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ST HELENA NEWS

£2m under spend in SHG budget predicted

Andrew Turner, SAMS

SHG is predicting an under spend of £2m for this financial year.

At the latest meeting of the Finance Committee, the Deputy Financial Secretary predicted a budget surplus of £2m was indicated, which was approximately £900k more than forecasts at the end of February 2021. The under spend is mostly down do the Health Services Directorate overseas medical referral budget and the TC budget not being fully utilised.

There was also an over collection of customs duties and an under collection in revenue in the Children and Adults Social Care Directorate of £54k because fewer individuals are eligible/able to pay for care services.

According to the report of the meeting, “Deputy Financial Secretary explained that there might be further changes to the final outturn position as year-end procedures and amendments are finalised.”

What appears to be the difficulty with reinstateing a community work scheme?

Cyril (Ferdie) Gunnell, SAMS

For some members of the community the return of a government run scheme for providing work three days in a week is still an important topic. This was raised again in April at the Longwood constituency meeting.

Councillors present said they are aware of the need for reinstateing a community work scheme, and they can see where such work would be beneficial in various island districts but they do not see that it can be “getting nowhere” with making officials understand.

The former Employment & Social Services Directorate ran a Community Work Scheme (CWS) (often referred to as a 3-day work) for many years providing meaningful work for the unemployed until they found suitable jobs for themselves. In March 2011 this was given up as a cost saving on the budget; not because there wasn’t work to be done. Within a year or two Elected Members under pressure from their constituents asked for the scheme to be reintroduced but their efforts failed for various reasons.

Later, at the July 27, 2018 LegCo, the Chairman of Social and Community Development Committee (SCDC), Clr Tony Green responding to a question by Clr Dr Corinda Essex, agreed to give “urgent and careful consideration to the re-introduction of the 3-day Work Scheme, or establishment of a similar employment package, that would enable all those who are fit to work and reliant on social benefits to do meaningful tasks and not become ‘tramps’.

This still hasn’t happened. Clr Russell Yon told The Sentinel a few years ago about a scheme he and the Director of I&T, Derek Henry had presented to Elected Members and the Chief Secretary. He said councillors were very supportive of the scheme but it didn’t progress much further due to unforeseen circumstances involving legal ramifications. The councillor said he and Mr Henry continuously requested for this work scheme to be implemented. But although it was submitted to Corporate Human Resources it did not progress.

He believed the details of the scheme have been captured within the Labour Market Strategy, “however, not under the format we proposed but through the Careers Access ST Helena (CASH) proposal.”

CASH is meant to be a one stop shop for those who are unemployed or are in need of assistance when seeking employment, for instance with writing a CV or application.

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YOUR LETTERS

Quiet Magistrate’s Court session

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New Tristan Population figures

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The Tristan Island Government has released new population figures for the island.

There are now 243 Tristan da Cunha Islanders with 18 Resident Islanders are overseas. There also 16 other people living on the island. This number includes expatriate workers and their families and visitors.

This means a grand total of 241 people currently living on Tristan da Cunha or visiting the surrounding islands.

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New Burial Ground identified for excavated remains of Liberated Africans

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The excavations in Rupert’s Valley in 2008 resulted in recovery of 325 complete human skeletons and a significant amount of disarticulated bones. These are stored in the ‘Pipe Building’ in Jamestown adjacent to HM Prison Rehabilitation Centre. Additional disarticulated remains were also uncovered and stored during the Airport Project.

In 2014, a Working Group was established, chaired by the St Helena National Trust with representatives from the Airport Directorate, Tourism, Environment & Natural Resources Directorate, Heritage Society & Museum, and Elected Members.

In March 2015 an island-wide and international consultation was carried out to gather the opinion of the public and other interest groups as to the preferred long-term treatment of the remains. The opinion on- island was strongly in favour of immediate re-burial in the Rupert’s area.

The Airport Directorate then applied for Outline Development Permission to ‘Establish a Reburial and Memorial Site for Liberated Africans on Parcel 0082 Rupert’s Valley’ and this was granted in May 2017 under the Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance, 2013 subject to conditions. An Application for Full Development Permission was then taken forward and consequently the granted Outline Development Permission lapsed a year later.

The site originally identified for the reburial of the excavated remains still houses the temporary tanks for the BFI project, which is still incomplete and there is no known date when the ground will be released for the reburial project.

