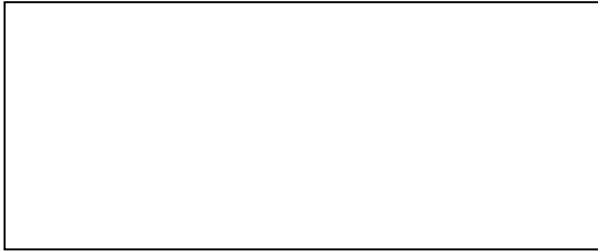


The newsletter for the island of Shapinsay, produced by the Shapinsay Development Trust.

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Development Trust news

Our most notable news this month is that our Chair Ashley Boyd, has made the decision to step back from the board on the 5th anniversary of his joining. Ash came onto the board as a rep from the Community Council in May 2021 and really got stuck in. After his first AGM he enjoyed it so much he decided to step down from the community council and stand for election to the board as a full director. This meant he could take on an office bearer role and was asked to take on the role of Vice Chair under the promise that "Vice doesn't have to do much, you'll just need to chair a meeting if the chair is unable to attend!". I think he was maybe 5 months into that role when he found himself unexpectedly thrust into the chair role! Oops, sorry Ash, it was supposed to be a nice easy role to ease you in, but thankfully Ash took to the role no bother and has gone above and beyond on so many occasions! He was not frightened to don a tie and perform at the opening ceremony for the Smithy, or to roll up his sleeves and dig in the garden or put up a marquee and so many things in between. He's always been a great support to me in my role as CDO, always happy to set aside time to talk through issues or listen to my stresses and either just listen or give me advice if it was needed. I hope that you will all join me in saying a huge thank you to Ash for the dedication he has shown to the trust during his 5 years and wish him all the best with all the free time he's going to find himself with!

In other news – Sharon has also decided to step away from her role in the Smithy after 2

years, so thanks also go to Sharon for her hard work in the Smithy during that time! We wish you the best with all your new found free time too!

On to project news – Balfour Cottages is progressing at good speed, the cottage was demolished in April and work on the roads will continue until they are completed. Once the roads, paving and lighting are completed, the foundations will go in and the kit will start to go up and that's when we will start to see big progress quite quickly! Thanks to Mike for his drone footage (below) of the demolition in real time, there are photos on the Shapinsay through the years Facebook page if anyone hasn't seen them!



The Gas House – we have been given the opportunity to purchase it and bring it into community ownership. This will be discussed with members at the AGM, however if anyone has any suggestions for what the building itself could be used for, please let us know! We've had suggestions such as a round library, a sky watching space with a perspex roof, an exhibition space and lots of suggestions for what to do with the land round about!

(Lisa-Marie, CDO/Manager)



SHAPINSAY PICNIC

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026

Categories for all ages

Sporting events start prompt at 1pm

Pre-school/nursery events start at 2.30pm

4.30pm (approx) picnic tea and children's prize giving

Tug of war after tea

All welcome to take part or spectate



8.30PM DANCE TO THE GABLOS
9PM UNDER 16 AND ADULT PRIZE GIVING

Dance entry: Adults £5
Under 16s Free

Shapinsay Picnic - 27th June 2026

Pop the date on your calendar, dust off those trainers and start practicing. This year's picnic will be held on the 27th June.

For anyone who's never been before this is our annual island sports day and is open to everyone whether you're serious or just want to join in for fun!

Sporting events start at 1pm with 5 different age categories - p1-3, p4-7, under 16 and adult, with nursery/ pre-school events starting at the later time of 2.30pm.

There is a shield for the male and female winner in each age category. Everyone is invited to come along and join in or spectate. Then stay and enjoy a shared tea around 4.30pm and watch the bairns prize giving, followed by a "friendly" North versus South island tug of war.

Once you have bathed your aching muscles from the afternoon's events you can come back in the evening to dance the night away to "The Gablos". Where we will then present the under 16 and adult shields.

As usual folks we can't do this without the contributions of the many volunteers who come along and hold a rope/tape measure, take charge of a score sheet or carry a tray of sandwiches. If you can help in any way please contact Leanne or Esther and we will add you to our list. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the running costs then there will be envelopes in the shop or you can give it to any committee member.

There will also be a raffle held at both the tea and the dance, and if anyone would like to donate a prize there will also be a box in the shop.

In the interest of avoiding food waste, but ensuring everyone can enjoy the shared tea, can you please let Leanne know as soon as possible if you have any food allergies or other dietary requirements. We will also not be providing a full supper at the dance this year.

We look forward to seeing you all there, everyone welcome!



