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Luke Bennett, SAMS

As we get ready to pay tribute to Johnny Dillon, I've been thinking a lot about how I fell in love with music and live bands. My first memories would be with my older brother and his keyboard, being so amazed about how these tunes coming from this contraption (I wasn't the smartest kid lol), but when I tried to play what he played it didn't sound like him. That's when I realised this guy is good. Later as I got a little older, he joined the young musicians, and so did I, playing the recorder. Anything to get involved I guess and I wasn't so bad at it. My little brother joined later on drums, so that was it, we was sorted. My cousin asked my brother if he wanted to join his band (or something like that) and that was my first experience of being in a band practice and it was awesome. These guys - and a girl - were like superstars to me, WOW! This band was called the AXIS. As time went by, AXIS was finished and along came this guy shouting up to my dad's window for my older brother because they "go start one band". That man was Johnny Dillon and that band was the BIG EASY!! So now my mind is blown, pretty much. This band was filled with some of the best talent on the Island at the time. Just getting to carry my brother's keyboard stand to the gig made me feel like the man lol. This inspired us to try and make our own band, but we had no gear, we can't drive or nothing, but Johnny came and helped us out with whatever we needed and, finally, me and my little brother were able to follow in the footsteps of our brother. Cheers Johnny!

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YOUR LETTERS

"Not a Normal Operation"

Busy weekend for St Helena Airport as two flights arrive on Saturday



Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Saturday, St Helena Airport not only saw the arrival of the weekly Airlink flight, but also the arrival of a Medevac plane.

Those welcoming family and friends, or even those departing, would have noticed a slight delay to the arrival of the Airlink flight; CEO and Accountable Manager for St Helena Airport Ltd, Gwyneth Howell, told The Sentinel that "the Medevac was planned for Walvis Bay and had to divert to Windhoek, as the fire service only started later at Walvis Bay, much later then the Medevac arrival time. This created a delay for Airlink. Unfortunately, the Medevac experienced a technical and had to shut down which caused a further delay for Airlink."

Gwyneth also mentioned that "the Medevac eventually got airborne which resulted in Airlink only crossing their point of no return after the Medevac had landed safely at St Helena, assuring the runway would be available for the Airlink arrival."

Due to the both aircrafts departing the Island in close proximity, St Helena Airport made enquiries as to whether Ascension's airfield could be used as an alternative in case of an emergency for both aircrafts. Gwyneth said this also created a lot of flexibility for the Medevac and Airlink flights to depart when ready without any time restriction. She did however make it clear that this "was not a normal operation, and this type of operation is not in place permanently."

Well done to all involved in allowing a smooth outcome for both flights.

ST HELENA NEWS

Reconnecting with the Mother City

Flights to and from Cape Town confirmed for 2024/25



Liam Yon, SAMS

What will come as exciting news to many on St Helena, as well as to potential visitors, SHG and St Helena's air services provider, Airlink, recently announced that flights between St Helena and Cape Town, South Africa, will be reintroduced in the summer of 2024.

"The re-introduction of Cape Town flights will begin in December 2024 and run until March 2025," announced SHG in a Press Release last week. "These will take place alongside the weekly Johannesburg flights."

While the weekend flights to St Helena currently arrive from Johannesburg, SHG confirmed that when Cape Town flights are re-introduced, this will change and "the weekly Saturday flight will operate from Cape Town" whiles the "weekly Tuesday flight will operate from Johannesburg."

There are many who have voiced their preference to travel to Cape Town, which to a lot of Saints is a more desirable destination in South Africa, a link longstanding since the connection brought about between Cape Town and the Island through the RMS St Helena. Previously, SHG and Elected Members have alluded to talks and discussions to make this a reality. Now however, the reconnection of Cape Town and St Helena through weekly flights is being confirmed for 2024/25.

"Since last November, work has been underway to add both additional flights and an additional destination during the summer months next year," commented Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks. "This enables the restoration of the Island's traditional link to Cape Town, one which we had for so many years under the RMS St Helena."

Additional weekly flights from Cape Town will, according to SHG, provide benefits that include the enhancement of potential dual-centre holidays by foreign visitors to South Africa and St Helena, while it will also offer different options for lengths of stay for travellers to the Island.

"Tourism is the largest contributor to the Island economy after UK aid, so having more options for travellers, as well as people on Island, is welcomed," said Minister Brooks. "I'd like to thank everyone involved in getting this over the line, and in particular Airlink for their continued partnership with the Island."

Alongside the announcement, SHG released a flight schedule for the period November 2023 to April 2025, including flights to and from Johannesburg, Ascension Island, and now, Cape Town. This schedule is also available via www.flyairlink.com.



Almost 20% of the SHG Recurrent Budget

Near £9million allocated for the Health & Social Care Portfolio



Liam Yon, SAMS

SHG have begun sharing information on their budget allocations for the six different portfolios to outlay how the allocated £42,072,000 for 2023/24 would be spent over the financial year.

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is receiving near 20% of the SHG recurrent budget, with £8,845,594 having been allocated to the portfolio. Just over £5.3m of this pot will go to Health Care Services, with just over £3.5m going to Social Care. All in all, this budget allocation for the Portfolio represents a near £350,000 increase on the previous year's budget, representing around 4%.

With that said, it should be noted that in 2022/23 the Portfolio overspent their budget allocation by over 30%, with the actual spend amounting to over £11.1m. According to SHG, "overseas medical referrals, treatments and evacuations were the single biggest overspend, accounting for 72.96% of the total overspend."

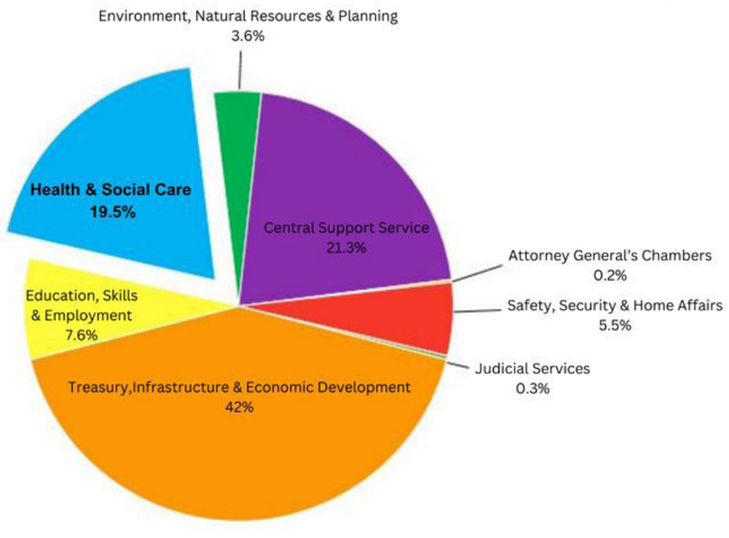
The main focus of expenditure for the Health & Social Care Portfolio's 2023-24 budget is to support the national 'Altogether Healthier' and 'Altogether Safer' goals, though it will also play a role in working towards other national and strategic objectives.

With their budget set, the Portfolio is pursuing seven main policy priority areas within the SHG Vision and Strategy Plan 2022-2025, including the delivery of core and preventative health services, ensuring a Safe Statutory Offer for children and adults, primary prevention and management of chronic diseases, promoting healthy lifestyles, providing access to specialist and tertiary care, providing evidence based primary and secondary health-care, and providing a health and social care governance system.

In terms of Health Care Services, the three major risk factors identified to address, which SHG say "are having a significant impact on the population of St Helena and leading to most of the ill health early deaths, and need for overseas referral and treatment" are smoking, alcohol, and obesity. The Portfolio will use this budget to address these risk factors through a number of interventions throughout the year.

Again, the largest planned expenditure for Health is overseas medical referrals and medical evacuations. While the Portfolio have secured a new medical services provider in South Africa which is expected, according to SHG, to "deliver improved services whilst decreasing the cost of individual treatments" the demand for overseas medical treatments continues to rise.

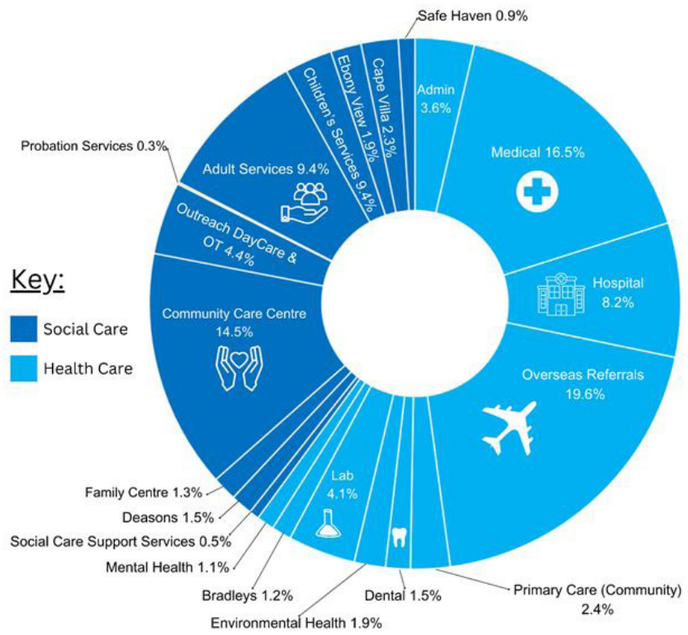
The health budget will also cover, as usual, the provision of wide-ranging health services. These will be delivered alongside visiting specialists in specific areas.



With regard to Social Care, SHG explain how St Helena's ageing population which they say, according to "most recent global data", makes St Helena the country with "the second oldest median age of anywhere in the world" is putting an ever growing pressure on Social Care to provide care and support, both in the community and at the Island's care facilities.

To this end, SHG say "Social Care will continue to try and support more people in the community and, through short interventions, aim to decrease the number of individuals who require full time care, enabling them to remain as independent as possible for longer."

In addition, Social Care will also support the Children and Adults Safeguarding Board by running, among other work streams, monthly safeguarding training, policy and procedural support, and early help interventions.



