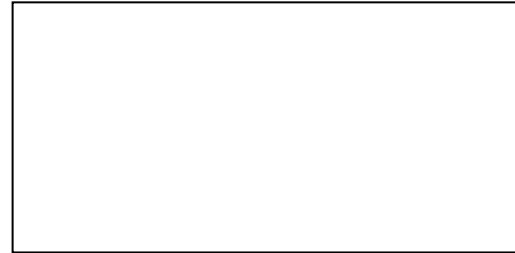
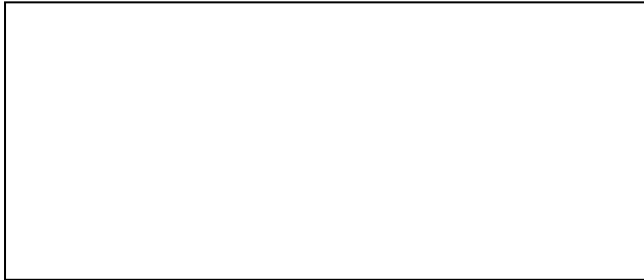


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Shapinsay School May 2026

At the end of last term the primary children all enjoyed a trip to the Pickaquoy Centre to meet



with the children from Rousay, North Walls, North

Ronaldsay, Papay and Eday schools. The children took part in various activities including athletics and bowling. The favourite activity was the inflatables at the end!

Some of the P5 – 7 children went into Kirkwall for the STEM day. The challenge this year was to build a crane, which the children did with the help of Toby. At the STEM day their crane was tested and they took part in a variety of other STEM challenges.



This term the primary children will be learning about plants in Science. As well as learning about the theoretical side, we will be doing lots of practical gardening. The polytunnel is being planted up, and the eco group are leading our development of the pond area in the middle courtyard. In Social Studies the children are learning about the history of Scotland and will be learning about significant events and people. Our RME topic this term is Hinduism.

The Nursery children have been interested in travel, and their role play area is a travel agent. They have been improving fine motor control using stencils. Shells are proving very popular at the moment as well.

After Easter we welcomed Joshua into the Nursery.

All of the children are enjoying getting outside when we can – whether practising for the Picnic, enjoying the playpark, gardening or just taking our learning outside.



SHAPINSAY HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION and
SHAPINSAY RNLI FUND RAISING GROUP

PRESENT Annual Show and Quoits Competition

Saturday 15th August 2026

In the School Hall, Clubrooms and Playing Field

Show opens from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm –Free Admission

Quoits competitions for Ladies, Gentlemen and KGS
School Age competitors – entries (£1.00 for RNLI funds)
to be registered by 2.15 pm for 2.30 pm start

Quoits for fun for Primary School Age Children

RNLI Merchandise Stall

Joint Raffle
Donations of prizes gratefully
received

Refreshments
in the Clubrooms
(donations to SHA funds
appreciated)



Shapinsay Horticultural Association

Tattie in a Bucket Competition

Please help yourself to either one or two potatoes
per person to grow in buckets.

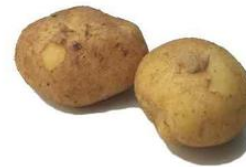
The variety this year is **Kestrel** which is a

Second Early

Potatoes will be weighed at a special event later in
the year and prizes awarded to adults and children.

Please use a standard black bucket (3 gallons).

Only one potato per bucket



Potatoes kindly donated by Shearer's.

CLEANER WANTED



Anyone interested in cleaning the
community centre outdoor toilet.

Please contact community
association using email
shapinsayca@gmail.com for a
tender form.

Completed tenders to be
returned by 31st May.



Shapinsay Community Council

WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

**A Clerk (part-time, paid,
administrative support)**

**New member (voluntary,
five meetings, one year
until the full community
council election)**

For more information, contact
Leanne Bews (Chair) or Democratic
Services by 31st May 2026

Democratic Services
communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk
01856 873535 ext. 2264 or 2237



Louise Hollinrake memorial
RNLi FUNDRAISER

Louise was such a big part of music on Shapinsay and organised musicians to come over on many occasions, it seemed only fitting to do our next fundraiser in her honour!

MUSIC FROM THE ACCORDIAN AND FIDDLE CLUB

MUSIC BY THE SHAPINSAY MUSIC GROUP

VENUE - SHAPINSAY HALL 3-6.30PM SUNDAY MAY 10TH

THERE WILL BE FILLED ROLLS, REFRESHMENTS AND A RAFFLE.

MINCE ROLLS, PULLED PORK ROLLS & HOMEBAKES. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RNLi
IN THE INTEREST OF FOOD SAFETY, WE ARE ASKING FOR ANYONE WITH SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS TO BRING THEIR OWN

Piece Place ☺
COFFEE
Afternoon

 **TUESDAY**
12th of May

 **2-4PM**

 **IN THE CLUBROOMS**

All welcome

Donations towards costs gratefully received as it helps to cover the costs of future events.