In the meantime the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC), Chaired by Helena Bennett was established to carry work forward and Mrs Bennett over last weekend told The Sentinel about progress to date.

In October 2020, the LAAC took a Master Plan to ExCo for endorsement. ExCo recommended “to not wait on the release of the original identified ground, but to re-bury the excavated remains in the grounds known as the ‘lower burial grounds’ in Rupert’s Valley.” The lower burial ground is the stretch of land from the junction coming into Rupert’s Valley from Field Road to behind Mrs Eileen Wallace’s residence.

Mrs Bennett said the space in the lower burial ground isn’t sufficient to include a monument. “We decided we wanted to keep the monument in the original space, as we want the monument to represent the story of the liberated African establishment in Rupert’s. The monument isn’t just about the 325 excavated remains but about all who lived and moved on and those who did not survive.”

The LAAC is currently working with ENRD to give official designation to the Upper and Lower burial grounds and they are clarifying with the AGS Chambers several clauses of the Burial Ordinance.

In the meantime the SHG PMU is reviewing the estimated financial plan in the Master Plan, so that the LAAC can start lobbying for funds to implement the reburial and establish an Interpretation Centre.

Funding seems to be a problem currently. Given the state of both St Helena’s and the World’s financial situation, request’s for funding is going slowly, “but we are continuing to persevere,” said the LAAC Chairperson.

“We intend to preserve the history of the valley amidst the recently developed port. We view it as honouring our past whilst building for the future generations.”
ST HELENA NEWS

SHCFA calls on ExCo to “stand accountable” for fishing crisis

Andrew Turner, SAMS

The St Helena Commercial Fishermen’s Association (SHCFA) have called on Exco to “stand accountable for the disarray that is being created within our fishing sector.”

The call came in a statement responding to a statement made by the newly formed Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) Thursday May 20th and a Saint FM news item on May 25.

The STC statement was not sent to The Sentinel or SAMS by STC.

The SHCFA says the statement shows “a disparity has occurred as a result of what a press statement ‘says’ it is doing versus what is actually being done,” and goes on to say that fishermen still do not have the necessary information and that STC is refusing to meet to discuss their concerns.

Those of us in the industry who have not joined STC due to lack of basic, crucial business model information being available, have yet to receive an invitation to meet to enable productive discussions,” the statement reads. “This coupled with the divisive narrative in the STC press statement is far from the idea of ‘needing to work together.’

However the SHCFA also says they have a copy of STC’s “proposed plan and working strategy” and say it “remains void of essential information.”

The STC statement says openly that fees for processing fish will increase but not specified how much. Although STC have said that the increase is not to be passed onto the local saints they say it must be funded by “a reduction in the local fishermen’s profits” as well as requiring “the factory staff to accept a reduction in monthly earnings.”

The SHCFA dispute STC’s claims that “fishermen have enjoyed good profits,” and say that the statement is “a deliberate attempt to tarnish the reputation of the fishermen, similarly to how SHG did, in Press Statements issued in 2019/20.”

They further pointed out that “an analysis of costing for STC by Saint FM “did not extend to an accurate depiction of costs associated to fishermen.”

The SHCFA have warned that the community cannot be sure if there will be access to affordable fish in the near future.

“We the SHCFA, who have been instrumental in supplying a reliable source of fish to the island for decades and during this challenging interim period, remain uncertain as to what our future holds,” the statement says. Furthermore, our community, who for generations have relied on fish as a staple dietary requirement, cannot be given the assurance that they will have access to reliable and affordable fish.

The group has now called on Exco to “stand accountable” for their decisions and demonstrate that the decisions they have made to approve STC as the company to take over the islands fishery will not negatively impact the community.

“Now is not the time to maintain your current stance of refusing to meet with key stakeholders,” they said.

Tristan Da Cunha withdraws 2015 Definitives and 2018 Stamp Issues

Andrew Turner, SAMS

The Tristan Da Cunha Post office has destroyed stock of several stamps that have gone unsold.

The Post Office’s policy is that any stocks not sold after three years after first issue will be destroyed. As part of this all 2018 issues will be withdrawn from stock for destruction this year, as well as the 2015 definitives.

Several stamps issues are also set to be withdrawn at end of June 2021 including:

- Early Mail Ships Definitives
- Visiting Royal Navy Ships
- 70th Anniversary of the ‘Tristan Venture’
- Centenary of the RAF 1918-2018

The Post Office will stop taking orders for these issues after the 18th June 2021 and all remaining 2018 issues will be withdrawn in November.

