

Shapinsay Development Trust update

It's been an especially busy month at the Boathouse with Climate Action and Wellbeing month and the preparation for the AGM, as well as getting two surveys out to you all!

Thank you so much to those of you that have taken part in both surveys, it's been great to get some feedback. I (Lisa-Marie) have been focusing a lot on climate action, as we're in the early stages of developing a formal Climate Action Plan.

This plan will be essential for many future grant applications, as funders increasingly expect to see a clear commitment to sustainability in writing. While we've always prioritised sustainability in our work, this process will help us formalise those efforts and outline a clear strategy. We're fortunate to have the guidance of a Development Officer through Community Energy Scotland (CES), working alongside other North Isles trusts, to help us shape and implement this plan.

Our AGM is imminent, it will take place on the **7th of October from 7pm in the Clubrooms**. This year we're doing a lot more than "just an AGM". If you have the time to come along, please do.

Alongside our usual AGM business (which we try to keep to under half an hour) there will be an opportunity to hear from Delfinity, who are busy collating the information from the surveys, and hopefully another opportunity to feed into that any ideas you might have about future projects.

There will also be an opportunity to hear from CES about the projects we are involved in, from Shapinsay Community Council about what it is they do and can offer in the way of support for islanders and from Shapinsay Community



Association as to what it is they do and how you could potentially get involved.

AND – there will be cake and coffee, I should probably have started with that!

In the run up to the AGM, also on the 7th of October, we will be holding a community café drop-in session with community groups like THAW, Shapinsay Men's Group, Scam Action Orkney, Marie Curie, Relationships Scotland etc in attendance, so please use this opportunity to come along and engage with these groups and get a coffee and cake!



The AGM of Shapinsay
Development Trust will be held on:
7th of October 2024

*If you would like to become a member
before the AGM please get in touch.*

We will hear from Delfinity around the feedback to the 5 year plan feedback so far, with further opportunity to feed into that.

Shapinsay Community Council, Shapinsay Community Association, THAW Orkney and Community Energy Scotland will also be in attendance to let us know about what they offer.

Refreshments will be provided

Community Car Service Update

As mentioned in the recent letter sent with the surveys, there are some small but important changes to the car service. This is due to our need to apply for a Section 19 permit to keep the service running.

Although the service operates “by donation” it is still classified as “hire and reward” which requires this permit.

One of the key stipulations under the Section 19 permit, set by the council and the Community Transport Association, is that the service must be “members only.”

To make this as easy as possible, we’ve decided that membership to the car service will be included for free with your Trust membership, which costs just £1.

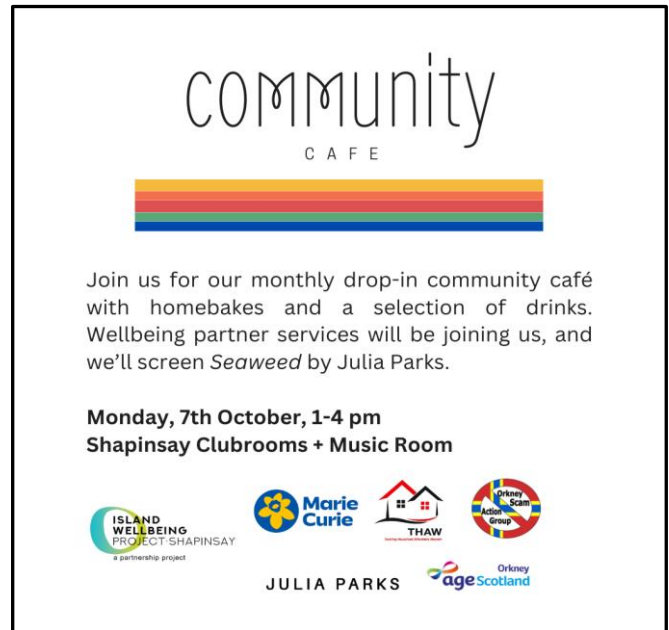
If you’d like to use the car service but prefer not to join the Trust, simply let us know, and we can send you a separate form.

In the near future, we’ll be introducing a booking app that will allow you to make car bookings online (you can still book as usual, and the driver will input the details into the app).


This app will make it easier to see driver availability and track where the car is on its way to you.

Visitors to Shapinsay can still use the car service by signing up for a visitor membership, which will include a small fee.

All bookings for non-residents must be made at least one day in advance, which is our preference anyway for planning purposes.




community
C A F E



Join us for our monthly drop-in community café with homebakes and a selection of drinks. Wellbeing partner services will be joining us, and we’ll screen *Seaweed* by Julia Parks.

