

A Deep Dive with Shapinsay Development Trust

From transport and housing to climate action and community cafe, Shapinsay Development Trust has spent 23 years responding to the changing needs of island life. This workshop explores how a small community has adapted, grown and built resilience over time. They share honest reflections, lessons learned and insights for other communities looking to shape their own future.



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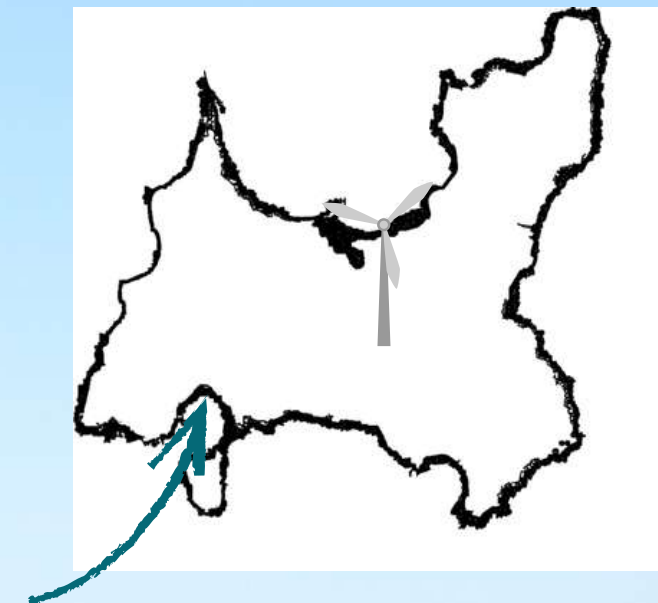


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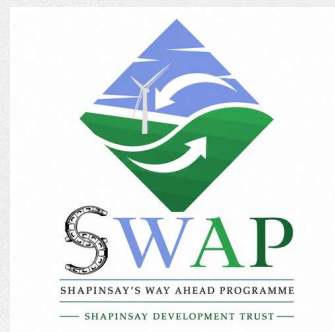


About Shapinsay

Shapinsay is a small island around 7 miles long and 3 miles wide, it lies just off the Orkney mainland and has a population of around 300 people.



About Shapinsay Development Trust



Small wins in the early days

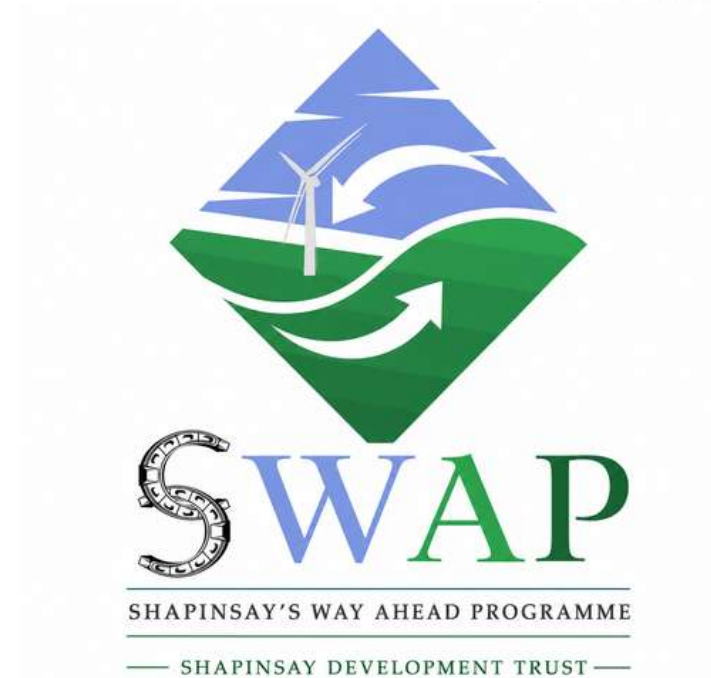
First completed project - a £40,000 playpark upgrade! A Small win but it felt like we'd finally achieved something that people could see!



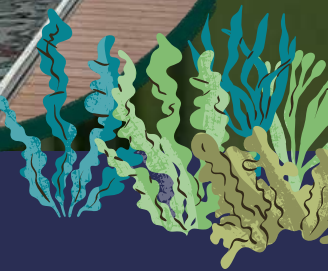
The arrival of “Whirly” - 2011



November 2011 “SWAP” grants were introduced. (Shapinsay’s Way Ahead Programme)



The Out of Hours Ferry service



Community Car Service



It started with a community bus



And moved on to community
EVs



The Trust Offices - The Boathouse

In 2014 - Big Lottery funding was secured to build our new offices/community space and an old Boat shed was renovated by 2016 to give us the building we are in now!



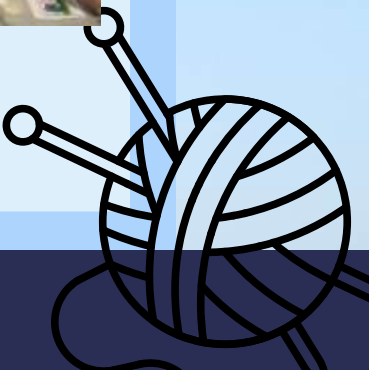


The Big HIT Project **BIGH₂IT**





Wellbeing





Started as a temporary space
during the covid recovery period



Now a dedicated portacabin at the Boathouse



Housing Phase 1 - 2021

School House



No9 Balfour Village



Housing Phase 2...3?? 2024

No2 Balfour Village



School Roll remains stable



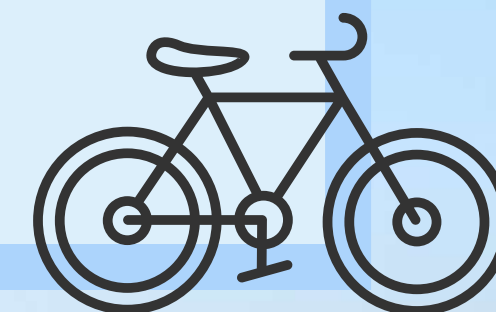
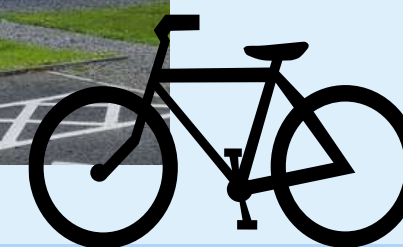
Housing Phase 3....?? 2023..no 2026!

Balfour Cottages

4 fully accessible homes for the elderly..eventually!



Ebikes



The Smithy Cafe Restaurant and Bar



What's next?



Any questions?

