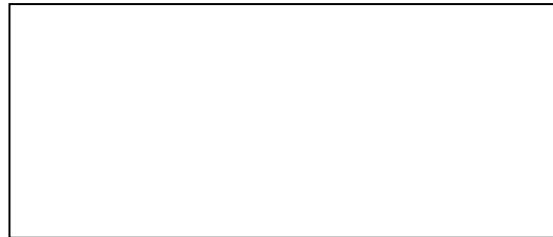




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Shapinsay Development Trust News

Smithy – Work is progressing really well and we are really excited to open! We had hoped to be open early May, but we are going to have to push back by 2 weeks due to some changes we've made to make it better when it does open. This gives us more time to get the staff ready for opening too, so although slightly disappointing, it means we should be able to hit the ground running on opening day!

Balfour Cottages – We took ownership of Balfour cottage on the 28th of February, we'd like to thank Jan for allowing us the opportunity to purchase her home and wish her all the best for the future. We hope that it will be a huge asset to the island. We have plans drawn up almost ready to go to planning next month. (see page 4)

Youth – Funding for the Youth Club project comes to an end in June. We are looking into funding for youth provision for the island and would love your feedback as to what that should look like. Huge thank you to NILPS for funding the project up to this point and to Leanne and Jan C for running the current youth club. **We now need to set up a Youth Sub-group to be able to apply for future funding, if you are age 8-24 and would like to help shape the future of youth provision on Shapinsay, get in touch.**

Transport – Out of Hours Boat - Harvey is taking some time out from April onwards, so Northerly Marine will be stepping into the breach. This will mean running a reduced timetable for a period of time, please bear with us during this period and we appreciate your patience once more

Cars – If anyone would like to use the electric car, please get in touch with Eileen on 07798570439 this service is subsidised by the trust, so it can be offered for free to islanders, however donations towards running costs are always appreciated

Ebikes – Our initial trial period for electric bike hire has now ended and there will be a price increase. The bikes will no longer be free for islanders in the Summer period.

For more information on Boat/Cars/bikes, please check the website: [Shapinsay.org.uk/transport](https://shapinsay.org.uk/transport)

Warm Hub - The Warmhub/Winter activities are now over as the funding ended on the 14th of March. Huge thank you to Esther, Chris and Ella for running these activities over the winter, they had to hit the ground running as our funding period was so short and I think you will all agree, they did a great job! Thank you to everyone who gave feedback at the end of the project, this is vital to know what worked, what maybe wasn't so good and what you might like to see continue now the funding has ended. Esther created a summary; you can find it on page 4. A detailed report created for the funders is available on request.

If anyone would like to see any of these activities continue and would like to volunteer their time as keyholder to run craft activities/Bowling/Skittles etc, please get in touch.

Thank you to everyone that came along to events and activities over the winter and all those that volunteered to teach or demonstrate different skills as well as help with the practicalities of running community events.

Esther, Chris & Ella

Shapinsay Marina

If anyone is interested in helping to set up a Shapinsay Marina group to see if there is a possibility setting up some floating pontoons at the pier, please get in touch. I believe there was a group set up previously that made some headway, but this was ultimately halted for various reasons. Orkney Marinas would be happy to help get this underway again, but a Shapinsay Marina volunteer group needs to be set up to do so. SDT are happy to help facilitate this, but a group needs to be formed. (Lisa-Marie)

Active Movers

Wednesdays 12th, 19th & 26th April in
the community centre

9:30 - 10:15am

Please wear comfy clothing and suitable footwear.

what is an active movers class?

The class is live streamed from the Harray hall to the big screen in Shapinsay, (we see the instructor but she doesn't see us) by a qualified instructor and entails gentle exercises, some of which are chair based and sometimes uses stretch bands and pilates balls both of which are provided. It is good fun and all inclusive.

Free to attend.

any queries to Alison 07867622814



**Shapinsay
Horticultural show
will take place
on August 19th
2023**



**Come along to the community centre -
Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th April
drop in between 2-4pm**

**Available will be curling or try our new all
inclusive bowls, craft materials, play a board
game or cards or just enjoy others company and
have a cuppa and a blether. All welcome to
attend**



Refreshments provided.

Free to attend.

any queries to Alison 07867622814



Easter Monday

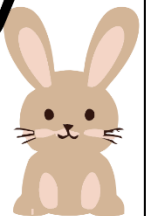
Play Piece

**come along for fun in the
community centre**

Monday 10th April

2-4pm

**Children under 12 years
please bring an adult.**



snacks

games

crafts



I am organising a 50:50 Sale at the Orkney Auction Mart in April for The Archie Foundation (see poster below for details) there will also be a raffle over the weekend with all profits from it going to The Balfour Maternity Unit.