"We Discussed the Challenges"

Chief Minister discusses St Helena with UK Minister for Overseas Territories

Liam Yon, SAMS



Currently in the UK, having attended the JMC in London, St Helena's Chief Minister Julie Thomas had the opportunity to meet with the UK Government's Minister responsible for the Overseas Territories, Minister David Rutley, earlier this week.

"It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to have an inaugural meeting with Minister Rutley," commented Minister Thomas. "We discussed the challenges St Helena is currently facing, most notably our declining working age population and the knock-on effect this is having on demands for public services, public revenues and our ability to focus scarce resources on other areas."

During the meeting between our Chief Minister and Minister Rutley, emphasis of discussions were placed on the Island's ageing population as well as the high rate of non-communicable diseases on St Helena, while recognising the impact these trends are having on the utilisation of the Island's annual budget. "In setting out these challenges I was able to highlight the need for continued collaboration in a number of key areas if we are indeed going to be able to implement our desire to achieve building an effective infrastructure and creating an enabling environment, which demonstrates our commitment in focusing on the need for economic development," said the Chief Minister.

With the Island's focus on sustainability, evidenced by the vision of Ministers, it was agreed by the both Chief Minister Thomas and Minister Rutley that this should be the focus of any actions to grow the Island's economy. To this end, the Chief Minister provided an update on St Helena's plan "to transition to at least 80% of our power being generated from renewable sources" as well as "the need to grow the population."

In terms of the strain on SHG's annual budget caused by declines and pressures on-Island, the Chief Minister said it was noted how "it was becoming increasingly harder to deliver not only what we have to, but also what we need to in order to grow our economy and improve the lives and prospects for everyone on our Island."

"In closing, I relayed to Minister Rutley the importance of us to continuing to work together with him and the UK Government to deliver on the priorities for St Helena through the proposed new OT strategy," concluded Chief Minister Thomas.

Hope for the Future

St Helena's MPA declared 'Hope Spot' after 20 year journey



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA) was officially declared a Hope Spot on Monday, 13 November, by international conservation organisation Mission Blue, a result of its uniqueness and its contribution to improving ocean health worldwide.

This recognition follows two decades of work for St Helena in understanding, defending and respecting the Island's surrounding ocean, which began with simpler assessment projects on whales, dolphins and birds, alongside basic fisheries science.

SHG began to consider a potential MPA designation in 2012; this led to St Helena's Exclusive Economic Zone being declared as an IUCN Category VI sustainable use MPA in 2016, accompanied by the publication of St Helena's very first Marine Management Plan.

Unfortunately, only 8% of the world's oceans are designated MPAs, with less than 3% being highly protected. This is especially important now, as our oceans have never been in a more precarious position, with threats like climate change, ocean acidification, pollution and illegal fishing.

St Helena has also been fortunate to work in collaboration with partners like the UK Government Darwin Initiative, the Blue Marine Foundation, the International Pole and Line Foundation and Georgia Aquarium.

St Helena's scientific research really took off in 2016 when St Helena became involved in the UK's Blue Belt Programme, supporting the protection and sustainability of Overseas Territories' marine environments and providing the Island with significant resources. This largely contributed to the 2023 Marine Management Plan.

The St Helena National Trust also extended its support of the Island's heritage to include its marine environment in 2018, with the support of the Blue Marine Foundation.

The nomination of St Helena as a Hope Spot was put forward by Director of the St Helena National Trust, Helena Bennett, and Director of Global Policy a t Georgia Aquarium, Dr Dayne Buddo. SHG also gave their support during this process.

As a Hope Spot, St Helena takes its place alongside 156 Hope Spots around the world, a stretch of nearly 60 million km2 of ocean, including Ascension Island.

Despite St Helena's MPA being used frequently for leisure, the community has kept our marine environment pristine through, for example, total allowable catch limits and one by one fishing practices for certain species. Our MPA remains incredibly unique, with its remoteness and population of migratory and globally important animals – tuna, whale sharks, humpback whales – being only a few of its special attributed.

On Tuesday, 14 November, Helena and Elizabeth Clingham from the Governor's Office went live on SAMS Radio 1 to discuss St Helena becoming a Hope Spot.

"What Hope Spot does for us is that it opens the doors to networking, it allows us to now network and connect to other Hope Spots around the world," Helena explained.

"It's validated all the work that we've done," Elizabeth said. "Sometimes when we live here, you can get boxed thinking, you don't see how you fit into the big picture."

"When developing the Marine Management Plan, the main theme



that came out as to why people valued the ocean was because of its ability to provide health, wellbeing and spirituality benefits," Elizabeth added. "Those are the things you can't put a financial value to."

Founder of Mission Blue, Dr Sylvia Earle, commented that "by becoming a Hope Spot, St Helena can act as a beacon to the rest of the world. Although geographically isolated, it is deeply ecologically connected to many distant realms, and indeed, other Hope Spots."

UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Minister, David Rutley, also commented. "The UK's landmark Blue Belt Programme has also enabled positive lasting change for the Island, through its facilitation of a range of support covering innovative science initiatives such as, the deployment of a network of underwater cameras to help observe and quantify ocean wildlife, a purpose-built marine laboratory to ensure evidence-based management of habitats and species is undertaken supported by a robust policy, legislation, education and enforcement," he said. "An exemplar of creating positive change for the protection of the marine environment for the rest of the world."



"As a community, we are rightly proud of our unique marine environment, which is reflected in how we approach our stewardship of it," added Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Christine Scipio. "We've spent the last 20 years developing our knowledge of our special waters and ensuring we only permit the most sustainable of practices within our MPA. We're delighted that Mission Blue has recognised St Helena as a Hope Spot, and hope that we can act as an example to the rest of the world of what can be achieved despite your size and limited resources."

Graham Sim, who is a former Fisheries Officer and a renowned long term advocate for St Helena's marine environment, said that "St Helena is in a unique position and has come a long way with the conservation and protection of the marine environment, with the local younger generations being much more aware of the need to protect the ocean, giving us all hope for the future. But, there is a lot that still needs to be done here, and elsewhere, and we need to keep focused on what is required to protect our beloved oceans."

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Select Committee 2: Asset Disposal

Ex-RMS St Helena Assets



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

One of the main focus's of the Select Committee 2 hearing on 5 October was the ex-RMS St Helena assets. Select Committee 2, comprising of chair Cllr Dr Corinda Essex, Cllr Karl Thrower and Cllr Andrew Turner, posed several questions to Financial Secretary Dax Richards about the disposal of the ex-RMS assets.

Cllr Dr Essex has a vested interest in this topic, as some of the artwork on the RMS was hers. Consequently, she removed herself from the questioning and Cllr Turner posed the first questions.

Cllr Turner began by asking who was responsible for the disposal of these assets.

"In this case, we're talking about artwork and we're not actually talking about physical assets that you would normally associate with the reason procurement regulations are actually put in place," Dax explained. "When the RMS was disposed of, one of the key conditions for the disposal is that all of the assets and equipment on the RMS was to be sold with the RMS St Helena."

"There were no major assets that were taken off the RMS St Helena other than issues of sentimental value, so things like the ship's bell," Dax further explained. "There were no major asset items that were actually taken off that were recognised on SHG's asset register."

Cllr Turner then asked how the value, particularly from a historical and collectable point of view, was determined.

"At the time of the disposal of the RMS, there was very little around the value that was given to the artwork," Dax responded. "We did not give a financial value to the items that were taken off the RMS St Helena."

"We recognise that the RMS has a huge sentimental value in its entirety to St Helena, given its connections," Dax continued. "The thought process of the Captain and the members of the St Helena line at that time was that the pieces of artwork... would have more sentimental value to the community rather than financial value to SHG. So the way we did the disposal... is that we asked the Museum to actually manage the process."

Cllr Turner followed up by pointing out that a working group had been assembled to make recommendations on how the ex-RMS assets should have been disposed of and asked about the outcome of this.

"Whilst the intention might have been to look at everything from the RMS, what the working group actually focused on was the distribution of the stores and stocks that were left on the RMS St Helena," Dax stated. "For example, there was a lot of stationery, there's books that belonged to the library, so they went along and used the wishes of the RMS St Helena crew and others to be able to distribute."

Cllr Turners final question on this topic was why most of the assets went to the Museum.

"Because of the... sentimental value and the importance from a historical perspective, we felt at the time that they would be the best people to actually go along and look at the artwork and determine what they would like to keep in the Museum," Dax stated. "There was no real science behind that at that time. The reason why we put it into the Museum's hands mainly is because [of the connection to] the Heritage Society."

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CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FOR UTILITY SERVICES BEFORE 22 DECEMBER 2023

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to advise the public that applications for new electrical, water and sewerage installations, reconnections, disconnections, hire of power boxes, electrical testing and inspections, and routine emptying of septic tanks for service dates before Friday, 22 December 2023 must be submitted to the Connect Administration Office by **Friday, 01 December 2023**. Applications received after this date will be attended to in the New Year from Tuesday, 02 January 2024.

The Connect enquiry line at Seales Corner 22255 can be contacted should customers require any additional information.

14 November 2023

Improving the Visitor Experience through Upskilling

St Helena Tourism hosts Certificate Presentation for NQtac Hospitality Training



Demy Herne, SAMS

On Friday afternoon, 10 November, St Helena Tourism held a certificate presentation at the Mantis St Helena Hotel, where a number of people on-Island were awarded their certificates for successfully passing recent hospitality training delivered by NQtac.

The presentation recognised staff of various organisations on-Island that took the opportunity to partake in the training, including from Solomon's, the Rose & Crown, the St Helena National Trust and Mantis St Helena. The Hospitality Training course was delivered by NQtac's Lisa and Irene. NQtac is an organisation with over 25 years experience in training and development within hospitality.

The full course covered a number of critical areas of hospitality, including customer service, train the trainer, hospitality management, lessons in leadership, hospitality operations, food and beverages, and housekeeping.

At the start of the event, Damien Burns from Economic Development gave a speech. Damien reminded that the UK Government funded the building of St Helena Airport with the belief that it would enable a tourism industry to grow and thrive on St Helena, providing a big economic boost to the Island.