 Shapinsay
Development Trust



Shapinsay
Community
Council

Travel Grants

Within Orkney £20
Capped at £100 per person per financial year

Mainland UK £60
Capped at £300 per person per financial year

International £100
Capped at one donation per financial year

Eligibility Criteria
18 years or under
Shapinsay Resident
Participation in an educational or recreational group activity

Applications from adults considered on a case-by-case basis

Contact
shapinsayclerk@gmail.com
for an application form





ORKNEY FERRIES

SUMMER EXCURSIONS

DEPART SHAPINSAY 8AM
7 JUNE 5 JULY 2 AUGUST

BOOK WITH ORKNEY FERRIES
CONNECT TO ANY NORTH ISLE



Use Your Head



A man called Callum Lindsay has paired up with an organisation called RSABI to do a campaign called USE YOUR HEAD. They are giving out 1 free Logic ATV helmet each day for 100 days.

For the chance to win complete the form on:
www.rsabi.org.uk

Evan Leslie P6

SHAPINSAY MEDICAL SUPPORT FUNDS COMMITTEE

The purpose of Shapinsay Medical Support Funds Committee is to manage the medical fund and to consider and approve requests from clinical staff and others, for equipment which is not available from NHS Orkney and Scottish Ambulance Service. The fund comprises monies generously donated by the public and through various fund raising activities.

The Committee includes residents, clinical staff & members from local organisations. The Committee meets once each year, and holds extra meeting(s) when a request for equipment is received for consideration.

Examples of equipment provided through the fund include fully stocked kit bags for each Responder, BP monitors and a chair to assist lifting uninjured patients who have fallen.

Requests can be submitted via email to
June Bacon (secretary) at june@shapinsay.net
or
by post at Old Manse, Balfour, Shapinsay KW17 2EA

Reminder
**Shapinsay
Sound
deadline for
entries is:**

**Friday 22nd of
May**

email submissions to
boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk



Walk about Podiatry



Gemma Reid

Podiatry Services

Wednesday 20th May

Spaces Available

07739318622

The cost of your first consultation appointment is covered by Shapinsay Development Trust. All transport costs to and from, as well as on Shapinsay for those requiring a home visit are also covered, this is to keep costs in line with mainland services



POLICE SCOTLAND
Keeping people safe
POILEAS ALBA

Livestock Worrying

If your dog is found attacking, biting, chasing or 'playing' with livestock you can be fined or even face imprisonment.

As a last resort, under legislation, your dog can be shot to protect livestock.

Keep your dog on a lead and always under control.

Livestock worrying is a criminal offence

For more information visit www.scotland.police.uk/advice

SHAPINSAY PICNIC COMMITTEE

SHAPINSAY PICNIC

Our island sports day, shared tea and dance

MAY	JUNE	JULY
26	27	28

EVENTS BEGIN AT 1PM

We will need many volunteers, please let Leanne know if you can help out in any way.

If you have any dietary requirements please let Leanne Bews know in advance

SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ROAD SCHEME 2026/7

FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AGGREGATE FOR PRIVATE ROADS (NOT DRIVEWAYS)

To express interest in this year's Road Scheme please submit your name and the name of your house to shapinsayclerk@gmail.com by 31 May



SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Thursday, June 25th
6:30pm, Clubrooms

- Please send financial request forms and items for discussion to the Clerk **at least two weeks before the meeting** so they can be circulated to members
- A further meeting will be held on 10th September 2026

SHAPINSAYCLERK@GMAIL.COM
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES 01856 873535

The Shapinsay School Sports committee would like to let you know that we have a sports box that you can access any time. It is full of various items of sports equipment that you can play with in our tennis court or playing field. All we ask is that once you have played with it you pop all the items back inside and put the lid back on, to protect it from the weather.



In the box you will find:

- 2 x Hang-a-hoop basketball hoops
- 2 x Red basketballs
- 2x Pink Netballs
- 2 x White and silver footballs
- 2 x Pairs of goalie gloves
- 1 x Yellow and blue rugby ball
- 2 x Large tennis rackets
- 2 x Small tennis rackets
- 10 x Tennis balls
- 6 x Badminton rackets (in green box)
- 11 x Pink outdoor shuttlecocks
- 4 x White indoor shuttlecocks
- 1 x Pop up badminton net (Sure Shot – Quick fit) green box (only suitable for flat calm days)
- 1 x Tennis and Badminton net (In bag with full instructions, easy to set up and heavy duty)
- 4 x Cones for rounders etc.
- 4 x White humps to use as markers
- 4 x colourful skipping ropes
- 4 x Hula hoops
- 1 x big skipping rope (41ft)
- 1 x jumbo chalk tub
- 6 x colourful Frisbees
- 1 x tail ball
- 1 x Ball pump
- 1 x Ladder for putting up the hoops



Shapinsay Development Trust.

