

Shapinsay Development Trust update

Visit from Rousay, Egilsay Wyre Development Trust

Last week, we were delighted to host a visit from the Rousay, Egilsay, and Wyre Development Trust. They came over to the Smithy for a meal in honour of Stuart, their Community Development Officer, who is leaving them this month. During their visit, they toured our various projects and explored the island. By the time they left, they were "buzzing"! For me these exchanges are brilliant as when I first started this job during covid, everything was done on Teams or zoom, it's great to see that people are more than just a head and shoulders!

Rulinvoe Progress - The Rulinvoe project is moving ahead at full steam. The underfloor heating and heat recovery system are now installed, the walls are insulated and plaster boarded, and the painters have completed the first fix. The kitchen and doors are ready to be fitted, and we aim to finish around mid-August. We have submitted an amendment to the planning department to remove the porch, which turned out to be more costly to repair than anticipated. Depending on how quickly this amendment is processed, there may be a slight delay to the final touches.



Transport Knowledge Exchange - We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded funding for an "Expert of Community Practice" for transport. This will involve participating in a knowledge exchange with other community groups in Shetland and Orkney. Lisa-Marie will take on this role for the next 18 months, which means we are now looking for an assistant manager to support operations at the Boathouse. The job is advertised in the Orcadian, on Shapinsay.org.uk, and the MyJobScotland website and on Facebook.

The Smithy Café - We continue to refine operations at the Smithy. To create efficiencies and ease pressure on our kitchen staff, we have decided to cut down our lunch menu during the week. From Monday to Thursday, there will be a reduced menu featuring soup, sandwiches, toasties, and cakes. We will add an additional "bar menu" on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, with takeaways on Friday nights. This decision aims to maintain quality and value while making the work more manageable for our staff.

We are also considering extending our weekend hours for a trial period to see if customers would be interested in bar meals in the early evening. This can only happen if we have staff availability over the summer, so keep an eye out on our Smithy Facebook page to see if this does go ahead.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we strive to make these improvements for the benefit of our community. We welcome your feedback.





Charity Shop Update

Great news! The charity shop, Cast Affs, officially will open its doors on the 4th of July!

Most of you will remember the pop-up pilot project that the wellbeing project ran in response to covid restrictions, you will also remember that due to its success, the 8 week pilot ran for a year! It has been our mission since then to find a way to re-open it!

Thank you to Highlands and Islands Enterprise, OIC Community Development Fund, Community Led Learning and Development and the Scottish Sea Farms Heart of the Community Fund, we have been able to purchase and fit out a portacabin to be our charity shop at the Boathouse.

Here is some information on how Cast Affs will operate:

Sally Wootton, who kindly stepped up to manage the shop, will be present most times it's open. She will assist groups and volunteers with displaying goods, selling them, and handling finances.

In the interest of moving the decision making and day to day away from board responsibility, we formed a working group, including Lisa-Marie, Alison Meason, Gemma Leslie, and Sally Wootton, to decide on the shop's financial operations.

In the interest of keeping Cast Affs as a fully sustainable model that can continue to cover its own overheads without trust intervention, the decision was made to work it in a similar way to the Westray Development Trust Bargain Box, 50% of all proceeds will go directly to the community group running the shop that week. The remaining 50% will be retained by the trust, covering all expenses, with any surplus divided among participating groups.

Community groups can run small raffles and sell baking

from Cast Affs, with 100% of those takings going directly to the community groups involved.

If any Shapinsay-based groups want to get involved, please contact Sally or Lisa-Marie. You can visit us when we are open through the week, or you can call 711733, or email castaffs@shapinsay.org.uk. We also welcome volunteers outside of these groups to support us when needed.

We are now accepting donations. If you would prefer to hold on to your goods till your group is in Cast Affs, that's just fine!

On the next page you will see guidelines for donating your goods.



Would you like an opportunity to raise funds for your group?
email castaffs@shapinsay.org.uk to find out more.



Charity Shop Donation Rules

To ensure that we can make the best use of your items and maintain a safe and pleasant environment for all, please follow these guidelines when making donations:

Acceptable Donations:

1. Clothing and Accessories:

- Clean and wearable adult and children's clothing.
- Shoes in good condition.
- Handbags, belts, scarves, and hats.