Damien then spoke about the unfortunate impact of Covid-19 on the world, and how it set the tourism industry on St Helena back. He recognised that a lot of local businesses tried different schemes to keep their business running but said, unfortunately, many had to close. Following this, SHG took over the Tourism Office and had to come up with a way to kick start the industry here on-Island once again through actions such as the reopening of Mantis St Helena, getting the regular flight schedule back up and running and, of course, eventually removing quarantine requirements on the Island.

SHG's tourism strategy had three main focal points. The first was about developing the product, the second was about marketing the Island, and the third was about increasing the Islands capacity. These focuses are what the recent NQtaq training has been all about as, by training people on-Island, the quality of the visitor experience here improves.

"What I have learned about tourism since doing this job is that, apart from everything else, tourism is about money and the better everyone else here is doing their jobs, the more money people are going to make," said Damian in his speech. "People spending their money here will go and tell their friends about their experience and this is why we were pleased to invite NQtac here so that they could teach you something new and to find some way to improve the experience here for the months coming ahead of us."

Damian said he "encourages organisations to take advantage of these training opportunities and to share their skills with others."

The afternoon ended with the certificates being handed out to all the deserved awardees, and delicious refreshments being enjoyed, provided by Mantis.





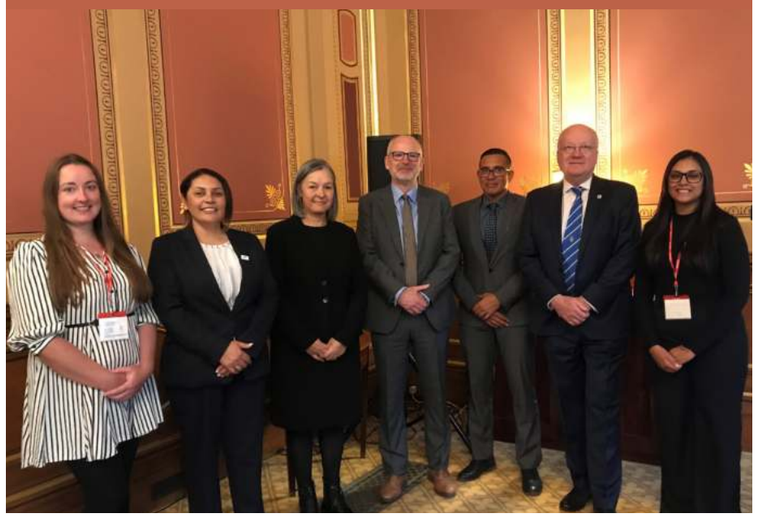






Landing in London

Ministers Thomas and Henry attends JMC in London



Liam Yon, SAMS

Chief Minister, Julie Thomas, and Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry, both departed St Helena last weekend to represent St Helena at the Overseas Territories (OTs) Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) meeting in London, UK.

"The JMC takes place every year in London and is hosted by the UK Government," explained SHG in a recent Press Release. "It brings together elected leaders and representatives from all of the OTs, as well as UK Ministers, and provides the principal forum for political dialogue and consultation between the UK and the OTs."

Both the Chief Minister and the Minister for Health attended the JMC this week which started on Tuesday, 14 November. They were joined by His Excellency, Governor Nigel Phillips CBE, and SHG's UK Representative, Kedell Worboys MBE.

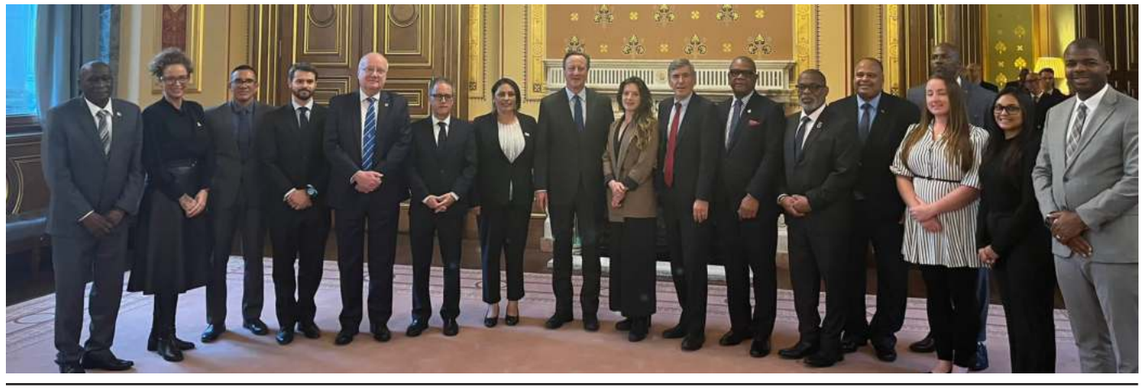
During their overseas visit, Ministers Thomas and Henry also had a number of other official engagements, both prior to and following the JMC in London. "The Chief Minister will also have a number of official engagements before and after the event itself," said SHG. "These engagements will include meetings with the Labour Party spokesperson on the OTs, Stephen Doughty MP, meetings with other OT leaders and representatives, and a roundtable with the UK Parliament Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC), amongst others."

Following a busy week away, the Chief Minister is scheduled to arrive back to St Helena this weekend. In the meantime, Minister Mark Brooks has been appointed as the Island's Deputy Chief Minister.

As for Minister Martin Henry, he is set to remain in London where he will meet with network with health officials and attend presentations on 'Advances in Digital Healthcare'. He will then travel onto Gibraltar for further engagements related to Health. "Minister Henry's visit is being facilitated by Professor Ian Cummings, the Health Ambassador for the OTs," explained SHG. "As well as accompanying the Chief Minister to the JMC, Minister Henry will attend a number of conferences in London and visit Gibraltar for meetings with health officials, including the newly appointed Health Minister, Gemma Vasquez."

During his four-day stay in Gibraltar, Minister Henry will meet with a number of health officials and will be given a tour of the Gibraltar Health Authority. Following what he would hope is a period of productive overseas business, Minister Henry will return to St Helena on 25 November. In his absence, Minister Christine Scipio will be the point of contact for Health and Social Care.





Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Modern Slavery

Cllr Robert Midwinter taking advantage of "real opportunity" to attend workshop in Kenya as White Ribbon Day approaches



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

In addition to the departures of Chief Minister Thomas and Minister Henry, Elected Member, Cllr Robert Midwinter, also departed the Island on Saturday, 11 November.

Cllr Midwinter has flown to Kenya, Africa, for a workshop on strengthening parliamentary action to address gender-based violence and modern slavery in supply chains. This workshop is being supported by the Kenyan Government and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Prior to his departure, Cllr Midwinter came on-air on SAMS Radio 1 to discuss this, during which he called the workshop "a real opportunity" that would allow him "to engage with peers from other parts of the world, other parts of the Commonwealth, who may not necessarily know where St Helena is."

"We'll be looking at what we mean when we refer to violence against women and girls... the cultural and religious factors around that and how you navigate through," Cllr Midwinter stated. "We'll be looking at things like the social economic and how different factors relating to the economy can impact on gender-based violence."

"We're going to be looking at how we pass legislation that's going to be gender sensitive and actually this is one area we're getting pretty good at in St Helena," he explained. "We always try to make sure that [legislation] is either gender neutral or, preferably, gender silent where possible."

Despite this, there are still many opportunities for growth, especially as issues of gender-based violence and modern slavery falls within Social Care, which is under the remit of Select Committee One, chaired by Cllr Midwinter.

"There will be a session on how to scrutinise policy and practice sensitively, because obviously the subject matter, gender-based violence and modern slavery, are very sensitive subjects," he further explained. "At some point, it can be anticipated that we will be looking at, for example, the children's home, the safe haven and we need to be able to do that in a sensitive way."

These discussions and awareness of these issues are especially pertinent now, with White Ribbon Day fast approaching, as well as the start of 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls, running from WRD on 25 November through to Human Rights Day on 10 December.

A White Ribbon march will be taking place on 25 November at 10am and participants will be walking from the General Hospital to the Grand Parade.

"Cllr Rosemary Bargo is also on the working group, so she'll be taking the lead in relation to youth engagement," Cllr Midwinter stated. "There will be a campaign in the week leading up to the actual walk."

The theme for this year's White Ribbon campaign is 'Change the Story' and, according to Cllr Midwinter, it's about "men taking action to inspire and encourage other men" to take action against gender-based violence.

"In terms of numbers, they say that 1 in 4 women face some sort of gender-based violence within their life, whereas 1 in 7 men face gender-based violence," Cllr Midwinter explained. "Within that 1 in 7 men, a lot of times, that is actually in gay couples."

"What do we mean when we talk about violence against women and girls?" he continued. "Communities set those standards themselves and the types of things that we need to eliminate here on St Helena is things like victim blaming. We do see that in St Helena, I've seen it, where a young lady has been abused and people will turn around and say, 'well, she was asking for it'... somehow we've got to change that."

"We've got to make sure that people feel safe," Cllr Midwinter stressed. "That if they do speak up and speak out, that they are going to be protected by the system, and I know that's difficult in a small community; there are sensitivities and that is why I'm really looking forward to the session that's on how you navigate these sensitivities."

"There are resources available on the Island, particularly the Safe Haven," Cllr Midwinter stated. "You can talk to people in confidence about what you're being subjected to."

"Something else that I've been promoting via my own Facebook page is also the helpline that the Samaritans provide," he continued. "It is a free helpline that is available here in St Helena through SURE... that is a completely confidential service with trained counsellors from the Samaritans based in the UK." The telephone number for this helpline is 20000.

Cllr Midwinter is expected to arrive back to the Island on the first mid-week flight from OR Tambo for the peak period, on Tuesday, 28 November. According to Cllr Midwinter, a report of the workshop will be released to the public shortly after his return.

In the meantime, Cllr Ronald Coleman will be taking over for the St Pauls district and Cllr Midwinter is still available on email.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE



J-Leya Justine Rose Coleman

First time and single mum, Jenna Coleman, was blessed with the arrival of her adorable baby girl, J-Leya Justine Rose Coleman, on 14 August 2023, weighing a healthy 5lb 4oz.