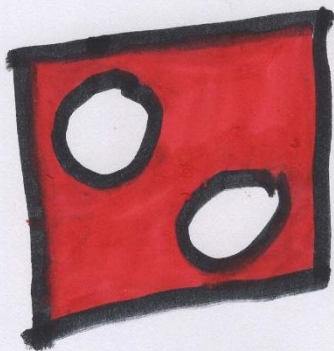
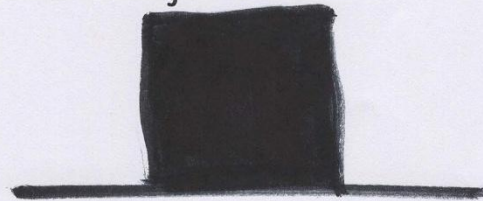
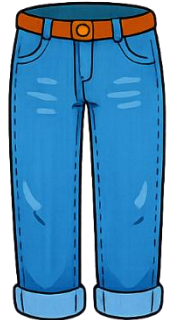
Cast Affs

Shapinsay Pupil Council

2.30pm – 4.45pm on
Tuesday 2nd June
Thursday 4th June
Friday 5th June
Saturday 6th June

Please come along to support us. We are raising money for our outdoor projects of the pond area and polytunnel.

Raffles and homebakes for sale.



Cast Affs

Opening hours
—
Tuesdays
2-4pm
Saturdays
2-4pm

Shapinsay's Charity Shop

Community Council News

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

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 7th June 2026

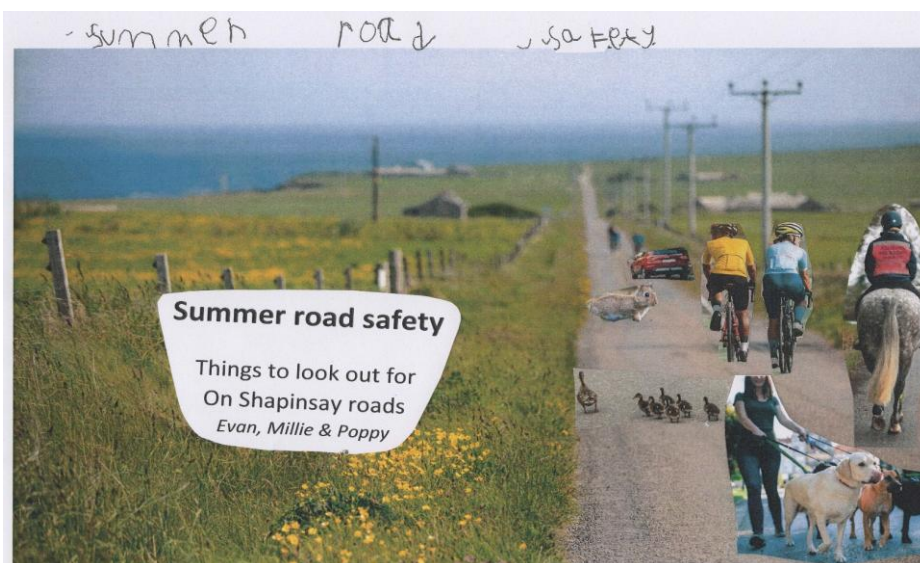
Democratic Services
communitycouncils@orkney.gov.uk
01856 873535 ext. 2264 or 2237

Shapinsay Heritage Centre opens from Thursday 4th of June.

Grand opening of this year's display for residents on Wednesday 3rd at 7pm.

Exhibition to celebrate Ivan Hourston's life and work.

Everyone welcome, drinks and snacks included.



Shapinsay School June 2026

P7 Hoy trip

Agi and James went to Hoy with P7s from Westray, Rousay, North Walls, Stronsay and Sanday schools at the end of April.



James and Agi both say that the trip was amazing. James' favourite bit was the Gorge walk and Agi's favourite was the kayaking. Both children showed good independence skills and did themselves proud by challenging themselves. Well

done to Mrs Armet who went with them and also challenged herself (especially over the Tyrolean Traverse!) All three of them climbed



Ward Hill and James even still has the blister to prove it! James even carried two rocks from the bottom of Ward Hill all the way up and added them to the pile on the top. Agi did really well and won orienteering. Agi's room

even won the most points for the tidiest room! They would like to thank the Shapinsay Development Trust, Shapinsay Community Council and Shapinsay Parent Council who all helped to fund the trips.

Primary Learning

This term our Science topic is Plants. We have all been learning about parts of plants and their function, classifying plants and learning how to grow them healthily. Some experiments are being carried out, as well as lots of planting in the polytunnel and outside.

In history the sunshine class have been creating their own chronological timelines of their lives so far, adding in significant events. We are then going to work out where our timelines fit into Mrs Bews's timeline and then into a Scottish history timeline.