2. Household Items:

- Small kitchen appliances in good, clean working order.
- Cookware, utensils, and dishes.
- Linens, bedding, and towels in good condition.

3. Books and Media:

- Books, DVDs, and CDs in good condition.
- Board games and puzzles with all pieces.

4. Toys and Games:

- Clean, undamaged toys and games.
- Stuffed animals in good condition.

5. Electronics:

- Small modern electronic devices in good working condition.
- (we reserve the right to refuse)

6. Furniture:

- Small, clean, and undamaged furniture items.
- Please contact us before donating large items to ensure we have space.

Unacceptable Donations:

1. Damaged or Soiled Items:

- worn underwear or swimwear without a hygiene strip
- real fur or fur trimmed items
- Torn, stained, or heavily worn clothing.
- Broken, damaged, or incomplete items.

- home recorded DVDs, video and audio tapes
- home recorded computer games and software on recordable CDs and DVDs
- home printers unless brand new and boxed with ink supplies.

2. Large Appliances:

- Refrigerators, washing machines, ovens, etc. (if you have items in good condition you would like to donate, get in touch, we may be able to match the item with someone who needs it.

3. Hazardous Materials:

- Paint, chemicals, and cleaning products.
- Flammable or toxic items.
- cigarette lighters, cigarette lighter refill canisters and ashtrays
- cleaning agents, solvents, adhesives
- cosmetics and toiletries unless sealed with ingredients listed
- flammable items such as firelighters, barbeque lighting tools
- fireworks (soak in water, bag and bin them)
- guns and ammunition
- petrol or diesel fuelled DIY and garden tools
- perishable goods such as food and drink (if sealed, and in date we can take it for the community larder)
- pointed items with potential for harm such as kitchen knives, blades, daggers and swords
- poisonous, toxic or hazardous substances including paint
- vaping products

4. Due to legal, health and safety reasons, we cannot accept:

- Used medical supplies or equipment.
- Prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs.

5. Mattresses Furniture and Upholstered Furniture:

- Due to health and safety regulations, we cannot accept mattresses or large upholstered furniture.
- furniture painted with lead paint
- used pillows, duvets and quilts
- upholstered items without fire safety labels
- items in poor condition
- cushions, cushion covers and tailored upholstery covers (unless with fire labels)

6. Perishable Items:

- Food, beverages, or any items with expiration dates. (if still sealed we may be able to use these at the community larder so please ask)
- **Due to legal reasons, and these items being undesirable, we cannot accept:**
- items made from ivory
- real fur or fur trimmed items

We also cannot accept:

- personal appliances such as electric shavers or foot spas, unless new and in sealed box
- prescription spectacles
- weapons including swords, sword sticks, crossbows and realistic toy weapons
- poisonous, toxic or hazardous substances including paint
- vaping products

Donation Drop-Off:

Donations can be dropped off at our charity shop located at the Boathouse

- Hours: We accept donations during our regular business hours: Thursday 2-4pm.

Saturday 2-4pm or at the Boathouse Monday to Thursday mornings – please call ahead to ensure someone will be there to receive your goods.

Special Requests:

Large Donations: For large quantities or bulky items, please call ahead to ensure we have the capacity to accept your donation.

If you have any questions about what we can accept, please call us at 01856711733 or email castaffs@shapinsay.org.uk

Thank you for your generosity and support! Your donations help us to make a positive impact in our community.

Job Vacancy



Assistant Manager at Shapinsay Development Trust 25hrs/wk @ £16/hr

We are seeking a dedicated and versatile Assistant Manager to Shapinsay Development Trust daily operations including the Community Café, social media, website, community newsletter, charity shop and other daily tasks.

Email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk for a copy of the full job description, then email a copy of your CV and a covering letter to the above email address. Closing date 8th July

Refuse collections

03/07/2024 – Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

10/07/2024 – Black/grey bins, no recycling

17/07/2024 – Please present a bin/container with glass in one and plastic bottles in the other

24/07/2024 – Black/grey bins, no recycling

31/07/2024 – Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

07/08/2024- Black/grey bins, no recycling

14/08/2024 – Please present a bin/container with glass in one and plastic bottles in the other

21/08/2024 – Black/grey bins, no recycling

28/08/2024 – Please present a bin or container with paper/thin card in one and metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

Community Council News

Do you want to become a member?