Tristan Da Cunha stamps are rare and are highly prized among collectors worldwide.

The St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Philatelic Society describe Tristan Da Cunha’s stamps in this way: “If you don’t know what makes Tristan Da Cunha postal history collectable, I can tell you, that for such a small community makes many pieces of postal history very exciting, because you know about all families on the island, you know all the clerks, all teachers, every ship and many visitors of the remote island of Tristan da Cunha. Regarding the history of TDc means to live with the islanders their social history - nothing in philately could be more exciting!”

Sets of early Tristan Da Cunha stamp issues are currently listed for sale on eBay for as much as £540.00.

Experts warn “green revolution” will involve more global mining operations

Andrew Turner, SAMS

Experts have warned that the global move to net-zero carbon emissions will involve an increase in mining operations worldwide.

Most net-zero technology such as electric cars are dependent on resources such as Lithium in order to function.

In Britain alone experts estimate that to switch Britain’s 31.5 million petrol and diesel vehicles over to a battery-electric fleet would take an estimated 207,900 tonnes of cobalt, 264,600 tonnes of lithium carbonate, 7,200 tonnes of neodymium and dysprosium, and 2,362,500 tonnes of copper.

Those figures would mean doubling the annual global production of cobalt, an entire year’s world production of neodymium and three-quarters of global lithium production.

Replacing the 1.4 billion internal combustion engine vehicles globally would need approximately 40 times those amounts.

Photovoltaic cells require aluminium, copper, silver and steel as well as indium, selenium and tellurium.

Wind energy technology needs steel, copper, aluminium, zinc and rare earth elements such as neodymium for turbine magnets. These renewable energy sources are often paired with battery storage that also needs the same elements as the batteries for electric cars.

Mining these resources is difficult and some companies have generated controversy by proposing mining the seabed.

Professor Herrington has published a research paper in the journal Nature Reviews Materials that analyses the situation regarding these technologies.

“The United Nation’s ‘race to zero’ pledge to cut carbon emissions to zero by 2050, enthusiastically adopted by government and industry alike, will further demand transformation to energy sourced from sustainable technologies rather than the burning of fossil fuels, which fuelled the first three industrial revolutions,” he said. “However, these green technologies carry intensive mineral demands.”

Green technology requires non-renewable raw materials sourced from primary geological supplies (mines) or secondary supply (reuse or recycling).

Prof Herrington did however say that eventually, large-scale recycling should be able to satisfy the demand for key commodities such as lithium – however the resources will still need to be mined in the first place.

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Local townboy, Robin and HTH Gal, Emma-Jane Richards from Saint Cooks hosted an online St Helena’s Day party on their Facebook channel last Friday night from their home in the UK. The show has made history by launching the first ever ‘Global Saint Community Map’. They wanted to link St Helenian’s and their descendants’ worldwide to see how far our little Island community has spread around the world. It’s widely acknowledged that the population of St Helenian’s globally massively outnumber those on the Island. So they challenged themselves to see how many countries could be mapped with Saints living there. They started by asking followers online to tell them where they were located in the world in an attempt to map a Saint on all 7 continents.

The response was overwhelming. Hundreds added their location, shared posts across social media and encouraged their families and friends to add their locations to the list as well.

During their annual live show on Facebook celebrating St Helena’s Day this past 21st May, Robin was able to map an amazing 61 countries across the globe showing that Saints have spread to almost every corner of the world. With countries including; Chile, Sweden, Ghana, France, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Italy, Malta, Greece, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Afghanistan, India, China, Singapore, Philippines, Costa Rica, Canada, United States, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Germany, Australia and New Zealand.

Interestingly they found the highest located Saint in the world lives in Norway. The lowest lives in Chile. The most westerly lives in Victoria, Canada and the most easterly living on the South Island of New Zealand. Not surprisingly the most St Helenian’s from the Island live in the UK including Wales, Scotland, Ireland. The map is still growing fast, with people around the world adding their locations every day to this online Global Saint Family. The international response has been so well received they have now created a detailed interactive online map that shows St Helenian’s locations worldwide using the information collected during the live show.

Now you will be able to see what countries and numbers of Saint families are worldwide. They encourage St Helenian’s everywhere to continue to spread the word and contribute to help the map become a visual representation of the complete global Saint family. You can check out the map at www.saintcooks.com, send in your location and be a part of the online family. Although the centerpiece of their live online St Helena’s day celebration was the building of the community map, Robin and Emma-Jane were also able to put on a show that was full of fun, food, drink and dancing.