Mummy Jenna told The Sentinel that "baby J-Leya is doing very well and loves bath times, and loves people talking to her, always greeting them with a smile."

Being a first time mum Jenna said " I am doing well considering this is my first time, but I am enjoying motherhood, my baby girl makes me so happy and I am glad to have her in my life."

Jenna would like to thank mum Justine, Ollie and her brothers. Thanks also go out to Nanny Dottie and the rest of the family and friends who sent gifts, messages, calls and made visits.

Thanks were also extended to Dr Francisco and Midwives Erica Bowers and Rosie Mittens.



Donna Crowie, SAMS

St Helena Cloud Forest Project Vacancy

Conservation Capacity Development Officer

Are you interested in supporting the restoration of the UK's last natural cloud forest for St Helena's water, wildlife and people? We are seeking an experienced team facilitator to join the team. You will:

- be responsible for supporting St Helena Government's Nature Conservation Division (NCD) with cloud forest restoration in the Peaks National Park
- help catalyse the implementation of the management plan for the Peaks National Park working with St Helena's highly skilled and inspirational habitat restoration teams alongside key roles within Government and the Partnership
- work with the relevant teams to help set direction to achieve the project's goals
- work with relevant teams to coordinate pathogen response activities on St Helena and produce a conservation action plan to manage conservation work to take account of impacts and risk of plant pathogens threatening key cloud forest species
- be an excellent collaborator who is motivated by bringing teams together and fostering talented people

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For further information please contact Kirsten.Ellis@RSPB.org.uk. Applications close on 26 November.

RSPB
7 August 2023

ST HELENA NEWS

We Will Remember Them

Remembrance Sunday Service held at the Cenotaph













Liam Yon, SAMS

On Sunday, 12 November, the Traditional Remembrance Sunday service was held in Jamestown with a Divine Service taking place at the Cenotaph in honour of those who had lost their lives or had been injured during active duty, as well as to recognise those who served and survived this conflict.

The Acting Governor, Greg Gibson, arrived at 10.55am, before the Right Reverend Lord Bishop Dale Bowers, invited those in attendance to pray. Following the scripture readings, read by Pastor Reuben Oliphant, the Acting Governor gave the act of Remembrance before a two-minute silence was observed. The silence was signalled by the Last Post, played by members of the First Jamestown Scout Group.

Wreaths were then laid for St Helena, Ascension and Tristian Da Cunha by Acting Governor Gibson; for the President of the French Republic; the Government of St Helena; St Helena Legislative Council; the Royal Navy; the Army; the Royal Air Force; the Merchant Navy; the Royal St Helena Police Force; the St Helena Fire and Sea Rescue Services; and the SHVA. Members of the public and school children, including members of the student council also laid wreaths.

In addition, in what has become a tradition on St Helena in recent years, a wreath was also laid by divers at the wreck of the RFA Darkdale in James Bay in commemoration of those who lost their lives on board the ship.

At the ceremony at the sea front, prayers were led by Deacon Edgar Crowie, Pastor Anthony Hopkins, Fr Ronnie Allwright, Envoy Coral Yon, Fr David Musgrave, Deacon Clarence Roberts and Rector Darren Peters. The Act of Commitment was made and acts of peace were then offered. The Service concluded with the National Anthem and Blessing, followed by the traditional March-Past outside the Court House.

As usual, Remembrance Sunday on St Helena was well attended by members of the community. Alongside the service on-Island, St Helena Government's UK Representative, Kedell Worboys MBE, attended the UK's Ceremony of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London.





SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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FRI. Nov 17
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam

SAT. Nov 18
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Hannah Braaf
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Demy Herne
- 6-8pm : DNA Show with Anita and Deon
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

SUN. Nov 19
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Seventh Day Church Service

MON. Nov 20
- 7am-10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2-4pm: DNA Show
- 5:30 -7pm: The Irish Show with Tony and Lucas

TUE. Nov 21
- 7am-9am- Sunrise with Donna Crowie
- 9am: Midday show with Demy Herne
- 2pm: In Scope
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 7:30pm: Life is Still Beautiful

WED. Nov 22
- 7am: Sunrise Show with Deon
- 9-11am: Our Show
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm- Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

THU. Nov 23
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett & Liam Yon
- 11am-1pm: Midday show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm-3pm:Afternoon vibes with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope (Repeat)

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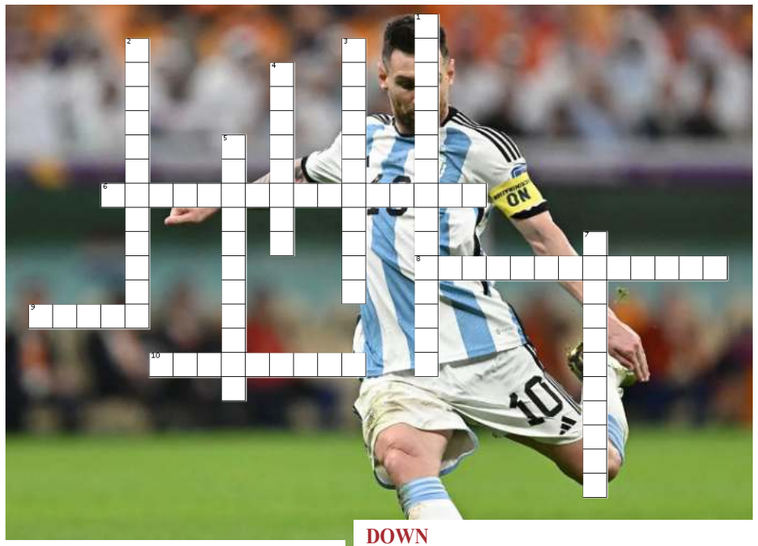
Join me, Demy, every Tuesday Morning from 9-11am when I will be bringing you some tracks from the 70s, 80s and 90s. If you like a bit of a blast from the past, then why not tune into SAMS and turn up your radio this Tuesday with the first hour of my show being focused on Shania twain.

Local news and notices:
7am, 10am, noon, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

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TIME OUT

Crossword: Football



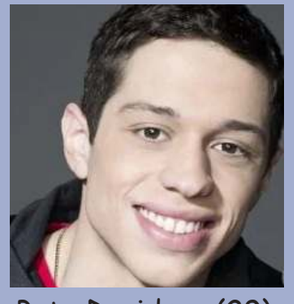
ACROSS

7.Who has won the most Ballons d'Or?
8.Who has scored the most Premier League goals of all time?
9.Manchester City have won the champions league, FA cup and the premier? league all in the one season making them treble winners, who was the only other English team to achieve this?
10.How many world cups have Argentina won?

DOWN

1. Paolo Maldini was an Italian defender who only played for one club what club was it?
2. who scored the most goals in 2022 FIFA world cup?
3. Who won the world cup in France 1998?
4. What club did MO Salah play for before moving to Liverpool?
5. Who was the last Englishman to win the Ballons d'Or?
6. How many premier league titles has Liverpool won?

Famous Birthday on 16 Nov



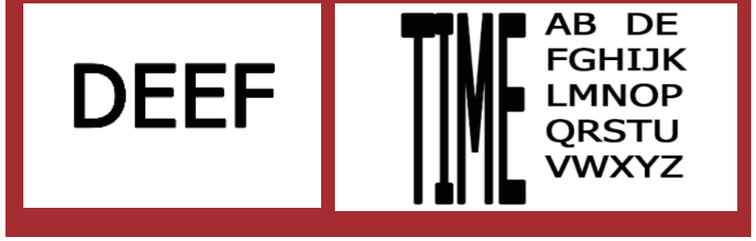
Pete Davidson (29)

Sentinel Joke of the day

I went to the zoo and saw a baguette in a cage.

It was bread in captivity.

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*



Cliff face shop in China's Hunan province dubbed 'inconvenient convenience store'



A tiny shop hanging from the side of a steep cliff face has been nicknamed the most "inconvenient convenience store" in China for supplying refreshments to climbers.

The wooden shed is 120m (394ft) above the ground in the Shiniuzhai National Geological Park in Hunan province.

The shop is said to be "unique" in its surrounding scenery and for the way it provides sustenance to passing climbers.

Workers are reported to replenish stock daily using ziplines, while only one member of staff is inside the store at any one time, according to Chinese media.

Shiniuzhai park's general manager, Song Huizhou, said the journey up the cliff to the store takes about 90 minutes, reported China Daily.

Climbers can pick up a free bottle of water inside the box - but posts on social media have said the outlet would leave them "absolutely terrified", adding its position was "beyond genius".

One blogger on Chinese social network Weibo called it "the most inconvenient convenience store" in the country, reported CNN.

Last week's Crossword Answers
Remembrance Day

Poppy	The Last Post
Eleventh	Nineteen nineteen
First World War	Gun Salute,
Armistice Day	Armed forces
Veterans Day	In Flanders Field

Rebus Answers:
1.Feed Back, 2. Long time no see

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Minister Martin Henry welcomed Tracy Poole-Nandy (Director of Health and Social care) and Dr. Peter Moss (Chief Medical Officer) as his guests on In Scope this week to give listeners an update on the progress that has been made in the Health Services Department over the past months. The main restriction and challenge in the Health Services Department is budget constraints. Health is dynamic and as such the services provided also has to be adaptable.

Over the past 18 months the Health Service on St Helena have had to deal with the opening of the Island after the Covid-19 pandemic and all the measures that had to be put in place as well as a response plan for this. There is stability with regards to the General Practitioners on-Island with the number of permanent roles having been increased from three to five, to increase availability of appointments. The variety of visiting specialists has also changed from being programme-based to being needs-based. A number of the key health issues on the Island are also being addressed in a focussed way. The structure of the Service will also change as Dr. Derek Burke, the Director of Health, has left the Island recently and the new structure will look at two Heads of Service (mirroring the Social Care structure). Stability of staff is increasing with a Chief Nursing Officer in post for the next two years, who will be supporting the nursing team and also looking at improving this as a career path option. There are plans to rebrand the nursing midwifery board to demonstrate how good nursing training on Island can be. Early detection screening programs have also been launched, offering screening for various non-communicable diseases.