We have a **vacancy for one person to join Shapinsay Community Council**. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to one of the current members or email: communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk.

The election will take place at the start of our next meeting (22nd August, 6:45pm).

Orkney Ferries – New Booking System

Orkney Ferries are due to launch a **new booking system** in July, which will enable people to make bookings for 30th September onwards (winter timetable). Bookings for travel on this year's summer sailings will continue to be taken via the current booking system. There will therefore be **two booking options on their website during the transition period**.

Community Council Members have been **advocating for islander discounts** so that all residents can benefit from reduced fares, not just those who buy books of 50 tickets. We have been told the new booking system has the potential for this to be implemented, although Orkney Ferries have not committed to implementing it. We will continue to raise this request with Orkney Ferries.

Orkney Ferries – Sundays

Orkney Ferries office on Shore Street is now **open on Sundays, 9am-3pm for telephone calls and 9am-12noon for walk-in customers**.

Aggregate Scheme

For details of this year's **aggregate scheme** please contact Democratic Services. **Names to be submitted by 12th August**, for consideration at our next meeting.

Grant Funding

Please remember that individuals and constituted community organisations applying for small grants should **submit their requests on the application form by 12th August**. This allows all documents to be collated and circulated to members in advance of the meeting. **Contact Democratic Services for application forms**.

Correspondence Deadline

If there is anything you would like us to discuss at our next meeting, including grant applications (to be made on the new form), please **contact the interim clerk BEFORE 5pm, Monday 12th August**.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd August, 6:45pm (Clubrooms)**. This will be a public meeting to elect a new member.

Members

Leanne Bews (Chair & Health Rep), Esther Chaney, Colin Leslie (Vice-Chair & Planning Rep), Darren Muir (Transport Rep), Jean Noble and Eileen Philips.

Contact Details

You can contact Democratic Services via email communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk or call 01856 873535 extension 2264 or 2237. You can also email the interim clerk via shapinsayclerk@gmail.com



Thank You!

- To everyone that helped with the Shapinsay 10k - your assistance was much appreciated.

- To the First Responders for providing medical cover.

- To all the sponsors, including Shapinsay Development Trust, Thomas Sinclair General Stores, Orkney Isles Preserves and The Smithy Cafe.





Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show 2024

As you will know from our last update, we are holding a purely horticultural show this year, with classes for window and greenhouse plants; cut flowers and fruit and vegetables. There is also a class for children's entries, also based on a horticultural theme. The show is to be held on **Saturday 17th August** and will be open from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the school hall with refreshments in the clubrooms. The full schedule for competitors has now been completed, printed copies being available free of charge in the village shop. A copy has also been posted on the Shapinsay Horticultural Association Facebook page and the Shapinsay Residents Facebook page.

We are also delighted to announce that we have joined forces with the Shapinsay Lifeboat Guild on the day. They will be holding their annual quilts competition on the school field during the afternoon and they will also have a merchandise stall in the hall together with our show exhibits. We will be holding a joint raffle with the proceeds shared between the two organisations which will be drawn just before the show closes at 4:00pm. Donations of raffle prizes will as always, be very welcome!

Pre-Show Judging Advice – Saturday 13th July

A number of potential exhibitors have told us in the past that they would have liked to enter the show, but didn't know how to exhibit their produce, particularly in the Fruit and Vegetables class. We are therefore pleased to announce that we have arranged with our Judge, Charlie Gray to come and give advice on how to prepare and present exhibits for show in the Fruit and Vegetables class. So, whether you have ever

thought about having a go and weren't sure how, or even if you are experienced and want to polish up your skills, please come along to the Clubrooms on **Saturday 13th July at 3:00 pm** and find out everything you need to know!

Show Organisation Meeting – Wednesday 24th July

For everyone who has agreed to help with the show (and anyone else who would like to help but couldn't attend our last meeting), we will be holding our pre-show organisational meeting on **Wednesday 24th July at 7:00 pm** in the Clubrooms. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Please contact Karen Evans (07810 262785) if you need any further information on the above.

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Mini nature update



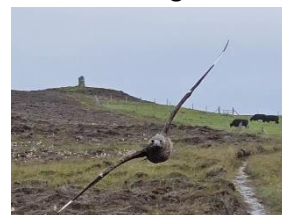
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A Hummingbird hawkmoth was spotted by Karen Evans in her garden on Shapinsay this month. Only the 3rd record for Orkney this year.