If you are having a clear out and fancy making a few pennies please get in touch. 50% of the money goes to The Archie Foundation & 50% back to you. I will allocate you with a number on registration, this may be a good opportunity for any Clubs wanting to fundraise as you can all use the same number for your club. There will also be space available for anyone wanting to have a Craft Table over these days. Any questions feel free to contact me. Thanks Gemma

50/50 SALE

At the Orkney Auction Mart

April

Friday 14th : 10am – 7pm

Saturday 15th : 10am – 5pm

Sunday 16th : 11.30am – 3.30pm

If you are having a clear out & fancy making a few pennies get in touch!

To raise funds towards



Craft Table
Space
Available

The raffle over these days will go towards the Balfour Maternity Unit

For more information
Please contact Gemma Leslie
On Messenger or 07776010225

Health walks

Tuesdays 2pm (no walk 4th April sorry) come and join us for a walk up to one hour on the island. Please meet at the Boathouse

All welcome. Please wear appropriate clothing and suitable footwear.

Any queries to Alison 07867 622 814



Shapinsay Community Council News

The new portacabin arrived and a ramp has been constructed to enable better access for all to use the portacabin as a waiting room for the ferry.

Unfortunately there have been delays with the arrival of the new bike shelter for the pier - but it is on its way!

Recipients of the road aggregate subsidy scheme will be announced after the Community Council meeting on 30th March.

We are looking for two more people to join Shapinsay Community Council. Please do contact us if you are interested in finding out more about what Community Councillors do or would like to put yourself forward to represent the community.



If you have any queries or concerns that you would like to discuss with a Community Councillor please do contact Leanne Bews (Chair & Health Rep), 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



To receive Community Council updates via Facebook - search 'Shapinsay Community Council' then like and follow to keep updated on news and consultations.

Warm hub summary report

Key Outcomes

15 weeks of Winter Weekdays & Winter Weekends Programme

75 new activities & events organised

Community Centre & Shapinsay Kirk open >200 additional hours

3 new part-time, fixed term, jobs created for Shapinsay residents

Additional hours for one existing part-time employee

Community members volunteered (lead/teach activities; help clear up)

Shapinsay's
Winter Weekdays

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Two thirds of the activities/events held in Shapinsay Community Centre over the winter period were organised specially by our team or in collaboration with other island groups.

The Winter Programme

617 total attendance at 75 activities & events we specially organised over the winter

The best attended individual event was a Valentine's Day Lunch with Treasure Hunt & Lego Club (31 people)

Average attendance 8.2 people

40% of attendees under 18 years
48% of attendees aged 18-64 years
12% of attendees 65 years +

Collaborative Events

35 events organised collaboratively with other groups

554 attendance at collaborative events

Best attended collaborative event was Piece Place on 21/12/22 with 107 people (coincided with the School Christmas Assembly)

Average attendance 15.8 people

25% of attendees under 18 years
50% of attendees aged 18-64 years
25% of attendees 65 years +

School Pupil Feedback ★★★★★

During a recent School Assembly we asked pupils to give us feedback on the winter programme:

The Bouncy Castle was very enjoyable and memorable: 11 of the 12 pupils that went ranked it in their top three favourite winter activities

Piece Place and the Valentine's Day Treasure Hunt were the next most common responses in the pupil's top three favourite activities/events

The children gave us a long list of suggested activities that they would like to have after school or during the holidays in the future - please do contact us to find out more, especially if you would like to be involved in setting up some of these!

Community Feedback

70.6% of respondents said we provided an excellent service over the winter

Nobody rated the service we provided as poor

82.4% of people said they felt very welcome when they came to Winter Weekday or Winter Weekend events

Nobody responded that they felt 'not welcome' at our events

'A place to meet friends' was the most common thing people considered they benefitted from (70.6% respondents)

All of this would not have been possible without a £10k Community Led Local Development Grant via Orkney Islands Council and £1,096.55 of match funding from SDT.

A detailed report of the Winter Weekdays and Winter Weekends Programme is available upon request from SDT

Balfour Cottage Aspirational drawings

(Different window options shown)



Shapinsay School April 2023

Nursery: We have been thinking about different letter sounds and making displays of objects beginning with the letter. We started with 'P' and have moved on to 'G'.

We have really enjoyed the opportunity to play in the snow, making snowmen and snowballs. We also took a bucketful of snow inside to see what happens when it gets warm.

P1 – 4: have been continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt. Jason has helped to make a fabulous tomb for us in the classroom, complete with a sarcophagus. We also experimented with fruit and salt, in order to find out why the Ancient Egyptians used salt as part of the mummification process. We turned ourselves into pharaohs in art, complete with ornate pasta neck collars. The children wrote non-chronological reports about the River Nile. P3 children each created a powerpoint and gave a talk to the rest of the class



about an aspect of Ancient Egyptian life.