The budgetary challenges is always going to pose a problem as health service is demand-driven and this means that forecasting a fixed and predictable budget is virtually impossible. The Health Services Agency in the UK through the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) showed that co-morbidities on Island are quite prevalent and this pointed to the need for preventative responses as a key element in curbing the cost of medical treatment expenses. Funding is however still very limited and the difficulties to align the money available with the services needed is becoming more and more apparent. The dramatic increase in the prices of medical supplies sourced from abroad and overseas medical treatment are two of the factors that are driving up the cost of health care on-Island. Some medication has increased with more than 50% in price since last year. These changes are difficult to predict and although a new overseas medical referral provider has been sourced, it will take some time before the cost benefits of the change will be seen. The annual budget only provides for 50 to 60 medical referrals, but there is a need for about 100 referrals per year. Only in this one area it is clear to see that the demand will outweigh the availability of finances. This discrepancy will once again be put forward to the visiting team from FAM (Financial Aid Mission) in December also showing that the necessary governance procedures are in place and that the funds are being spent responsibly.

Dr. Moss said that going forward there will be difficult decisions to be made as a government and as an Island with regards to medical services. In industries and business, more work means more income, but in health the opposite is true. Developments in health are enabling people to live longer as there are treatments to survive conditions that used to be terminal in the past like certain kinds of cancer, heart disease and diabetes. Although this is a positive thing, these treatments tend to be very costly making them inaccessible to some. This is a universal problem with different solutions. In some European countries, high taxes are levied to cover the high quality medical service provided there. In countries like the USA and South Africa there are huge discrepancies in the availability and cost of medical treatment available in private and public (state) facilities. There are even some countries that have no publicly funded health systems. St Helena, like the UK, essentially has a publicly funded health care system. In the case of St Helena though, the majority of the funds for health services is dependent on the financial grant received from the FCDO.

Some governments around the world spend as much as £10,000 per person, per year, on medical treatment. In the UK this amount is about £5,500 per person pa and, in some African countries, less than £20 per year. On St Helena this amount comes to about £1,900. This amount is essential to determine what services can be provided as restrictions in funding will make it impossible to provide all the services on St Helena. Two limiting factors for providing health services on St Helena are the size and remoteness of the Island. There is no possibility of reducing costs through economies of scale or shared services as in other larger countries. Logistics is another problem that limits the services that can be provided. During the past year, £50,000 has been spent only on the transport of medicine. The Service cannot capitalise on savings provided through other avenues making it fairly inefficient and on the other hand have to deal with a very limited budget available to them. This leaves the Service with the task of determining what services can be provided within the budget. Approaches to this problem to consider would be to increase the budget drastically, to substantially decrease the services offered, or to find a midway solution determining which services can realistically be provided with the available budget. The latter option would allow the Health Service Department to determine what services are critical to provide and then request a budget that will cover that.

Considering these options, it is also important to realise that more aid funding will more than likely not be made available. This will mean that St Helena will have to make important decisions about the direction the Health Services will take in the future and how the service can be as efficient as possible. There are two critical factors to consider when considering health service provision on the Island and this is the ageing population demographic and the high number of people here who are unhealthy. Health did not have an opportunity to state what was needed when the budget was determined, as aid funding was based on the previous years' expenditure. The amount allocated is simply not enough to provide for all the services needed. Although health is a highly emotive subject it is important to remember that the Health team can only make their decisions on the resources that are available to them.

With these restrictions taken into consideration it is easy to forget all the good that has been achieved. It is however necessary to be realistic about what is possible. The Health Service needs the support of the community and the Ministers to indicate what the future direction of the service will be. With the impending visit of the FAM representatives and upcoming budgets, it is a good time to have this discussion regarding the limited resources. The support of the public will always be invaluable in ensuring a good quality and efficient service is provided to everyone on St Helena. Other positive outcomes include the new equipment which have been obtained through funding other than the recurrent budget like heart testing equipment, lab equipment improving diagnostic time as well as a new scanner to arrive in 2024. The Service is also striving to develop the capacity to support people on Island to live longer and healthier lives. The doctors employed on-Island are well qualified and capable to provide a high quality service.

A lot of positive outcomes have been achieved in spite of the limited resources available. There have also been improvements in the standard of the service provided that was made possible by the hard work and dedication of the staff. Martin took the time to thank the staff for their unrelenting support, dedication and loyalty to providing this critical service to the people of St Helena.

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The family of our late Joshua Yon-bowers wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our family and friends for their kindness and support during our recent and sad bereavement.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to AIG, Mitie, Mr Hill, Encompass, Lorna and Dave Mills and Siobhan Stewart who went beyond the call of duty to ensure our son and brother was taken care of with the upmost respect and returned home to be laid to rest.

Samantha Arms and Karen Stroud you are my rock. Bernadette, Jolene Sim, Dr Hardy, as well as the Ascension Island Community we are most grateful for the gift of you all. Your visits, love, comfort, and every act of kindness gave us strength during the hours of sorrow. Thank you for taking the time to share some stories about Joshua. It truly brought us joy to hear those wonderful memories.

Special thanks to our Family Leeanne Henry, Tanya Maggott, Gerilyn Yon, Sylvia Langham, Meshara Yon and Aimee Yon who travelled to be with us at this sad time.
Thank you also to my brothers and sisters for taking the time to help me plan the funeral. I couldn't have done it without you.

Our thanks to Bishop Dale Bowers, the church staff, Sandra Sim, Penny Bowers and Joey George for their comforting words and funeral service.
Thanks also to the Undertakers and cemetery attendants for the professional handling of the funeral arrangements and Colin and Davina Lawrence for the beautiful floral arrangements.

To our extended families, friends, relations here in Ascension, UK, Falkland Islands and St Helena who showed, helped, and supported us prior too and after the funeral. Thank you for everything you did for my children and me in our low time and for being by our sides throughout. Your kind words strengthened our spirits and gave us the courage to deal with this difficult time.



Warmest, heartfelt thanks to you all.

Marianne, Pete, Robyn, Sarah, Gaba and Steve

BDM Register April - October 2023



Alysia Hele-Rose Crowie
20/06/2023 Female St. Helena

Eli Charles Crowie
04/07/2023 Male St. Helena

Remi Rose Harris
16/07/2023 Female St. Helena

Jose Len Caballero-Moyce
25/07/2023 Male St. Helena

Makaio Samuel Yon-Braaf
13/08/2023 Male St. Helena

J-Leya Justine Rose Coleman
14/08/2023 Female St. Helena

Kylian Emeil-James Phillips
21/08/2023 Male St. Helena

Amara-Grace Roseann Thomas
14/09/2023 Female St. Helena

Charlie-James Joshua Fowler
22/09/2023 Male St. Helena

Koda Alijah Coleman
16/10/2023 Male St. Helena

Mason David John Youde
16/10/2023 Male St. Helena



Laura Emily Yon
21/04/2023 91 Female St. Helena

Robert Charles Crowie
24/04/2023 67 Male St. Helena

Sandra Elizabeth Peters
25/04/2023 66 Female St. Helena

Eliza Ruth Timm
26/04/2023 95 Female St. Helena

Jasion James Casio
06/05/2023 38 Male St. Helena

Lindsay Rose Johnson
10/05/2023 71 Female St. Helena

Thomas John Benjamin
30/05/2023 86 Male St. Helena

Joyce Lilian Williams
17/06/2023 71 Female St. Helena

Lynn Eileen Legg
18/06/2023 64 Female St. Helena

Raymond William Cranfield
20/06/2023 72 Male St. Helena

George Edward Stevens
21/06/2023 65 Male St. Helena

Rosamond Caroline Phillips
29/06/2023 76 Female St. Helena

Mervyn Richard Cardinal Benjamin
30/06/2023 94 Male St. Helena

Geoffrey Alan Stevens
02/07/2023 78 Male St. Helena

Irene Gladys Henry
06/07/2023 90 Female St. Helena

Dorothy Jean Andrews
07/07/2023 89 Female St. Helena

Carolyn Joanne Richards
07/07/2023 57 Female St. Helena

Olive Mary Buckley
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Sylvia June Benjamin
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Gail George
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Marjorie Dawn Thomas
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Greta Maureen Plato
20/08/2023 84 Female St. Helena

Charles Alexander Leo
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Eric Arthur Peters
11/09/2023 88 Male St. Helena

Joan Evelyn Coleman
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Sylvia Dyan Yon
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Esme May Leo
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Calvin Ivan John
13/10/2023 48 Male St. Helena

Rosalie Maud Leo
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Rex Lionel Thomas
23/10/2023 72 Male St. Helena

Frederick Percival Ellick
26/10/2023 81 Male St. Helena

Gerald Mansfield Thomas
26/10/2023 74 Male St. Helena

Rosalie Winifred Moyce
26/10/2023 84 Female St. Helena

Larry Christopher Stevens
28/10/2023 62 Male St. Helena



Anthony Charles Mittens & Nikita Diann Leo
06/05/2023
The Castle, Jamestown, St Helena

Joachim Jozef G Naulaerts & Annina Deidre Van Neel
19/05/2023
The Castle, Jamestown, St Helena

Craig Donald Zocher & Lesley Christine Cornwell
23/05/2023
Plantation House, St Paul's, St Helena

Adrian Steven Leo & Sarah Elizabeth Diane Newman
16/07/2023
The Seventh Day Adventist Church, Jamestown, St Helena

Andrew John Crowie & Kaitlyn Rose Peters
19/08/2023
St James Church, Jamestown, St Helena

Steven Carl Felton & Tamara Rae Cabaero
15/09/2023
The Castle, Jamestown, Island of St Helena

And the award goes to...

Jonathans 190th Birthday Campaign wins PRCA Platinum Media Relations Award 2023



Liam Yon, SAMS

On 14 September, St Helena and FINN Partners - SHG's UK-based marketing and communications agency - won a second industry-leading marketing award for Jonathan's 190th Birthday activities that took place back in December last year. This is in addition to the Gold-Standard Travel Marketing Award for 'PR Campaign up to £50,000 spend', which was awarded on 3 July.

