



The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.

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Shapinsay Development Trust News

Smithy - Work is progressing well on the Smithy, the layout has been changed slightly, the walls are insulated, the kitchen is getting ready for the equipment and we hope to be ready to open early May, hopefully by the April edition we will be able to give you an opening date! Please see photos overleaf to see what is happening!

Balfour Cottage keys will be exchanged today so we are progressing well with that project with feasibility work well underway.

Standpretty – we are very excited to have been awarded a grant from Scottish land fund towards the purchase and feasibility works in relation to the development at the Standpretty site. The following press release was released today:

An area of land on Shapinsay, Orkney is set to be developed into a community hub, following a grant of £92,510 from the Scottish Land Fund.

The land at Balfour, which will be purchased by the Shapinsay Development Trust, also has potential for social housing, self-build plot and an enterprise zone for local businesses.

It is one of three awards made this month by the Scottish Land Fund that will allow groups



to purchase local assets and to use them for the benefit of their communities.

Davie Campbell, Project Manager, Shapinsay Development Trust, said: "We are delighted to receive this support from the Scottish Land Fund. This funding will allow the Trust to own and create a vital multi-purpose facility that includes all the elements within the 5 year development plan, which was shaped by the community.

"This is a result of strong community support and hard work from the Trust's board and their staff". It is an ambitious and exciting project for Shapinsay and hopefully can act as a blueprint for other communities in Orkney"

The Warmhub comes to a close this month, with the last event for the Winter weekdays and weekends being on the 14th of March when the funding comes to an end. If you have enjoyed any of these activities and would like to see them continue, please consider becoming a keyholder and helping to facilitate them! We've really enjoyed seeing the community centre so busy! Thanks to Esther, Chris and Ella for making it happen!

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our Investing in Communities Fund application to continue our Youth Project (there were 800 applications and only 100 successful projects and only 20 of them were development Trusts!), this means we will need to look into other options to keep things going.

Upstairs in the heritage centre the new office/kitchen space has been added:



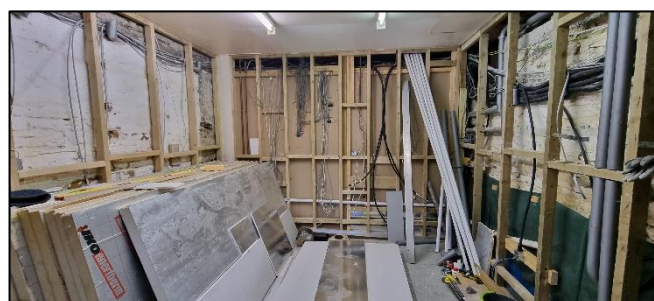
In the restaurant all the walls have been insulated, strapped and lined and plasterboard is being installed, ready for taping and filling.



The wall at the entrance has been moved, making the restaurant space a bit bigger

Below the kitchen space might not look like much, but lots of work has gone on to make it ready for the special wall coverings.

The kitchen equipment is all ordered and by the next edition there will be a lot more progress to see in here!



Shapinsay Development Trust would like to invite tenders for Garden Maintenance at the Boathouse & Smithy Garden.



The tender should include 15 full cuts of the grass on the land around the Boathouse and Smithy Garden, inclusive of the ditches and strimming where necessary.

The first cut should be in April and the final cut in late October/early November according to seasonal growth patterns. Any extra cuts are to be at the contractor's discretion, taking into account the growth of the grass. There should be a maximum of two weeks between cuts. The tender should also include weeding of paths. All grass cuttings should be removed by the contractor and all hard surfaces should be swept clean after each cut.

The contractor is responsible for compliance with the Health and Safety at work Act, including all personal protective equipment and must have their own insurance. The Contractor will supply suitable cutting equipment, ensuring that blades are sharp and properly set, to produce a true and even cut. They will also ensure that all persons operating the equipment are adequately trained.

The contractor should submit a monthly account, in arrears, throughout the cutting season for all works carried out

Anyone interested in tendering should put their quotes in writing by 12pm on 13th March 2023

to boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

or to

The Boathouse, Shapinsay, Orkney, KW172DY
(The Post-box is at the back of the building)



Shapinsay Development Trust

We would like to invite tenders for valeting of up to 3 electric vehicles. Both vehicles will need cleaned inside and out, including hoovering and making sure upholstery is clean and tidy. This should be done once per month when the cars are not in use.