We visited Maes Howe and Skara Brae to compare life and death in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Orkney.

P5-7: The children have been working on their entries for a competition called '*If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Do?*' This has involved:

- finding out about the different engineering disciplines
- learning about the engineering design process
- interviewing engineers online about to find out about their careers and what they do
- evaluating items from school and home against a range of criteria (function, safety, aesthetics, ergonomics, durability, cost, materials and environment)
- devising their own problems to solve drawing possible solutions and annotating their designs
- writing persuasive letters to engineers (explaining what their ideas is, what problem it would solve and why their invention should be built as a prototype).

Comic Relief

Pupil Council organised our Comic Relief fundraising activities. We invited everyone to come to school in silly or funny outfits, took part in the dance sweepstake and created a change snake. Thank you to everyone who donated their loose change for this - altogether, we raised £126.32!



Music

We have been learning to sing rounds and also to play London's Burning as a 4 part round. The children are doing really well at playing together. Children from Papdale and Glaitness schools came to join us for a morning of strings. The children who are learning strings got an opportunity to play as part of a much larger group, and the rest of the children enjoyed listening. We don't think we've ever seen so many children in our school hall!



World Book Day

The Library Committee did a super job of organising our World Book Day activities. We had lots of interesting characters in school, and the children enjoyed choosing



some new books to enjoy at home. Sheila Garson came in to talk to the children about her Shapinsay book, and the children came

up with some great questions.

Shapinsay Kirk News



Dear Friends,

Easter is upon us! You're therefore all invited to the Holy Week services:

- Maundy Thursday communion service led by Rev Julia Meason on the 6th of April at 7 pm
- Good Friday service led by Rev Julia Meason on the 7th of April at 7 pm
- Easter service led by Rev Roy Cordukes on the 9th of April at 12 noon.

Throughout winter, when one of our heaters in the main worship space broke down, we gathered in the meeting room for worship every Sunday. With better weather, we're returning to the main worship space from Easter Sunday the 9th of April.

In other developments, last year we bought a new organ and a wide screen. Also, we have recently installed broadband at the church which will enable us to worship and meet with other churches across Orkney Mainland, other islands and beyond. We're looking forward to what this new opportunity will bring.

We also have some long-term projects on the cards, the first of them is installation of solar panels. We received quotes and have decided to go ahead. We will now apply for planning permission and, if granted, we will seek to install them on the ground beside the car park which has been lying fallow for over a century! Depending on the space which is left after this has been done, we hope to install a few benches there too for folk to sit and enjoy the sunshine (or clouds or rain or snow or whatever God gives us each day!).

Every blessing and see you soon!

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

Are you between Ages 8&24?

Do you want to influence what decisions are made for young folk on Shapinsay?

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We need to hear from you!

Join our youth Sub-group and have your say.

**Contact
boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk**

Future funding of Youth provision on Shapinsay must be youth led (funders want to see youths involved in every stage including deciding what happens next and implementation of a project) so we need youths involved to make anything happen. We are really keen to see young folk shape the future, please get in touch with us at boathouse@Shapinsay.org.uk

SHAC AGM WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 16TH APRIL FROM 2PM IN THE CLUBROOMS.

Please do come for a sneaky peak of the plans for your Heritage Centre, mere weeks before we reopen. We have been closed for three years due to covid (and the renovations) so as the momentous big day approaches, we would be very grateful to see anyone who fancies volunteering at the heritage centre through this coming summer season. Anyone with an interest in the heritage centre is very welcome.

Teas, coffees and home bakes will also make an appearance.

Shapinsay Recycling/Bin collections April/May

05/04/2023 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

12/04/2023 - Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

19/04/2023 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

26/04/2023 - Please present a bin/container with glass in one, plastic bottles in the other

03/05/2023 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

10/05/2023 - Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

17/05/2023 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

24/05/2023 - Please present a bin/container with glass in one, plastic bottles in the other

31/05/2023 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

SHAC - JOB OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity has arisen for the post of a Heritage Administration Coordinator at the Shapinsay heritage centre. This is a part time post for two days a week from May to October.

This post will involve, but is not limited to:

- Engaging with the community
- Helping with setting up the heritage display.
- Reception desk duties at the Heritage centre
- Assisting visitors with the use of IT equipment
- Assisting our volunteers with the use of IT equipment
- Updating our website and posting out orders

Desirable skills:- good communication skills

- basic IT skills
- local knowledge
- interest in heritage

If you are interested in this post contact Lenka Mellor, the chair of Shapinsay

**Heritage Arts and Crafts, Haughland, Shapinsay,
email: cheerpa@centrum.cz.**

Closing date for applications 14th April.