The PR Campaign surrounding the on-Island celebrations for Jonathan's 190th Birthday gained worldwide media coverage and reached, according to SHG, more than 474 million people. They add that this included TV appearances on The Drew Barrymore Show in the USA; a Sky News interview between presenter Kay Burley and Governor Philips; while Teeny Lucy featured on both BBC News and BBC News 24. Multimedia coverage ranged from CNN to The Independent and People, among others.

Despite spending around £2,000 to celebrate Jonathan's birthday, SHG say along with FINN Partners, they worked to gain international coverage of the event. This resulted in the generation of £4.8 million pounds of international Advertising Value Equivalency (AVE). AVE is described as being the amount that St Helena would have had to spend on Jonathan's birthday coverage if these activities had been paid for, rather than secured for free.

The second annual Public Relations and Communications Association (PRCA) Platinum Awards were held in London in September, and its aim is to recognise and celebrate the very highest standards in public relations. It was at this event that the 'Jonathan Turns 190' campaign won its second marketing award for the year, that being the PRCA Platinum Media Relations Award 2023.

"The PRCA is the world's largest professional PR association, representing more than 35,000 PR professionals in 82 countries worldwide," commented SHG. "The PRCA Platinum Awards are designed to pit leading entries from around the world against each other, to showcase and reward the very best in global communications. Entry is available exclusively to award-winning agencies, teams and individuals, as well as those who've been shortlisted in awards programmes within the past 12 months. This enables organisations and individuals to benchmark their work against leading practitioners and teams from around the world, and allows recognition and celebration of the very highest standards in global public relations."

The campaign's PRCA award was proudly collected at the awards ceremony by representatives from FINN Partners. With two awards having already been achieved for Jonathan's birthday campaign, it has now also been shortlisted for the European Excellence Awards 2023.



St Helena Showcase: 13 to 20 April 2024

In April 2024, local individuals and businesses will have the opportunity to connect in-person with tour operators, potential investors and business experts who will be visiting the island for the St Helena Showcase (the island's version of a trade fair).

SHG's Economic Development Portfolio will host the week-long 'Showcase' event.

Tour operators, potential investors and business experts will be invited to visit St Helena to experience the destination firsthand, meet those in the tourism and hospitality sectors, and explore business and investment opportunities. This will encourage more tour operators to sell St Helena and increase tourist numbers, and attract potential investors to help develop St Helena.

The event will take place 13 to 20 April 2024, offering a chance to promote our tourism attractions (nature, ocean, history, heritage, and culture), while facilitating communication and collaboration between a wide variety of tourism stakeholders.

This event presents a chance for those in the tourism and hospitality sectors, as well as NGOs and other organisations, to connect directly with those that can bring them business.

Would you like to exhibit at the Showcase?

The Economic Development team can provide guidance and support to help you promote your business.

For more information and to register your business or organisation, please contact Investment Coordinator Kyle Snow on +290 22470 (ext 269) or email kyle.snow@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Can you help provide transport, accommodation, catering, tours, or activities?

Expressions of interest are being sought to provide the following services during the Showcase week: transport (airport transfers, taxis, buses, etc); catering (snacks, lunches, dinners, home hosting); venue use (for a variety of events); tour guides and chaperones (for island tours, boat tours, diving, hiking, etc).

For more information please contact Tourism Manager Dianne Venning on +290 22158 or email dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Event Coordinator Role

The Economic Development Portfolio is seeking a well-organised, dynamic and approachable person, with demonstrable experience in event coordination or management and/or significant hospitality experience. It is essential that you are an effective communicator that knows the St Helena business community and is familiar with the island as a tourist destination. You must have your own computer and be able to work independently.

Remuneration will be based on an agreed hourly rate. Hours worked on the Showcase will increase as the Showcase approaches.

For more information please contact Head of Tourism Matthew Joshua on +290 22158 or email matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh.

sthelenatourism.com

St Helena Cloud Forest Project
Ecological Support Contract

RSPB invites **Expressions of Interest** to provide ecological and restoration support and advice services for the St Helena Cloud Forest Project.

Up to 7.5 hours per week ecological and restoration support from an appropriately experienced service provider is sought from 27 November 2023 to 31 March 2024 (18 weeks).

Service will include providing general advice on habitat ecology and restoration within the Peaks National Park and Cloud Forest. This will include support to develop a long-term restoration plan for Cloud Forest Project work, identification of suitable restoration sites and management of conservation activities to take account of the presence of plant pathogens.

Interested persons should enquire at the Cloud Forest Office via email to Shayla.Ellick@rspb.org.uk, or via phone on 25718 for further information and to receive a formal invitation to quote for this work.

Quotations should be received by Kirsten.Ellis@rspb.org.uk by 4pm on Sunday 19 November 2023.

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WILLS AID

make a will week in support of YELLOW FINS SWIMMING CLUB
27 November – 1 December 2023

MAKING A WILL – WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

It's easy to put off making a will, but if you die without one all that you own (your assets) may be distributed according to the law rather than your wishes. This could mean that your partner receives less, or that the money goes to family members who may not need it.

It is important for you to make a will, whether or not you consider you have many possessions or much money, because: -

- if you die without a will, there are certain rules which set out how the money, property or possessions should be allocated. This may not be in accordance with your wishes.
- unmarried partners cannot inherit from each other unless there is a will, so the death of one partner may create serious financial problems for the remaining partner. **There is no such thing as a '*common law wife or husband*'.**
- if you have children, you will need to make a will so that arrangements for the children can be made if either one or both parents die.
- if your circumstances have changed, it is important that you make a will to ensure that your money and possessions are distributed according to your wishes. For example, if you have separated and your ex-partner now lives with someone else, you may want to change your will. If you are married this may make any previous will you have made invalid.

Wills Aid has been running since 1988. Wills Aid is a special partnership between the legal profession and charity. The idea is that, instead of paying a solicitor's fee, clients are invited to make a donation to charity for the cost of the will. **The Public Solicitor Office is supporting Wills Aid and has nominated the Yellow Fins Swimming Club as our charity.**

If you would like further information about making a will or updating your existing will please contact the Public Solicitor office. Based on current charges, the cost is £20 for a simple and straightforward will. For a more complicated wills, charges will be between £20 and £50.

For an appointment please contact: office@publicsolicitor.com or call on 23008

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St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The Programme Management Office will be holding a series of public information meetings during November 2023. These meetings are held quarterly and provide the opportunity to hear directly about the various pieces of Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) work underway, and to put any questions or queries you might have to the team responsible for delivering these.

The meetings in November will include discussions on the works to Rupert's Wharf Cargo Handling Facility Development, and the Side Path Road and Field Road Rehabilitation project.

All meetings will commence at 7pm and will take place as follows:

Date	Venue
Mon, 27 Nov	Museum of Saint Helena, Jamestown
Tue, 28 Nov	St Michael's Church, Rupert's
Wed, 29 Nov	Harford Community Centre
Thu, 30 Nov	Kingshurst Community Centre

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

SHG, 13 November 2023
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St Helena Legislative Council

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MEMBER OF THE PANEL OF INVESTIGATORS

The St Helena Legislative Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from members of the community who are interested in serving as a Member of the Panel of Investigators (POI). This is an opportunity to assist with investigations regarding the conduct of Members of the Legislative Council and be a part of ensuring the accountability of the Legislative Council.

Members of the public who are interested in this key role should be non-partisan and possess the knowledge, investigative skills, experience, personal qualities and standing within the community suitable to perform this role.

Remuneration is provided to members who are selected from the panel to serve on an Investigative Commission when appointed to conduct an investigation.

Interested persons should submit a résumé to Anita Legg, Legislative Council Office, The Castle, or via email to anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm on Friday 24 November 2023.

The Code of Conduct for Members of the Legislative Council can be found in the Public Library or on the SHG website through www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SP-49-22-Code-of-Conduct-for-Members-of-LegCo.pdf.

Legislative Council
13 November 2023

ST HELENA ISLAND
Adventist Health Ministries
A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MINISTRY

HEALTH BOOST

Do you feel that you need to relax and enjoy a Back or Foot massage and treat yourself to a Hydrotherapy Foot Bath?

If so, don't miss this opportunity on Sunday 19th November 2023 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church premises from 4pm – 6:30pm.

See you there!

NOTICE BOARD

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 19th November 2023 – Thirty-third Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Pledge Sunday	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist/Pledge Sunday	St Peter
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 19th November 2023 – Thirty-third Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament/ Pledge Sunday	St James
	Thursday 23rd November	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 19h November 2023 – Thirty-third Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Pledge Sunday	St Mark
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist/Pledge Sunday	Barnabas, Levelwood
	Tuesday 21st November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

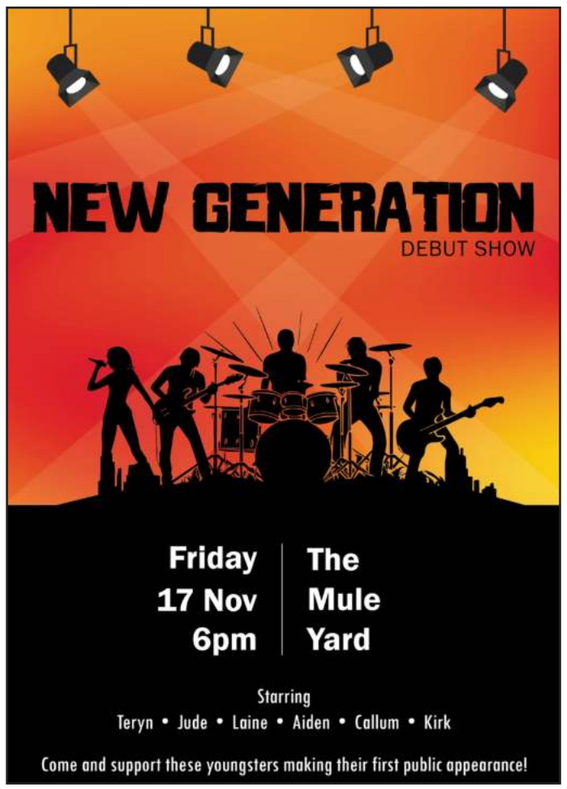
For sale by owners Jackie and Ron Buchan is a two bedroom house in lower Half Tree Hollow.