There was a special birthday Cake in the shape of Napoleon’s Hat with Arum Lilies in honor of this year’s bicentenary Anniversary. A fun St Helena themed quiz and prize competition with winners in the UK and South Africa. The Live broadcast was seen by thousands around the world and for the first time broadcast live on the Island via the local promo Channel. They wanted to make the show as accessible as possible and teamed up with Adam von from Sure St Helena to broadcast the show live on TV for those locals without access to the internet on Island. The show aired for one and a half hours and ran from 8pm in the UK on Facebook live and from 7pm local time last Friday night on 21st May.

As part of the campaign they have also created a Facebook photo frame that you can download for free and put on your own Facebook profile picture to help spread the word. Check out their Facebook page for the details.

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People in the parade also performed several African inspired dance numbers on the bridge before the parade headed down Main Street and to the Grand Parade. The day included a more somber note as the St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) held a short memorial for the 325 “Liberated Africans” who were exhumed as part of the St Helena Airport project.

“Thank you all for breaking into your day of fun and family to pay your respects to a group of people who form the backbone of St Helena’s cultural and genetic heritage,” EHRC CEO Catherine Turner said. “Legacy of enslavement is still with us and people of colour see the world over, that attitude that being other than white is somehow “less”, not as worthy of respect and dignity still exists in the prejudice and racism that exists today.”

“In a year where so much has been done to commemorate one man, the EHRC calls on our Government to remember our 8,000+ family members and particularly the 325 in this building and to show them the dignity and respect they deserve – they are not just remains, bones or dust, they are people, they are our family – we will remember them.”

EHRC Chair Aminna van Neel read a poem before Elsie Hughes, who has traced her roots back to the people held in the Pipe Store, placed a wreath on the door. The wreath depicts a young African boy “as a reminder of the humanity of those that were taken” and was created by Sophia Joshua.
The service which marked the commencement of St Helena’s Day celebrations saw a full complement of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Leaders and Commissioners proudly on parade. We were accorded the honour of heading up the afternoon Float Parade to help mark our celebrating ‘100 years of Girlguiding on St Helena’. Thanks to New Horizon’s for permitting this. Our float, a colourful entry by the Jamestown units was decked with a 100 Years of Girlguiding banner, plus banners from past guiding events, balloons, flags and our Trefoil badge and also served as a carriage for the Rainbows. Banners depicting ‘100 Years Of Girlguiding’ also accompanied the Float procession. Following the float were Girlguiding members from all Units who represented Girlguiding on St Helena spanning 100 Years and depicted some of the uniforms worn. Some good old-fashioned Guiding songs also featured throughout the parade. Grateful thanks to all helpers for their valuable support in decorating the float and special thanks to Mr Robin Stander for the loan of his vehicle.

Our Cake, Can and Bottle stall together with monies collected during the Parade amounted to £498.86 A Big ‘Thank You’ to our community for so generously supporting us as well as to our Guiding members and parents. Future events, as known to date, to continue our celebration of 100 years, includes a Tea Party and scavenger hunt at Plantation, planting of 100 endemic trees, a Ball, a Fun Run and Culture Evening.

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Wednesday, 2 June 2021
General Hospital Training Room
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This week in St Helena’s history

Thu 27th

The 182nd anniversary of the formal abolition of Slavery on St Helena (1839)

29th May 1843:
A market is established in Jamestown on its present site.

30th May 1843:
The people are described as very sickly, sending down every day to the Governor for [permission to buy] Brandy.

30th May 1922:
The St Helena Football League is formed.

30th May 1986:
2,863 people sign a citizenship petition to be sent to the President of the European Parliament, asking for the return of the right for Saints to live and work in the UK.

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Carl Stewart shared the M&S Stilton picture - but made the mistake of showing his fingers and palm.

He may have thought he was safe because he was using an EncroChat phone, a highly encrypted device used by criminals.

However, police cracked the system last year - leading to the arrest of hundreds of people in the UK suspected of murder, gun smuggling and serious drug trafficking.

Sixty-thousand users - about 10,000 of them in the UK - have been identified globally as part of Operation Venetic.

The conviction is the latest in the huge police operation that followed the cracking of the EncroChat system.