Monday, 7th October, 1-4 pm
Shapinsay Clubrooms + Music Room



JULIA PARKS



weekly
on
Friday

Game Night



**6:30–
8:30pm**

**Shapinsay
Community
Centre
Clubrooms**

All ages are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian over 16.



More Info:
wellbeing@shapinsay.org.uk

SHAPINSAY HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

AGM and 'Tattie in a Bucket'

On Saturday 31st August we held our AGM and Prizegiving followed by the Tattie In A Bucket competition.

The AGM business was dealt with quickly and efficiently. As there were no new nominations for postholders and all those in post agreed to stand again, this remains as Chair: Paul Evans, Treasurer: Margaret Eunson, Assistant Treasurer: Paul Evans, Secretary: Karen Evans and Assistant Secretary: Helen Jones.

We hope to organise a number of events throughout the year which we hope will appeal to anyone with an interest in gardens and gardening.

With all points from this year's Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show tallied up, trophies were awarded as follows: -

- Best Exhibit in Pot Plants – Margaret Eunson
- Most Points in Cut Flowers – Karen Evans
- Best Rose – Karen Evans
- Most Points in Soft fruit – Karen Evans
- Most Points in Fruit and Vegetables – Gladys Gray
- Most Points in All Classes of the Show – Gladys Gray

After a short break for some delicious refreshments, we progressed to the really important part of the evening, the grand reveal of the Tattie in a Bucket Competition.

There was a really good entry this year, although with poor summer weather, there was great trepidation in several quarters as to whether there would actually be any potatoes at all under the compost! One by one, the buckets were tipped out and every last tattie retrieved. With



scales and record book at the ready the adjudicators duly noted the weight of the crop from each bucket. Shall we just say that some buckets were more successful than others?! But why is this such an entertaining event? You just don't know what will be revealed! Charles Hay won the trophy for the heaviest weight of potatoes with 3lb 4 oz. He received a copy of the



William Shearer Tattie Bible. Mandy Hay was 2nd and won a novelty tattie cleaning brush and Margaret Eunson 3^d, winning a novelty tattie peeler.



There was also a special prize this year for the person with the lightest crop, this was won by Esther Chaney who received a bag of potatoes grown by Matthew Meason. Arella and Elsa won 1st and 2nd in the Children's Section.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day, It was a fun afternoon and one which will remain firmly in our calendar of events.

Please keep a lookout for posters and on the Shapinsay Residents Facebook page for news of our next event.

Thanks again to all who entered classes this year.

Shapinsay School October 2024

This term the primary topic is “Our Community”. The children have been learning about what makes a community work and thinking about what it needs.

Many people in community roles in Shapinsay have received letters from the children, and we’d like to say thank you for all the replies. We have already had some visits and visitors and have more planned before the October break.

The children really enjoyed their visit to the Smithy, and thanks to everyone there for their time and for making us feel so welcome. In the next few weeks we are also visiting the kirk, the fire station, the shop and Cast Affs. We will also be having visits



from folk from the Development Trust, the Community Council and from Stephen Clackson. In ICT the children are making an interactive map of Shapinsay, and in English the children are making updated brochures about Shapinsay. Art this term is focusing on nature, photography and photo manipulation.

In French the children have been learning about families, and in Spanish the children have been

learning about jobs.

In PE the children have been working on netball skills and swimming, and also enjoyed a visit from the Scottish Football Association Roadshow. The new goals in the tennis court are proving very popular.



September saw the Orkney International Science Festival, and we were able to have several workshops in school. The children had a variety of experiences; learning about space, forensic science, rainforests and artificial intelligence. Highlights included revealing footsteps and trying virtual reality headsets to visit Thailand.

Well done to the children (now P7 and S1) who won the Science Festival Primary Schools Science competition where they experimented to find the best material to insulate a water tank. It was lovely to welcome the S1s back into school for their prize giving.

The nursery have been enjoying the sunny weather and lots of outdoor play. We have been reading ‘Dear Zoo’ and looking at jungle animal activities, matching and numbers.

Some of the bairns attended a Science Festival workshop and had fun collecting natural objects from outside and creating stories with them. We have attended a bookbug session, visited the library van and gone on walks to the shop to buy fruit for snacks.



OIC CLD



Free Training

Shapinsay Development Trust are working with Orkney Islands Council Community Led Learning Team to provide free training for people on Shapinsay



18TH OCTOBER	Excel/Word 6.30-9pm
25TH OCTOBER	Food Hygiene 6.30-9pm
26TH OCTOBER	First Aid 9-4.30 Digital Skills 12pm onward

To Book email: Boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk

Refuse collections

02/10/2024 - Black / Grey bins, no recycling

09/10/2024 - glass in one bin, plastic bottles in the other

16/10/20 24 - black / grey bins, no recycling

23/10/2024 - paper and thin card in one bin, metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

30/10/2024 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

06/11/2024 - glass in one bin, plastic bottles in the other

13/11/2024 - Black/grey bins, no recycling

20/11/2024 - Paper or thin card in one bit, metal cans, foil, and aerosols in the other

27/11/2024 - Black/grey bins, no recycling



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!!