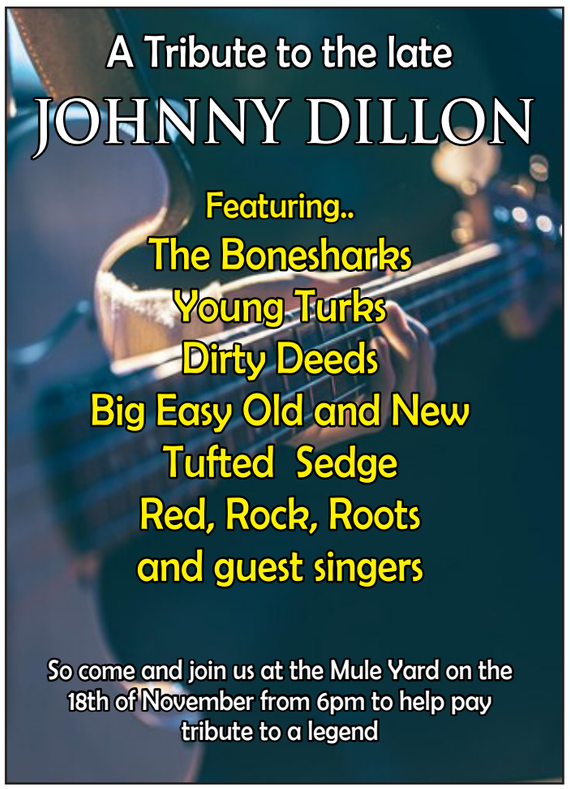
This house was recently re-roofed and is fully furnished.

Located in a quiet neighbourhood with stunning views.

Enquires to Connie Johnson on telephone 23840.

Viewing can be arranged on request.





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St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE UNIT AT BAGLEY'S ESTATE

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts:

CS-1762-SHG (C) – Construction of Storage Unit at Bagley's Estate

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown, on telephone no: 25932 or via email: tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 21 November 2023, at 10am, meeting on the road outside of Steven's Butchery, Farm Buildings.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date, 21 November 2023, will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Should you require any further details, please contact Procurement Services on telephone no: 25932 or via email: tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12 noon on Monday, 27 November 2023, clearly marked with the tender number.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

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NEW HORIZONS FOR YOUTH

AGM

New Horizons Youth Club

Thursday 30th November, 7pm
Venue: New Horizons Youth Club

Agenda

Chairs report

Financial report 22-23

Election of New Committee

AOB

PERCIVAL TEALE 1928 – 2023



I would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts and messages that I received on the sad passing of my husband Percy. Percy and I cherish precious memories of the times we spent on the Island and the wonderful people we got to know. It was his dearest wish to return to the Island again but his deteriorating health prevented this. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace!

Colette Teale



NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday 19th November
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

No services will be held in the Sandy Bay, Head O'Wain and Jamestown Chapels.

Bible Studies
Tuesday 21st November
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 23rd November
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WLCOME.

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

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St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

'MY KIDNEYS AND ME' HEALTH TALKS

A third of people on St Helena are living with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). CKD happens when your kidneys are damaged. This can be for a number of reasons, but we know that during the early stages there are certain things you can do to help avoid the disease progressing to kidney failure.

CKD will be the subject of the final health talk for this year. The Island's Dietitian, Sarah Mattinson, will be giving tips and advice on what you can do during the early stages of CKD to remain healthy, and also busting some myths around diet and kidney disease.

The session will last about 45 minutes and help you understand why controlling other conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol is so important for people living with early stage CKD. You do not have to share any personal medical information during the session and there will be an opportunity to ask questions after the session.

The sessions will take place as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 22 November	6pm – 7pm	Hospital Health Education Centre, adjacent to the General Hospital
Thursday, 23 November	11am – 12pm	Hospital Health Education Centre, adjacent to the General Hospital
Thursday, 23 November	6pm – 7pm	The CCC Hall, Ladder Hill
Friday, 24 November	11am – 12pm	Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
Friday, 24 November	2pm – 2.45pm	Longwood Clinic
Monday, 27 November	11am – 12pm	Levelwood Clinic

To register your interest or find out more please email Sarah.mattinson@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone 22500.

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RSPB

St Helena Cloud Forest Project
Baseline Vegetation Mapping Contract

THE PEAKS NATIONAL PARK

RSPB invites **Expressions of Interest** to undertake baseline vegetation mapping for the St Helena Cloud Forest Project (SHCFP).

An appropriately experienced and qualified service provider is sought to produce high quality UAV imagery over selected areas of the Peaks National Park to form a baseline dataset from which to measure future changes in vegetation.

This should be completed following the UAV Habitat Surveillance Programme Pilot for the Peaks National Park, in line with any relevant local policies and regulations. Estimated time for completion of flight missions is approximately 13 hours excluding flight missions.

Deadline for completion is 28 February 2024, however ideally the works should be undertaken as soon as possible.

Interested persons should enquire at the Cloud Forest Office via email to Shayla.Ellick@rspb.org.uk, or via phone on 25718 for further information and to receive a formal invitation to quote for this work.

Quotations should be received by Kirsten.Ellis@rspb.org.uk by 4pm on Sunday 26 November 2023.

RSPB
14 November 2023

JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Join us!
We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Brand Manager
(£18,508 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a new opportunity or to progress your career? Do you have excellent interpersonal skills, and a love of St Helena Island?

We are seeking to employ an enthusiastic individual to help the island thrive by leading the local implementation and management of 'Celebrating St Helena'. This is a critical role in SHG's marketing function, and you will have direct involvement in making St Helena a great place to live, learn, visit and invest.

You'll lead work directly with stakeholders in the public and private sectors on implementing SHG's brand strategies and plans. These are the product of community research into what the community most values about the island, how we want to describe ourselves (helping us attract the right people and opportunities), and the direction we want to head in together as a community.

You'll play a key role in embedding these into how SHG operates, and through brand management improve SHG's relationship with its public and other stakeholders. This post sits within the Communications Hub.

Enquiries: **Emma Weaver on email emma.weaver@sainthelena.gov.shh**
Closing date: **27 November 2023**

Support Workers x 3 – Fixed Term (Cape Villa)
(£7,341 - £8,946 per annum)

Are you interested in providing assistance and direction to persons living within Sheltered Accommodation which will enable them to live relatively independent but, with an oversight of support for their wellbeing? Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Hannah Herne on telephone no. 23230**
Closing date: **28 November 2023**

Benefits

Leave – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

Pension – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, betting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

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Senior Support Worker x 1 – Fixed Term (Deasons Centre)
(£9,197 - £11,239 per annum)

We are seeking to recruit a Senior support worker with a good sense of responsibility and commitment for providing assistance to individuals within sheltered accommodation, that encourages them to live independently. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Hannah Herne on telephone no. 23151**
Closing date: **28 November 2023**

Economic Development Officer
(£9,197 - £11,239 per annum)

SHG's Economic Development Portfolio is seeking a dynamic individual to help deliver the island's economic development strategy. You will work flexibly across the services and functions of the Portfolio - assisting with research, analysis, policy writing, project coordination, and operational delivery of policies and projects. These areas of work will include tourism, trade and investment, civil aviation, property, and financial services development.

You will work directly with stakeholders from a variety of growing economic sectors, including those set to be enabled by improved digital connectivity.

This is a varied role with the opportunity for significant training, development, and career growth in one or more of the Portfolio's services and functions. The successful applicant will display a commitment to making St Helena an attractive place to live, learn, work, and invest. You will be expected to display a genuine desire to work with a diverse team to deliver positive outcomes for the community.

Enquiries: **Damian Burns on telephone no. 22470**
Closing Date: **28 November 2023**

Benefits

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We are recruiting…

St Helena Government

Portfolio Director – Economic Development (£46,631 per annum)

The Public Service is seeking to recruit a Portfolio Director to provide strategic leadership across the newly formed Economic Development Portfolio.

This is a Senior Leadership role which will be key in supporting the delivery of Government's vision of "A sustainable environment that creates opportunity and inspires social and economic progress ensuring a better quality of life for all".

The purpose of this role is to:

- Ensure Government's economic development goals and objectives are efficiently and effectively achieved.
- Develop and facilitate a policy environment which enables sustainable development.
- Improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by providing strategic leadership across the Economic Development Portfolio.

The successful candidate will lead the development of the Economic Development Portfolio, providing the expertise to support the Public Service to ensure effective integration between all functions and services within the Portfolio.

Operating strategically as a member of the Senior Leadership Team this is a key role across the Public Service which will influence the Public Service and Government policy and practice.
Portfolio Directors are integral to supporting the overall financial resilience of the Public Service. As Accounting Officers, Portfolio Directors have a responsibility for ensuring that value for money is achieved in the use of public resources under their control and the collection of revenue. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Susan O'Bey on telephone no. 22145**
Closing date: **22 November 2023**

Benefits

Leave – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

Pension – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

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VACANCY – LINES TECHNICIAN

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to employ a Lines Technician to provide professional installation services, carry out planned preventative maintenance, breakdown rectification and repairs of the 11kV High Voltage and 400 Volt Low Voltage distribution network. Provide support to the Company's Electrical Technicians for fault analysis, and rectification on the HV and LV distribution networks, and to the Water Team's motor starter and control systems.

The successful candidate should have:
2 year's experience working on 11,000-volt networks, 5 years of work experience in an electrical environment and good problem-solving skills, City and Guilds Electrical Installations or Technicians certificate, climbing experience and be physically fit. A certificate in Hydraulic Lifting Platform Operation is preferred.
The successful candidate should also have a class C driving licence.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Other benefits include 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 25 days annual leave.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Trevor Fowler, Electricity Distribution Manager on (+290) 22255 or email Trevor.Fowler@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by 9am on Monday, 27 November 2023.