As you've likely noticed, contractors have now begun work at Balfour Cottages. Their initial focus is on preparing the site for welfare units, including creating a hardstanding area near the below ground infrastructure and creating access to the rear garden.

Before construction of the housing can begin, the road at the end of the site must be widened. These works are scheduled to take place over the coming weeks, after which we expect building work on the new homes to get underway, we will start to share photos once that gets underway.

We had our first meeting of our newly formed tourism group. From that meeting the short term priorities were ensuring (cont.....)

....signage is clear and coming up with a joint advertising strategy.

We have been given the opportunity to consider the purchase of the Gas House at some point in the future and bring it into community ownership. We would like to share some conceptual drawings and hear your thoughts and ideas for possible future uses of the space. The first opportunity will be at the Piece Place coffee afternoon on Tuesday the 12th of May so please pop past for some very early stage, hopefully quite light hearted chats through possible ideas!

If you would like to help us reduce our carbon footprint by receiving your newsletter online, please email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk to be put on our emailing list!



SMITHY SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us for the first of our Sunday
brunches on
Sunday 17th May 11am-2pm

Full Scottish breakfast, or breakfast rolls
Eggs benedict, smoked Salmon on toasted
sourdough bread

Freshly made pancakes with bacon and maple syrup
or with Nutella or maple syrup with strawberry's.

(Nut free chocolate available)



To book email
smithy@shapinsay.org.uk or send
us a message on our facebook page



JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Help shape the future
of Shapinsay



WHY JOIN?



MAKE A REAL IMPACT
Help shape projects and initiatives
that benefit Shapinsay today and
for generations to come.



INFLUENCE OUR FUTURE
Have a say in the decisions
that support a thriving,
sustainable island community.



WORK WITH GREAT PEOPLE
Join a committed and friendly
team of volunteers who care
deeply about Shapinsay.



GIVE SOMETHING BACK
Share your skills, experience
and ideas to help your
island flourish.

COULD YOU BE WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR?

- Do you know Shapinsay inside out?
- Do you have experience running a business or managing projects or budgets?
- Do you have a passion for your island and its people?
- Are you a good listener, a team player and ready to contribute ideas?
- Do you have the time and commitment to help guide our work?



DIVERSE SKILLS. LOCAL KNOWLEDGE. SHARED PASSION.
Together we can achieve more for Shapinsay.



INTERESTED?
We'd love to hear from you!
Get in touch to find out more.

Email: boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk
Or speak to any current board member.

YOUR ISLAND. YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE.

From Orkney Athletic & Running Club

50 runners completed the second OARC Shapinsay 10k on 18th April, braving some windy conditions on the course to get the Orkney road running season off to a flying start. They were led from the start by Magnus Harrold, whose



Photo by Gary Nicolson

fast start was perhaps intended as a challenge to the newly installed 20mph sign by the start line! Magnus completed the up and down course in 38 minutes and 52 seconds, just over two minutes ahead of second placed Willie Gibson who was the first veteran male.

Vikki Budge (45:07) was the winner of the women's race, finishing sixth overall whilst Eildih Christie (49:49) was the first veteran female, just ahead of the first Shapinsay resident finisher Chris Moore (49:53). Lisa Bady was the first Shapinsay female finisher in 61:10. Also among the podium finishers was Magnus' sister - and fellow Island Games participant - Rebecca Learmonth (48:06 and second female). Further back in the field, it was fantastic to see so many finishers on a tricky day with an uphill

first half followed by the return downhill into a strong headwind - with many first time finishers, Ian MacDonald (71:43) setting what I'm fairly sure is the inaugural V80 10k record for Orkney and Peter and Donna Stevenson celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary by running together: congratulations to you both!



Photo by Esther Chaney

It's always a lovely day out in Shapinsay and thank you to all the families and friends who came out to cheer the athletes on, as well as the Shapinsay residents for their hospitality. Thank you to all the volunteers: Joel, Esther, Arella, Elza (and Micah!)



Photo by Esther Chaney

Chaney, Alison Meason, Alan Strong, Alison McDougall, Charles Hay, Claire Cruddas, Elodie Bady, Karen Evans, Leanne Bews, Mandy Hay, Matthew Mellor, Paul Evans, Sarah Finn, Katie Hall, Chloe Crawford, Emma Hendrick and everyone else who helped out on the day or baked. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations towards the Shapinsay Medical Fund.

Prizes for the winners were kindly donated by Shapinsay Development Trust (The Smithy), Orkney Isles Preserves and Thomas Sinclair Shop. Bespoke medals for age group winners were designed and 3D printed in Shapinsay with thanks to Tern360.



Photo by Esther Chaney

