the Interim Clerk for details on 07736 463 338 or by email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk

Deadline for submission of tenders:-

**THURSDAY, 5TH AUGUST AT 5.00
p.m.**

Successful SWAPS

Successful Swaps June & July 2021

Shapinsay Picnic Committee - £300 towards new Trophies and equipment

P Bady - £522.03 towards Piano lessons, Karate Lessons and Climbing Lessons for 1 year

L Bady - £453 Towards Kickboxing lessons and Piano lessons for 1 year



Shapinsay Development Trust

**Community Development Officer
20 hours per week**

Shapinsay Development Trust is looking to appoint a Community Development Officer to support the trust in taking forward specific community projects. This post will run initially for 2 years.

This role will include taking forward projects and assisting in the development of the community in accordance with the priorities identified in the current island development plan. This role will also help promote local projects and assist in sourcing funding for potential projects.

The successful application will live in Shapinsay, be flexible, be computer literate, have excellent communication skills and preferably have some experience in project management. Also you need to demonstrate have a strong interest in the community of Shapinsay and the ability to use your own initiative, as well as work as part of the Development Trust team of staff, board and volunteers.

To discuss this role, please contact Davie Campbell (07522144273 or davie_campbell@btopenworld.com).

Please contact Rosalind Aitken at enquiries@vaorkney.org.uk or phone 01856 831469) for further information and a full job description. Application is by a supporting letter for the job description and essential requirements and also your CV.

The closing date for all applications is Thursday 19th August, Interviews are expected to be towards the end of August.

Meet the Responders

Over the last year or so Shapinsay has recruited new SAS Responders to join the current team. They underwent a short but intensive training course headed by SAS Training Paramedic Sonja Marwick. Training included basic life support skills, taking vital observations, first aid, driving and a final assessment. There are currently nine responders who cover a 24/7 Rota to support the Nurse; one to assist and the other as a driver.

Supporting the Responders – update from Shapinsay Medical Support Fund Committee

Following a meeting of the Medical Support Fund Committee on 8th April, it approved a request from the SAS Shapinsay Responders to purchase equipment to enable each Responder to carry their own kit for carrying out vital observations on patients when called out. Each Responder already had their own pulse oximeter and blood glucose monitor, however they had to share a bag containing the thermometer and blood pressure monitor which was far from ideal, especially with the onset of Covid and the precautions surrounding infection control and cleansing. The purchase of tympanic thermometers, blood pressure monitors and bag now completes their own “obs kit”. Below is a picture of the Responders showing off their kit bags. Just to reassure folk, the Responders briefly removed their masks for the photo shoot and at all times adhere to the Covid rules. If you would like to submit a request for equipment that you feel would benefit the health and wellbeing of the folk of Shapinsay, please contact June Bacon, either by email, june@austringer.plus.com or in writing to, June Bacon, Secretary, Shapinsay Medical Support Fund Committee, The Old Manse, Balfour, Shapinsay, KW17 2EA.



Community Consultation

19th of July members of the community met in the hall and on zoom to have a discussion about future projects. We had a great turn out, but we would like to involve a larger cross section of the community and would be grateful if you would all get involved in the consultation.

Please take 5 minutes to fill and return the following questionnaire.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill in the boxes below with the numbers 1,2 or 3

- 1 = Not a priority for me
- 2 = Would like this to happen but not top priority
- 3 = Top Priority

The Smithy - this goes hand in hand with discussions about a future café for the island.

The majority felt that SDT pursuing purchase of the Smithy from OIC the best thing for the Community. This could be almost 100% grant funded.

We have put the main points to come out of each discussion below.

Future uses could include:

- Heritage Centre
- Café
- Workshop space
- Whole building for Heritage centre

Café ideas are:

- Smithy
- Smithy short term, but long term something purpose built, possibly a community hub (see Other ideas).

Comments.....

Café continued.....

- Café run on a more flexible arrangement with events, possibly encourage outside caterers to do theme nights etc at weekends.
- Put out to tender but with better arrangements than in the past.
- Be community run to create employment.
- Pub fortnightly.

Housing: There is funding out there right now to create more housing for the island, the following came from the public consultation:

- More family homes
- Suitable for old folk
- Need for consultation with young folk
- Halfway unit for people coming out of hospital
- Low cost housing like Eday
- Family and old folk in tandem (old folk/assisted living housing will take time, family could start any time)

Other ideas:

- Community hub to include café, pub, Visitor information centre, charity shop, camp site, museum with outside space for transport museum, youth drop in space, office space, space for film club darts etc.
- Short term for Charity shop – portacabins
- Recycling – Cardboard – shred and compost. Plastic – Shred/recycle – Glass- crush for aggregate

Horticulture Project

Part of the discussion held on Monday 19th public consultation was around a possible future Horticulture project.

There is funding available right now, Orkney wide, to create some sort of community growing area, and/or community garden space.

The main topics for discussion were:

Poly crubs/Keder for community growing.

Commercial growing

Vertical growing

Selling produce to the community and use in the cafe

Allotment plots

A community garden/picnic space

Helliar view plot for growing and community garden?

It was decided at the board meeting that we look into purchasing Helliar view. We will do further research before doing further community consultation around horticulture, find out more about the grant, what types of products will grow best in Orkney and what kind of community garden might work.

If you have any interest in joining a horticulture subgroup to help get this project moving forward, please get in touch.



Defibrillators for Shapinsay

We have some fantastic news for the island!

For the last few months we have had discussions in the board and been working closely with Community Heartbeat Scotland to decide how many defibrillators Shapinsay needed and where they should go.

The great news is, we now have 3 brand new locations and have upgraded the Defib at the Boathouse to the same make and model.

Training will be available on these models in future, once Covid rules allow.

All 4 defib locations are on the map below

1. The Boathouse
2. Shapinsay Fire station
3. Newfield Cottage
4. North School