To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

Greetings from Jamestown Rifle Club 14 November 2023



Pat Henry, Contributed

Our sincere thanks to all who supported the Club's Saturday night steak meal and for your excellent comments on our hospitality. It's been a rather busy weekend, and we hope that everyone is recovering and preparing for other lively entertaining activities coming up this weekend.
We open today's shooting with junior member Karlal. As he hasn't shot for few weeks, he's still regaining his confidence. In this session, he shot 82, 87 & 87.1; we hope to see some more improvement next week. Eleven adults showed up for the late event, with only eight giving shooting a go. A new member to the family, Michael, finally wanted to give it a go. After giving him the key starting points and letting him have a try before dashing off, he shot 55.1 with seven shots. Not bad at all for his first attempt; hopefully he will be back for more regularly. The night was warm and still; as each shot fired, hearing its impact and echoing down range felt exciting.
Mrs Wendy slipped up a bit this week with 88.1 & 89.2. Arthur also lost few points with 87, but recovered with 92.2. It was good to see Kyle Snow again after over a year, accompanied by his brother Byron, who's on-Island for holiday. Kyle shot 97.3 & 88.1; Byron shot 92.2 & 87.1. It was also really nice having Patrick Young back from holiday, aiming to regain his keen eye, he shot 96.2. It was unusual for Jodie-Scipio Constantine to have an itchy trigger finger and unfortunately lost out on her ton with 98.7. Top of the house, shooting 100.8, was Pat H. Well done guys! - we enjoyed a happy and friendly night.
Next Tuesday, 21st November, we will be having our Christmas shooting competition. We hope to get a good turnout for this event. Each person will shoot two target cards, one in prone position and one on bench rest. Both score cards from each person will be totalled and recorded on the score board. We'll be looking for the three highest scores: 1st prize is a frozen Gammon Joint, 2nd prize a whole frozen chicken and 3rdprize a bag of frozen sausages. Smaller prizes will also be awarded. The cost of entry will be £3.00. All attending are kindly asked to bring a wrapped gift to share. Snacks will be provided.
Birthday greetings to His Majesty, King Charles III, Long May He Reign
Enjoy a healthy week
Pat.

SPORTS ARENA

Golf Report for Sunday 12th November 2023



SHGC, Contributed

Dry conditions, overcast clouds, 15 players, no handicaps - this was last Sun-day's competition. This was our curtain raiser event in the buildup to the big-gest golf event here on St Helena: the St Helena Golf Club Open Championship. The two Crowies on the start sheet finished first and second. Mr Leon Crowie scored 68 to win first prize and Mr Scott Crowie scored 73 for the second prize.
It was two-ball pool galore with a total of 8 twos as follows:

Jeffrey Stevens	1
Bramwell Bushuru	5 & 11
Leon Crowie	11
Scott Crowie	14
Anthony Green	14
Patrick Moyce	14
Arthur Francis	16

The SHGC Open Championship 2023 will tee off on Saturday, 18thNovember, at 8:30am. The entry fee is £20. There will be no handicaps. Groups for Sunday 19th will tee off in reverse order, with the first group on Saturday teeing off last on Sunday. Details of the rules have already been sent out via email and copies are available at the clubhouse notice board. Kindly note the usual group photo will be taken on the final day after the final round. Check out our Facebook page for groups and tee times for Saturday and Sunday.
The meal list for the celebrating the conclusion of the championship will close on Saturday 18th November.

Happy swinging!
Contributed by SHGC

JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Lower Age

Young Rebels 4
Louie Yon (2)
Dillon George
Warren Jensen
MoM: Louie Yon

Megalodons 0
MoM: Jacob Benjamin

Guardians 2
Kayden Scott (2)
MoM: John Espinosa

Rumblers 4
Cruz Williams
Dirk Peters
Talem Francis
Own Goal
MoM: Dirk Peters

Upper Age

Phenomenons 2
Robson Fabian (2)
MoM: Robson Fabian

Troopers 7
Ephrem Stroud (2)
Harry Winfield (2)
Lebron George (2)
Tyler Anthony
MoM: Zach Francis

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday 19 November 2023

9am	Guardians	vs	Falcons
9am	Terminators	vs	Troopers
10am	Young Rebels	vs	Rumblers

English Premier League 2023/24



Matchweek 13 Fixtures

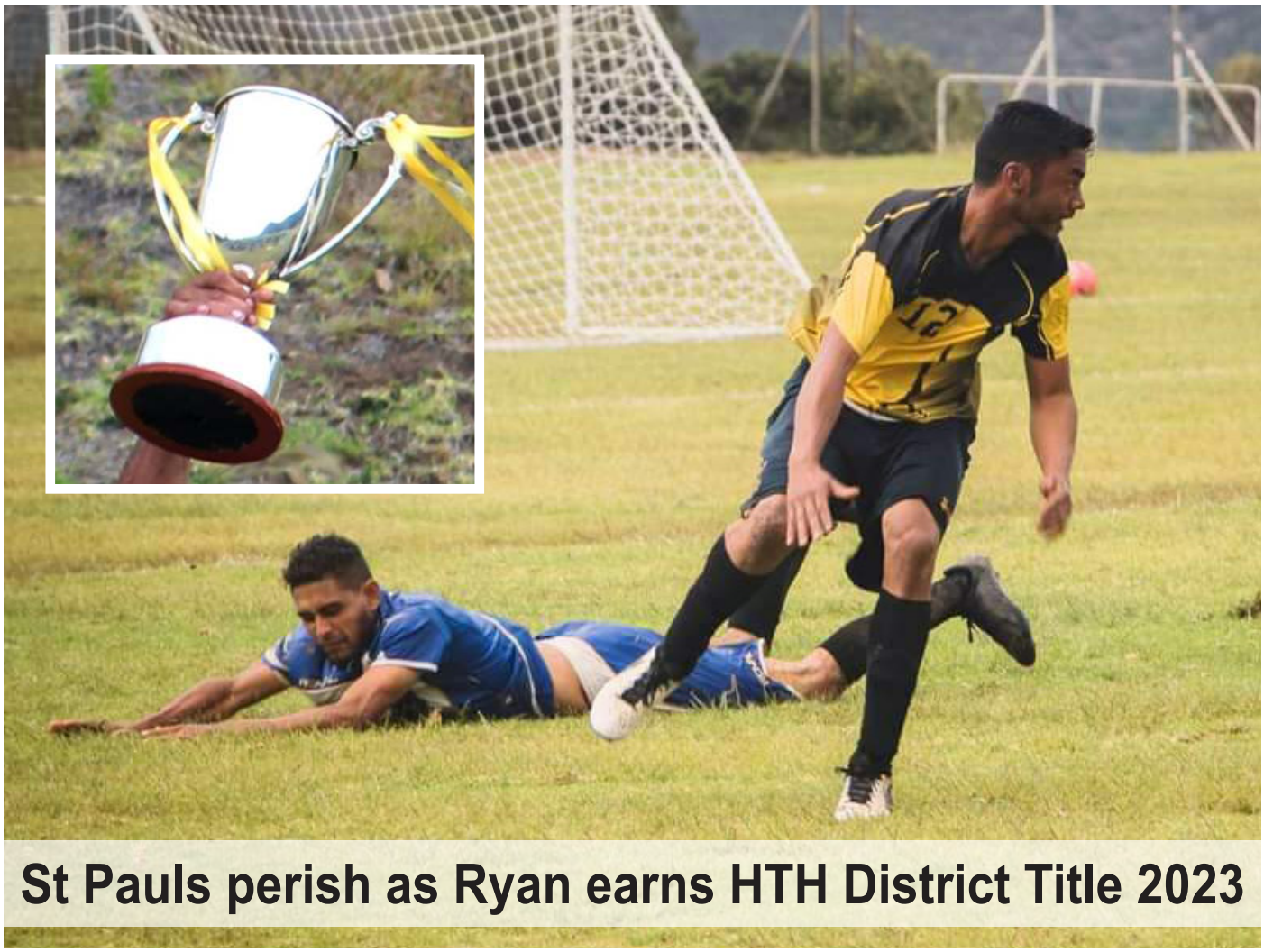
Saturday 25 November 2023
12.30 Man City v Liverpool
15.00 Burnley v West Ham
Luton v Crystal Palace
Newcastle v Chelsea
Nott'm Forest v Brighton
Sheffield Utd v Bournemouth
17.30 Brentford v Arsenal

Sunday 26 November 2023
14.00 Spurs v Aston Villa
Everton v Man Utd

Monday 27 November 2023
20.00 Fulham v Wolves

SPORTS ARENA

HALF TREE HOLLOW CHAMPIONS



St Pauls perish as Ryan earns HTH District Title 2023

The 2023 District League went right down to the wire with Half Tree Hollow emerging as Champions in their last match on the last day of the tournament; finally taking St Pauls spot at the top of the table after a narrow one-nil victory, thanks to a Ryan Benjamin goal.

The Champions started their district campaign slowly, picking up just two points in the two opening games, drawing with both Longwood and Jamestown by two goals to two. St Paul's on the other hand beat both of their two opening fixtures against the same opponents, putting them firmly in the drivers spot with six points and top of the table.

This all changed in Matchweek 3 however, when Half Tree Hollow upped their game and demolished the league leaders in formidable fashion to close the gap to just a single point heading into the second round of fixtures.

In the weeks that followed, the two sides would go tit for tat, winning their next two games each and keeping the gap at just one point heading into the final matchweek, when they would face each other in what was being dubbed as an almost cup final due to the circumstances.

Despite needing only a draw from the match, St Pauls who had performed well throughout the tournament could not muster up the point to seal the title, with star midfielder Ryan Benjamin getting the vital goal for Half Tree Hollow to nick the win, steal top spot and confirm the yellow ribbons on the 2023 District Title for presentation day.

Attention now turns to the Kockout Cup 2023 starting this weekend!

DISTRICT RESULTS

Sunday 5 November 2023

Half Tree Hollow 1 **St Pauls 0**
R Benjamin

Jamestown 4 **Longwood 2**
No details could be confirmed for this game

KNOCKOUT FIXTURES

Sunday 19 November 2023 - Preliminary Round

1pm **Harts** **vs** **Bellboys**
Referee: Rovers

3pm **Axis** **vs** **Chop Shop Boys**
Referee: Baller