Closing dates for tenders is 12pm on Monday 13th March 2023

Apply in writing to Boathouse, Balfour, Shapinsay, KW172DY or email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There are currently two vacancies on Shapinsay Community Council

The work of the group is varied and interesting and is a great way of becoming involved in your community

- Discuss local matters relating to Council/NHS/Emergency Services etc and act as a voice on these matters
- Feed into consultations on a variety of subjects including transport and healthcare
- Distribute community council funding
- Get involved in local projects
- Take action in the interests of the people of Shapinsay

For an informal chat and more information on the role of a community councillor, please contact the Community Council Liaison Officer, Jenny McGrath, on 873535 extension 2264

or by email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk



ACTIVE MOVERS

Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

March

*The Clubrooms, Shapinsay
community centre*

9:30am – 10:15am

*Gentle exercise to music with Donna live
streaming from the Harray Hall*

Please wear comfy clothing

Free to attend.

Any questions to Alison 07867622814



LIVE STREAMING

FROM HARRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Shapinsay's 
Winter Weekdays

LIVE MUSIC & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Clubrooms

**Thursday 9th March
8:30pm**

*All Welcome to
come and listen to Shapinsay's
Music Group playing live*

Transport Available
Please book the Island Car by 4pm
cars@shapinsay.org.uk
or call/text 07798570439



Island Self-Management Group (ISMG)

Established in 2021, the Island Self-Management Group is a free, **online group**, open to anybody aged 18+ living with a long-term physical health condition in any of Orkney's ferry-linked isles.

Through membership of the group, participants have the opportunity to:

- hear from a range of speakers sharing advice, information or lived experience that could support those living with a variety of health conditions;
- learn self-management techniques aimed at supporting individuals to better manage the physical and mental effects of their health conditions; and
- participate in regular, facilitated peer support sessions with other Orkney isles residents living with long-term health conditions.

If you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the group or would like more information, please visit <https://www.islandwellbeing.org/ismg> or contact ISMG Coordinator, Anthea Hume via anthea.hume@vaorkney.org.uk

Shapinsay Community Council News

A **new portacabin** has been purchased by Orkney Islands Council. All items in the current portacabin (books, food bank items) will be transferred to the new one when it arrives in Shapinsay.

Hopefully you all responded to OIC's letter regarding wheelie bins for waste and recycling. We've been told that **wheelie bins** will be delivered from 6th March. The new collection rota will start on Wednesday 22nd March.

A **bike shelter** has been ordered so that bikes can be left undercover at the pier. We will keep you updated on an installation date.

We are working on a media campaign with other isles' Community Councils to highlight the issues islands have with the **ageing Orkney Ferries fleet**. This will support OIC's campaign for new ferries. We need real life examples so please do contact us to share your experiences, and the stories of **problems you have encountered with the ferries** (email leanne.bew@gmail.com). For all other ferry matters please contact our Transport Rep (Darren Muir).

Our own **Facebook page** was recently launched. Please search 'Shapinsay Community Council' then like and follow to keep updated on news and consultations.

The **road aggregate subsidy scheme** is open for applications. Please see poster for details.

We are **looking for two more people** to join Shapinsay Community Council. We meet approx. 6 times a year, and have some correspondence to discuss in between meetings. Do contact us if you are interested in finding out more about what Community Councillors do.

If you have any **queries or concerns** that you would like to discuss with a Community Councillor please do contact Leanne Bews (Chair), Eileen Philips, Esther Chaney, Colin Leslie (Vice-Chair & Planning Rep) or Darren Muir (Transport Rep). **Correspondence and financial requests** should be sent to shapinsayclerk@gmail.com

Remember you can **report issues like pot holes directly to Orkney Islands Council** via their online help desk or by telephone 01856 873 535.

Shapinsay School March 2023

Nursery

We have been playing with the blocks lots recently. We have made boats, aeroplanes, dens, and beds. We've cruised to Australia, sailed to Aberdeen, flown to Tanzania and had bedtime stories.

Outside we have been noticing the bulbs starting to grow and have made obstacle courses with the loose parts.



P1 – 4

Primary 1 – 4 children have now started their project on Ancient Egypt. So far, the children have been enjoying adding to the tomb role play area. A particular highlight has been writing curses in hieroglyphs! In maths the children have been learning how to "Count like an Ancient Egyptian" and have been learning how to predict how many blocks are needed to build pyramids. The children have been learning about Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and will be going on to compare Ancient Egypt to Ancient Orkney. In RME the children will be looking at Bible Stories featuring Ancient Egypt, such as the story of Moses and the story of Joseph.