A man has been jailed for 13 years after his fingerprints were analysed from a photo of a block of cheese.

The Liverpool drug dealer who used EncroChat jailed after cheese picture analysed for prints

Sudoku

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FAITH MATTERS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Combine Service
9th May
Jamestown Chapel 2.30 pm

There will not be any services held in the
Sandy Bay and Heck O’Rian Chapel.
Sunday school is available at all our chapel
services, parents with children welcome.

Bible Studies
Tuesday 11th June
Baptist School Room 7.00 pm
Thursday 13th June
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm
Blue Hill Community Centre 7.30 pm

Kids Adventure Club:
Every Saturday
Baptist School Room 7.00 pm
3.00 pm to 4.30 pm (5 years old and
above)

ALL ARE WELCOME
For further information contact:
Pastor Paul Millin Tel No 22267
Blue Hill Community Centre
7.30 pm
9:30 hrs - Sabbath School
11:00 hrs - Divine Service
19:30-20:30 Prayer Meeting

THE ROCK

Prayer Meeting on Saturday 29th May at
8:30am at the home of Anthony and Elaine
Hopkins at Sapperway.
We warmly invite you to join us for a
special Praise and Worship service
on Sunday 30th May at 11am at No 3
Longwood Enterprise Park. We are
launching our "Seeds of Hope" project in
collaboration with A Rocha. Please do come
along to hear more about it.
Kid Zone will be performing an item for
the family of the late Raymond Williams affectionately known
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SUNDAY 30TH MAY 2021
RESERVED Eucharist/ Junior Church

Saturday
9:30 hrs – Sabbath School Programme
10:00 hrs – Bible Lesson Study
11:00 hrs – Divine Service
Every Wednesday
19:30-20:30 Prayer Meeting

All are Welcome
For further information contact:
Pastor Paul Millin Tel No 22267

Baha’i Faith

“Ye children of men! The fundamental purpose
animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard
the interests and promote the
unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and
fellowship amongst men. Suffer
it not to become a source of
dissension and discord, of hate and enmity. This is the straight
Path, the fixed and immoveable
foundation.”

DEVOTIONAL MEETING
BAHA’I CENTRE
Gunwoods

THURSDAY EVENINGS
ALL ARE WELCOME
Telephone 24542

Raymond Kenneth Williams
18th May 1946 – 14th February 2021

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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

**EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION BUILDING AT LOWER RUPERT’S**

Reference: CS-0452-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Excavation, Concrete Works and Fencing of the Container Freight Station Building Yard.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Excavation, Concrete Works and Fencing of the Container Freight Station Building Yard at Lower Rupert’s.

A site visit will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, at 10am, at the No. 1 Building, Rupert’s.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena following registration on the system.

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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

**EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE PORT CONTROL & BIOSECURITY BUILDING**

Reference: CS-0450-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Excavation and Concrete Works of the Port Control & Biosecurity Building Yard.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Excavation, Concrete Works and fencing of the Port Control & Biosecurity Building Yard at Lower Rupert’s.

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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

**HILLSIDE EXCAVATION OF SIDE PATH ROAD**

Reference: CS-0473-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Hillside Excavation of Side Path Road in connection with the approved plans for the B2 Project.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Hillside Excavation of Side Path Road.

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**FOR SALE BY**

The Property Division of the Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio has a building for sale:

Former steel frame warehouse at Lower Rupert’s Valley.

Closing date for bids are 12 noon,

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To connect with friends or family

Persons who are vaccinated at some point may visit their loved ones overseas or have their loved ones come to visit them. Being vaccinated offers you the protection and confidence that you would be able to enjoy their time and company whilst knowing that you are protected.

Travelling

Persons who want to travel for work, leisure or to see family and friends abroad are advised to check the entry requirements for the country they intend to visit. Whilst abiding by the distancing and mask wearing rules of the country you visit, you would be able to enjoy your time away knowing that you are also protected by vaccination as well.

St Helena’s population is vaccinated with the Oxford AstraZeneca Vaccine
Oxford AstraZeneca is the second most widely used COVID-19 vaccine globally. It has been used within vaccination programmes in 153 countries

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3,528 persons have been fully vaccinated through St Helena’s Vaccination Programme.