The short-eared owl continues to be spotted regularly around the island, so keep an eye out!

Paul spotted 3 great northern divers at Sanson earlier this month

Beware nesting bonxies near castle bloody, they will (I



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know from experience!) attack if you get too near, as seen in the photo taken from a video of when we got a little too close for comfort as we had no idea they were

Shapinsay School July 2024

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year, and doing all the things that the end of year brings. Our end of year assembly is on Monday 3rd July at 1.30pm, and we would love for you to come join us if you are able to. All are welcome!

We have had some exciting visitors in Nursery in the last few weeks. Claire brought in some eggs which were in the incubator, and children from Nursery to P7 watched them hatch. We now have 6 ducklings in the Nursery – who are rapidly growing!

In June the primary children went to King Street Halls to take part in a STEM day. This involved the children taking part in challenges (the P1 – 4 team were the best overall at these and won a prize) and presenting learning about STEM activities in school.

We say goodbye to Alfie, Alfie, Maisie and Magnus who will be starting at KGS in August. As is Shapinsay tradition, we had the P7 soaking. This year the P7s did some bikeability training and were met by the rest of the school, staff and parents when they returned – all ended up thoroughly soaked! We wish them all the very best for their secondary school career.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to Anita Angier, who is retiring at the end of this term. Anita has been a part of the school for a long time, and has helped many learners achieve great things. Anita's love of science in particular has inspired not only

the learners but the staff and parents as well. Anita, we will miss you hugely and we really hope that you will come back and see us from time to time in school.

Have a fabulous summer, from everyone at Shapinsay School.



P7 children well and truly soaked!



Join us for a monthly drop-in community cafe featuring afternoon snacks and a selection of beverages. Feel free to express your creativity at our open craft table. Free or by donation.

July 18, 2-4 pm, Clubrooms
in partnership with the Shapinsay Men's Group



Community Wellbeing



Shapinsay Reflective Space

In today's fast-paced world, many of us feel increasingly disconnected from ourselves, each other, and nature. To help bridge this gap, we need to support the creation of accessible community spaces in nature where people can feel safe and welcome, whether they wish to spend time alone or with others.

We encourage community groups and individuals to get involved by sharing ideas, offering help, or donating materials such as stone, plants and flowers. For instance, members of the Men's Group are interested in providing advice on using local stone for the base of the Renga platform, and some members have suggested sourcing a bench or picnic table for the space.

Thoughts or questions? Please contact wellbeing@shapinsay.org.uk, louisebarrington.art@gmail.com or megumibarrington@gmail.com

Shapinsay Men's Group

On June 20, we voted for our Chairman and appointed 5 other trustees.

Chairman: Cj Battye
Treasurer: Davey Watson
Secretary (interim): Alison McDougall
Trustees: Grahame Fish, John Phillips, William McInnes

We are heading to Westray on July 23 to visit the Westray Men's Shed and check out other community initiatives.

Scottish Sea Farms kindly donated £250 to the group.

Upcoming meetings, Clubrooms

July 4, 3-5 pm
July 11, 7-9 pm
July 18, 2-4 pm (co-hosting community cafe)
July 25, 7-9 pm

Donations + Volunteers

On Saturday, June 22, the Island Wellbeing Project collected £200 in donations. We are grateful to the Orkney Running Club, Joel, and Esther for their collaboration, and to the generous participants of the Shapinsay 10k run. Our events wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers. Special thanks to Gillian Morrison, Billy & Mandy McInnes, Margaret Eunson, and Alison McDougall for providing a beautiful bakery that received many compliments. We also appreciate our setup and onsite volunteers: Jean Noble, Ian Eunson, Freda Mowat, David Mowat, Christine Perry, and Lenka Melon.

Wellbeing Walks

We hosted our first Wellbeing Walk on Saturday, June 22, during the Shapinsay 10km run. Visitors and residents enjoyed a short walk around Balfour Mains.

Starting July 2, Alison will host walks every Tuesday at 2 pm.

Next walk: Tuesday, July 2 at 2 pm
Meeting point: Community Centre

If you'd like to join the walking group please let Alison know in person, by text/call or email.

If you have thoughts or questions about anything discussed here or ideas? Email (Alison) wellbeing@shapinsay.org.uk | 07867 622814