In French the children have been revising greetings, and are now learning about classroom objects. In Spanish the children have been learning to have basic conversations, asking questions and introducing themselves. In Music they have been learning to play tunes on tuned percussion and recorder. In art they have explored chalk pastels, used wax resist to create solar system pictures and will be scribing using different materials. In PE they have continued to improve their climbing skills and badminton skills.

P5-7

In English lessons, as well as continuing work on explanation texts, the children have been learning to use a wider range of punctuation. Social Studies work has focused on Scotland's history and the Wars of Independence. They have enjoyed learning about William Wallace and the tactics used in the Battle of

Stirling Bridge. In Spanish, the children have begun learning to use the four language skills (listening, talking, reading and writing) in sentences giving opinions about sports. Artwork has included the children working collaboratively to produce a large frieze on Spring. In technologies lessons, the children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe online, including some of the online issues they might encounter and who they might talk to if they do come across an issue. In PE they have continued to improve their climbing skills through a variety of climbing games and activities, they have also been improving their badminton skills and are beginning to learn the rules of doubles games.

Collaborative learning

During the summer term we watched a Newsround episode where someone was making blankets out of crisp packets to give to homeless people in their area. We were very interested in the process and decided to start collecting crisp packets in school to see if we could recycle them to make blankets. In just 3 terms we have collected enough crisp packets to make 3 or 4 blankets with approximately 50 packets per blanket. We worked together to wash and prepare the bags, then Jason and Mrs Bews began ironing them together to make blankets and ironed on a layer of thin plastic packaging material. We are now exploring ways we could use these in school, instead of buying plastic sheeting for projects we will now use crisp packet blankets. If you can think of any uses please let us know.

Library Committee

On Thursday 2nd March, the Library Committee are leading work for World Book Day. Everyone is invited to dress up as a character or author and we will be doing lots of book themed activities.

Sports Committee

Hopefully by the next issue of the Shapinsay Sound we will be able to give you details of how you can access our Community Sports Box and events we will be running as part of an Active Shapinsay week. However in the meantime we are still on the lookout for people who would be willing to offer their time to help us run some clubs for the school bairns, as requested in the last Shapinsay Sound and anyone who would like to join our committee to help us promote sport within the school and community.

HAND SEWN PATCHWORK

Saturday 4th & 18th March
2pm, Clubrooms

Come along to one or both workshops to
hand sew a patchwork chick for Easter

Booking recommended so
we have materials ready

events@shapinsay.org.uk
01856 711 733

Aimed at Youth & Adults
(12-17 year olds to be
accompanied by an adult)



Scottish
Book Trust
inspiring readers and writers



Bookbug Sessions

Free **story**, **song** and **rhyme** sessions for babies,
toddlers, pre-school children and their families

Wednesday 1st March
1pm (Music Room)

Refreshments available at Piece Place
Soup & sandwiches 12:30pm
Homebaking till 4pm

Everyone is welcome!

To find details of your nearest Bookbug
Session, download our free app or visit

scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug



DARN GOOD YARN

Saturday 4th & 18th March, 2-4pm
Clubrooms

Bring along your own knitting, crochet, sewing or other needlecraft project.
Ask for help and offer to help others. Stitch a yarn and have a yarn.

Aimed at Youth & Adults (12-17 year olds to be accompanied by an adult)

Island Car Available
Book via cars@shapinsay.org.uk
or call/text 07798570439



Shapinsay's
Winter Weekends

Lunch Club

Dates for your diary

March 8th

March 22nd



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Winter Weekdays

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Kids Team Sports
3pm - 4:15pm (Hall)

Youth & Adult Team Sports
7-8:30pm (Hall)



All unders 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will remain with them throughout the sports session.

Remember you can book the island car to bring you down
and/or take you home!
Book by 12 noon via cars@shapinsay.org.uk or 07798570439



For further information please email events@shapinsay.org.uk
or call 01856 711 733

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Family Friendly Film

Sunday 12th March 2023

3:30pm in The Kirk

Popcorn, hot & cold drinks provided



These film screenings are open to all ages, but will be specially selected to be suitable for children (U certificate)

Email us if you have a film suggestion and we will check if it can be shown on this licence

Unders 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will remain with them throughout the film

Transport available (book the Island Car by Friday afternoon)

For further information please email events@shapinsay.org.uk
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Monday Afternoon Film

Monday 13th March 2023

2pm in The Kirk


Popcorn, hot & cold drinks provided



Let us know if you have a film suggestion and we will check if it can be shown on this licence