The Shapinsay Community Association currently has two vital vacancies: Chair and Vice Chair.

If we are unable to fill these roles, the community association and all its activities will cease to exist and the management of our community centre will be handed back to the council. This change would have significant implications, including the loss of keyholders, which will affect all the groups and activities that make use of our hall, clubrooms, music rooms, and grounds.

So, what is the community association?

We manage the community centre for Orkney Islands Council and facilitate the running of a variety of groups and clubs for people of all ages on the island. We also run a number of events for the island such as the Children's Christmas party.

The committee is made up of 30 key holders from the various groups and clubs who use the facilities at the community side of the school.

What would being the chair of the association involve?

The primary responsibilities include chairing meetings and assisting the executive committee with decision-making. This role can be shared between two people, allowing for flexibility and collaboration

Extraordinary General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 29th October

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Clubrooms

We will discuss how the community association is run, election of office bearers and the future of our community centre.

It is essential that ALL keyholders MUST attend, it would be beneficial for members of any group to attend, and it is open to all islanders.

Please get in touch by emailing secretary.shapinsay@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

DRY STONE DYKING A WORKSHOP BY IAN AND IVAN

What to expect:

- We'll be fixing a section of dyke at Harbourview
- Hands on Guidance from Ian and Ivan
- Teamwork and moderate physical activity
- Gloves provided. Wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing
- No experience necessary
- For ages 16+
- Rain or Shine

Contact Alison to join
Wellbeing@shapinsay.org.uk
07867622814



5th October 1-4pm
Harbour View, Shapinsay



CREATIVE PRACTICE

03/10/2024

SHAPINSAY SESSIONS X MEN'S SHED

7 - 9 PM
free or by donation



Non-alcoholic
bevs + snacks

drop by to play*
or listen

*music, poetry, storytelling,
comedy, dance, improv...



Contact Alison
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ORKNEY
ISLANDS COUNCIL

**Do you struggle with knowing
what to do with your waste?
Please do not burn your rubbish,
especially in public areas like beaches.**



Shapinsay collection day is Wednesday

We collect rubbish one week and recycling the
following week,
the details of which can be found here:
[collections calendar for Shapinsay](#)



and here is the recycling which is collected:
[Kerbside recycling](#)



You can book a special collection for other waste or take it to
Hatston HWRC which is closest to the ferry.

Whatever your waste problem contact us here
recycling@orkney.gov.uk before lighting that fire!

WEEKLY WALKS

OCTOBER 1ST, 2PM, MUSIC ROOM

"SILENCE IS A SOURCE OF GREAT STRENGTH." - LAO TZU



Join us on October 1st for a 5-mile silent saunter from the
Community Centre to Weland Beach. Instead of chatting, we'll
focus on absorbing the natural sights and sounds around us.
We'll also pause briefly at Lynne's tea plantation along the way.
Meet in the music room at 2 pm for a 5-minute pre-walk
meditation. Optional post walk reflection and cuppa!

SHAPINSAY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

HARVEST HOME



Saturday 9th November

Meal by The Smithy: Roast Beef & trimmings

Dance to *Kirkjuvagr Ceilidh Band*

Youth Consultation

Are you between S1 and age 25?

***Come along to our free bubble tea
and Boccia event***

***When? Saturday October the 26th
12.30pm - 2.30pm***

Where? In the Community Hall

***Why? We are keen to engage young
folk on Shapinsay, see what kind of
things you'd like to see on
Shapinsay and just for a free, fun
event aimed just at you!***



Christmas MENU



STARTERS

Traditional prawn cocktail

Pan-fried Orkney scallops in a garlic, chilli, and white wine sauce

Christmas roast vegetable and Stilton soup

Deep-fried Grimbister cheese with a homemade plum chutney

MAIN DISHES

Turkey, honey-glazed carrot and parsnip, sprouts, pigs in blankets, oatmeal stuffing, creamy mashed potato and gravy

Monkfish goujons with skin-on fries and tartar sauce

Sirloin steak, skin-on fries, peppercorn sauce and onion rings

Roast cauliflower, harissa humous, vegan skirlie & Christmas veg

DESSERTS

Festive sticky toffee pudding

Baileys cheesecake

Chocolate profiteroles

Cheese board with biscuits
and chutney