In the Stars class, the children have also been learning about plants, their classification,

seed dispersal and pollination. In History, our focus is Orkney's role during WWI and WWII, and in RMPS, the children are learning about Hinduism. In literacy, the Stars class are learning how to write a persuasive text using the Talk for Writing approach. Their model text is called 'The Multi-Function Mobile Phone', so far, they have written one text titled 'The Spy-Watch', and now they are writing their own piece.

At the start of May, we've had a visit from Sallianne Smales, the local author of Smoozles books. She led a fun day filled with various activities, including drama and making book characters using air drying clay. We would like to thank the Shapinsay Parent Council and Shapinsay Development Trust who helped to fund this day.

In PE we are now preparing for the picnic with lots of athletics run, jump and throw sessions, getting out onto the field whenever the weather allows. We have also been creating our very own crazy golf courses for staff and other pupils to play, this has been good fun for everyone.

Pupil Council are fundraising in Cast Affs between Tuesday 2nd and Saturday 6th June. There will be homebakes and raffles for sale as well. We would love to see as many people there as possible.

Nursery Learning

In nursery the sunflower plants are growing tall. We have planted broad bean seeds and looking at Jack and the Beanstalk story. We have a trip to the garden centre planned to look at their plants and gardening items. We hope to get lots of outdoor play when the sun finally shines!

Rights

We are continuing to learn about Children's Rights. Each day when we are watching Newsround we link the stories to the Articles from the UNCRC and to the Sustainable Development Goals. We have also done some work around the Universal human right of dignity, and have looked at how treating people with dignity helps their rights to be recognised.

SHAPINSAY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



Stock Judging Competition

Prizes for
Men/Women
individual, Junior,
Teams of 3
& Valuation
(you don't have to be
in a team to judge!)



Licensed
Bar

Saturday 13th June 2026
12pm at Shapinsay Community Centre
(Boat leaving Kirkwall 11.30am)

Raffle

All Welcome

£5 Entry (includes Lunch)

Contact for any info:
Gemma Leslie 07776 010 225



Short Term Electric Bike Hire



2 Electric bikes for Shapinsay residents only
If you are a resident and a member of the trust
you can hire a bike for short term use, just call
711733 or email ebike@shapinsay.org.uk to
arrange.

We just ask for a small donation to cover
maintenance and charging costs.....



SHAPINSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DROP IN!

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE
3 VACANCIES WITHIN OUR COMMITTEE



**TUESDAY
16TH JUNE
7-8PM
IN THE
CLUBROOMS**

Informal drop in with
tea, coffee and cake -
come along and speak to
some of the committee
members.



AT THE AGM IN SEPTEMBER THE
SECRETARY, VICE CHAIR AND TREASURER ARE TO STEP DOWN.
IF THESE POSITIONS ARE NOT FILLED THE RUNNING
OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE PASSED
BACK OVER TO THE COUNCIL.
THE KEYHOLDER SYSTEM WOULD NO LONGER EXIST
AND ANY EVENT OR MEETING HELD WOULD HAVE
TO PAY FOR A STEWARD.

COME ALONG AND SEE
if you can help.



Picnic Committee- £600 - event costs
Chaney - £22.08 - climbing lessons
Kent - £111 - training
Wragg - £90 - BDLMR course
Boyd - £50 Accommodation
Lifeboat Guild - £225.59 - event costs
Diamond - £100 Accommodation
Chaney - £43.20 Climbing lessons

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Email boathouse@shapinsay.org.uk





Summer Opening Hours

Monday 11.30-3pm

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday 11.30-3pm

Thursday 11.30-3pm

Friday 11.30 till midnight for takeaway & bar

Saturday 11.30-3pm

Sunday 11.30-3pm



The Smithy Cafe - run for the Community, by the community



June, July and August

Book to avoid disappointment

Call 01856711733 during opening hours

Email smithy@shapinsay.org.uk

Or message on messenger

Food served each day from 12-2.30pm

The Marquee will be open for

alfresco dining and all well

behaved dogs are welcome



Summer Lunch Menu



Check the board for specials & the chiller for sandwiches

Homemade soup of the day

with Brown, White, GF Bread or Bere Bannock

£5.50

Smithy Steak Open Sandwich

Minute steak, Orkney Cheese, mushroom, onion, mustard mayo or Orkney preserves (freshly prepared to order)

£12

Smithy Baked Tatties

option of cheese, butter, coleslaw or beans, Tuna Mayo

1 filling £6.00, 2 fillings £7.00

Homemade Sausage Roll (Fletts sausage meat) Chips & Beans

(GF and V options available)

£8.50

Quiche

served with coleslaw and crisps

£6.50

Portion of Chips

£3.50

Cheese/Beans (£1.00 extra)

The Smithy
Serving food between 12-2.30.

Allergen advice on request. GF and Veg options available

For the community, by the community.

We are a training cafe, so your patience is appreciated with our young staff members.



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.