Transport available (book the Island Car in advance)

For further information please email events@shapinsay.org.uk
or call 01856 711 733



ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

Sunday 5th March, 2pm

(CLUB ROOMS)

Please let us know if you are coming so we have supplies ready!

events@shapinsay.org.uk

Island Car Available
if booked by Friday morning
cars@shapinsay.org.uk
or call/text 07798570439



FELTING WORKSHOP (MUSIC ROOM)

Monday 13th March 7pm

Aimed at Youth & Adults (12-17 year olds to be accompanied by an adult)

All materials provided & no prior experience necessary

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CURLING & CARDS

Clubrooms, 2pm

Tuesday 14th March

All Welcome
Refreshments Provided

Transport Available
Please book the Island Car the day before
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EASTER CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

Clubrooms

Monday 6th March
2-4pm & 7-9pm

Come along to make an Easter Wreath and/or
decorate eggs that last!



Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult

Transport Available
Please book the Island Car in advance
cars@shapinsay.org.uk
or call/text 07798570439

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING

Tuesday 7th March, 2pm & 7pm

(CLUBROOMS)



Island Car Available
cars@shapinsay.org.uk
or call/text 07798570439

Come along for a few hours watercolour painting - try it for the first time or share your tips with others. Materials supplied.

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Thursday 2nd March Shapinsay's 
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SKITTLES & QUIZ

2pm, Clubrooms

SKITTLES & BOARD GAMES

7pm, Clubrooms

All Welcome

(under 18s accompanied
by an adult)



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SHAPINSAY
DEVELOPMENT
TRUST

An opportunity has arisen for the post of an Admin assistant at the Shapinsay Development Trust for 10 hours per week.

This post will involve, but is not limited to:
Hiring out ebikes, taking bookings, speaking with visitors, doing record keeping, and finances relating to the ebikes.
Updating health and safety policies
Updating the Shapinsay website.
Working on the Shapinsay Sound.
Basic book keeping
Other general administrative duties.

Please email for full job description and specifications.

If you are interested in this post or want to find out more about it you can either apply in writing to Lisa-Marie Muir, The Boathouse, Shapinsay or by email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

If you apply for this post you will need to demonstrate in your application how your experience matches what we are asking for in the Personal Specification.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:
Monday 13thth of March**



SHAPINSAY
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The time has come to look for Staff for the Smithy. We are looking for someone for the post of Manager/cook Café/Restaurant, full time or job share.

This post will involve, but is not limited to:

- Creating menus,
- Electronic stock control,
- Budgets,
- Managing staff,
- Ongoing business development
- Marketing,
- Cooking – basics such as soups, paninis, cakes, toasties at a minimum.

Working hours are likely to be irregular and may be more in summer months than in winter. It is not essential that you live in Shapinsay to fulfil this role as the boat allows commuting.

Salary will depend on experience

If you are interested in this post or want to find out more, contact Lisa-Marie Muir, The Boathouse, Shapinsay or by email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk for the full job description and personal specification.

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SHAPINSAY
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Shapinsay Development Trust – Wait/bar staff/kitchen assistants

At the Smithy Café/restaurant have several casual positions available that would suit age 14+

These posts include:

- Waiting staff
- Bar staff (age 18+)
- Kitchen assistants/part time cooks

Working hours are likely to be irregular and may be more in summer months than in winter. Experience is not necessary as training will be given. Hygiene certificates required, but this can be organised once roles have been appointed. Salary will depend on experience

If you are interested in these posts or want to find out more, contact Lisa-Marie Muir, The Boathouse, Shapinsay or by email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk for the full job description and personal specification.

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Air Ambulance Re-procurement Consultation – Last Call for Feedback!

The Scottish Ambulance Service's air ambulance operation mainly transfers patients to and from hospital from remote, rural and island communities. This includes providing air ambulance services to support ScotSTAR retrieval teams.

The aircraft used by the Air Ambulance Service are provided as part of a managed contract which is due to expire. As part of the contract review process, SAS launched a consultation and engagement exercise last year to gather feedback on this important service before air ambulance arrangements are renewed.

SAS is now in the final feedback stage of the consultation and engagement process and is encouraging anyone with views on its Air Ambulance Service to get in touch if they haven't done so already. To contribute to the consultation, please email sas.airamb@nhs.scot by 17 March. A consultation and engagement report outlining progress so far is available at: <https://www.scottishambulance.com/media/a1sdgu3g/airambulancfinal.pdf>

