

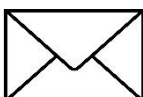
Shapinsay Community Council News

The **new bicycle shelter** has been installed in the **pier car park**. Please do make use of it to store your bicycle under cover if you cycle to the ferry and do not want to take it on the ferry with you.



We hope that you like the new **Christmas lights** lining the village. We are grateful to E Frasers for fitting these so promptly, ensuring that they were switched on in time for the festive season.

We have had a **response from Scottish Sea Farms** following their consultation even in October, a copy will be posted to our Facebook page. You can also contact any member of the Community Council who will be happy to forward the report to you.



Tenders are invited for grass cutting at the Shapinsay Kirkyard, Burroughston Broch and the amenity areas. Interested parties should contact Democratic Services, Orkney Islands Council to request a copy of the tender documents; email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk or phone 01856873535ext 2264

Orkney Islands Council are running a **consultation** on their proposed **Local Transport Strategy**. Please do make time to take a look and respond on the areas that matter most to you. **Themes include** decarbonisation, active travel, public and community transport, **inter-isles connectivity**, roads and parking, harbour infrastructure, external ferry services and external aviation services. See <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/News?postid=8496> to take part.

Shapinsay Community Council still has a **vacancy for a Clerk**. For further contact please contact Democratic Services 01856873535 ext2264 or email jenny.mcgrath@orkney.gov.uk



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Shapinsay Community Council

Members: At our last meeting it was agreed that Leanne Bews would continue in her role as Chair & Health Rep, Colin Leslie continues as Vice-Chair & Planning Rep and Darren Muir will remain as Transport Rep. Val More agreed to become the SDT Rep. Esther Chaney, Jean Noble and Eileen Phillips remain Community Council Members.

Our **Next meeting** will be held on **Thursday the 15th of February, 6.45pm**

(Clubrooms). If there is anything you would like us to discuss at the meeting, including travel grant requests, please **submit correspondence BEFORE 5pm, Monday 5th February** to Shapinsayclerk@gmail.com



Shapinsay over 50's Lunch Club will start again on Wednesday **10th of January** in the club rooms.

Wednesday the **24th January** members will celebrate Burns night in the club rooms.

Wednesday **14th February** is the first of our February dates.

Further information will be posted on Shapinsay Residents page nearer the time.



Anyone thinking of joining the Lunch club in the new-year please get in touch with us.

Shapinsay over 50's Lunch Club would like to take this opportunity to wish all its members a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We would like to say a special thank you to all the individuals and teams behind the scenes that help keep the club going each year.
Valerie and her team in the school kitchen for providing a range of meals and being so flexible to our needs.

Eileen and the relief drivers for transporting individuals to and from the club ensuring they get safely each way.
All the speakers that have been across this past year.

Nadia in the SDT office for getting our memos in the Shapinsay Sound.

The Smithy for providing our members with 2 meals during the Summer months.

Our thanks to Jason, Ian and the caretaking staff for keeping us warm.

Shapinsay music group for playing at Christmas and Burns.

All the committee who volunteer their time throughout the year.... unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to ensure we provide a good experience for all.

Apologies if I've missed anyone out.

Happy Christmas and New Year one and all.



DARN GOOD YARN

In the Heritage Centre 13th and 27th of January

Shapinsay School January 2024

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Laura at the end of this term. Laura has been working with us in the Nursery for several years now and will be very much missed. We wish her all the best as she starts her new post at Glaitness Nursery after the holidays.



We have had a busy end of term as ever. The P7 children lit the Christmas tree on 1st December, and then all the children sang some songs.

Parent Council had a very busy fundraising weekend with Bingo and the Winter Fayre over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December, and we are very grateful for all the support that Parent Council give to the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising events.

On Wednesday 13th December we enjoyed Christmas Lunch with the Lunch Club. Many thanks to Val and her team for such a delicious lunch! Afterwards the children sang to the Lunch Club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at the school!

Shapinsay Development Trust News

We are delighted to announce that we were awarded a SLF grant towards the purchase & project management of Rullinvoe, we hope to take ownership early January.

We are taking a break over Christmas and New year, closing the boathouse on the 22nd to the 8th January.

The car service will continue to run the 27th-29th December and then back to normal on the 3rd of January.

The boat service will take a break on Christmas day, boxing day, the 1st and the 2nd of January.





Our next event will be 'The Garden In Winter' on Wednesday **17th January** at 7pm in the Clubrooms.

We will talk about which tasks can be carried out during the winter months and look at plants that can provide interest or colour during what can be a dull time of year.

There will also be a Seed Table. This is an opportunity to bring along any spare flower or vegetable seed left over from last season or any that you have saved from your own garden that you would like to share with others or swap for something else. If you don't have seeds to bring you can still take some home for a small donation. This is a chance to try growing something different that you've never tried before. If you're not sure what things are or how to grow them there will be the opportunity to talk to other gardeners who can offer advice.

Refreshments will be available and also a seed-themed raffle.

All Welcome.

We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will have a good growing year in 2024.



Dear Shapinsay Community,

In the spirit of transparency and understanding for all, we are excited to share a community-wide update about our Men's Shed initiative! Here's the latest:

Survey Results + Feedback:

- 16 survey responses received.
- Over 50 Facebook comments.
- 100% overall interest in Men's Shed.
- 50% prefer weekly meetups on Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Ideal times: Afternoons and Evenings.
- Suggested activities: woodworking, metalworking, educational workshops, social events, beach cleanups, cooking classes, and more.


Discovery Phase Highlights:

- Alison, our wellbeing coordinator, led a visit to Stromness Men's Shed with eight community members and Mark from VAO.
- Coordinated by Andy and Morgan, the experience included a comprehensive tour and valuable insights. Morgan emphasizes the crucial role of the communal space.
- Morgan Marcus, Co-Founder of Men's Shed in Stromness, shared, "The Men's Shed gives me a reason to wake up every Tuesday and Thursday morning."



Purpose Reminder:

- The Men's Shed concept fosters camaraderie and shared activities among men, enhancing human wellbeing.
- It provides a communal space for connection, skill-sharing, and engaging in meaningful projects.
- Numerous success stories globally showcase improved mental health, increased social connections, and a sense of purpose.

 **Save the Date (Open to All Interested Males!):**
Our first Men's Shed meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th, 7-8 pm in the Clubrooms.
Join the discussion to learn more, ask questions, and share ideas—no commitment required!

How to Connect:

For your questions or comments, email Alison McDougall at wellbeing@shapinsay.org.uk. Alison will continue as the facilitator, working behind the scenes and running the upcoming meeting.