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The benefits of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19

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Backpack Sprayer Training

10.30 am at Scotland Research

Classroom

Sign up and get:

- Safe & efficient use of sprayers
- Use of agro- chemicals
- Lower Cost
- Higher Yield
- Healthier Crops

Grow:

Wednesday 2nd June

Farmer Masterclass No. 7

Healthier Crops

Sign up by calling AIMP on 24256 or email edward.wilcox@saithelena.gov.sh

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‘WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY’ 2021

‘World No Tobacco Day’ (WNTD) is on Monday, 31 May. Created by the World Health Organization (WHO), this year’s campaign focuses on ‘commit to quit’. This international health awareness day aims to support 100 million people worldwide in their attempt to give up tobacco through various initiatives. This is of critical importance because tobacco is one of the world’s leading causes of premature death, disability and reduction in healthy life years.

Not only can tobacco use cause serious illnesses to individuals through diseases such as cancer, heart disease and lung disease, it also has detrimental effects to those around them, through exposure to second-hand smoke. Tobacco use also has wider impacts on society and the economy through loss of productivity and increased pressure on health and social care services.

To help protect the St Helena community from the harm tobacco causes and to ensure the wellbeing of our population now and in the future, tobacco control legislation will be implemented over the coming year. The legislation will:

- Expand smoke-free premises to include premises open to the public, places of work vehicles used for business purposes
- Prohibit smoking in any vehicles with children aged under 18 present, to protect young people from second-hand smoke
- Require any person who wishes to import by any means and sell tobacco or related products to be registered
- Require sellers of tobacco to request ID to prove that young people are aged over 18 years
- Restrict the availability of e-cigarettes, certain types will be prohibited, and promotion will be prohibited
- Prohibit any kind of advertising, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco or related products
- Stop sellers from breaking up cigarette packs and selling ‘single’ cigarettes, making it difficult for young people to start smoking and help others to stop smoking
- Implement offences in relation to breaches of the legislation.

Further publicity and information sessions will take place ahead of the ‘go live’ date to support the community and businesses to implement these changes.

To complement the implementation of the legislation and to help smokers quit smoking, the Health Service Directorate has been working to redesign the St Helena Stop Smoking Service (SSS), to ensure it can support as many people as possible to quit smoking. The nicotine found in tobacco is highly addictive which not only creates dependency but the behavioural and emotional ties to tobacco use (having a cigarette when stressed, when drinking alcohol, etc.) make it difficult to quit smoking. However, research has shown that smokers are twice as likely to quit when they access a professional service that offers behaviour change support from trained practitioners and pharmacotherapy, including Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT). The new SSS on St Helena will provide this ongoing support for smokers who wish to quit. The SSS is currently in the process of being redeveloped and will launch later this year, but watch this space for more information about the launch of the new service.

Now more than ever is a great incentive to commit to quit as research has shown that smokers are more likely to develop serious disease with COVID-19, compared to non-smokers. So why not make 2021 the year you commit to quit.

The Health Service Directorate will be promoting WNTD, to highlight the dangers of tobacco use, showcase the wider range of NRT products soon to be available on St Helena and talk about the new SSS.

When: Monday, 31 May 2021
Time: 9am – 1pm
Where: The Jamestown Market
We hope to see you there!

#StHelena #AltogetherHealthier #WorldNoTobaccoDay

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25 May 2021
This month’s monthly medal competition came early to give way to the inaugural St Helena Players Championship coming up next. There was sufficient cloud cover and a gentle breeze which provided great golfing conditions. At the end of the 18 holes Mr Keith Joshua and Mr Lawson Henry both tied on top of the leaderboard with net 68. On a countback Mr Lawson Henry emerged winner to claim the May medal and first prize and Mr KJ had to contend with second prize. The captain Bramwell scored the only two to win all the balls in the pool. The prizes were generously sponsored by Mr and Mrs John Colclough in their own personal capacity. The prizes were presented by the ladies captain Mrs Helena Stevens. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to John and Anne for sponsoring the prizes.

The eagerly awaited final singles match play competition also took place last Sunday. Mr Douglas Augustus trounced Mr Ron De Reuck 2 to 1 to win first prize. Congratulations Mr Augustus for the well-deserved win and to Mr De Reuck for going all the way to the final.

Coming up for the first time on our golf calendar is the St Helena Golf Players Championship. This competition will only be open to members and it will be played from Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th May and final round on Saturday 5th June 2021. Tee off on all three days will be at 11:00am. Participants are requested to be at the club at 10:30 on the first day Saturday 29th May for a photo shoot.

Happy swinging...