THE South Atlantic Media Services, Ltd.

SENTINEL

www.sams.sh www.sams.sh

Vol. 12, Issue 38 - Price: £1 *"serving St Helena and her community worldwide"* Thursday 21 December 2023



Merry Christmas from SAMS



Thank you for supporting us throughout 2023 and we look forward to providing you more unrivalled news coverage in 2024. Enjoy the weather (unlike Frosty) and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Oh, and don't forget to dowload our App! ;)

...and a App-y New Year



OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Liam Yon, SAMS

Wow, this year has come, and soon this year will be gone!

2023 has given us many highs and also many lows. Unfortunately, more loved ones were lost this year and those situations are never easy – especially when those called to heaven are so young. My deepest condolences go out to anyone grieving this Christmas and especially to the family and friends of young Cohen who passed away suddenly only this week. As with my friend Josh taken earlier this year, we will ask why so young? But, there is the saying that God takes the best angels first, and hopefully these two, along with other friends and family taken in 2023, are resting easy and enjoying the festive season on St Helena from the land beyond the clouds.

Currently, I got this darn Christmas flu – thanks a lot for that St Helena. Just hoping I can recover quickly because I want to get involved with the rest of the festivities. Also, I am usually the designated caller of presents for my family on Christmas Day (even though I probably have the least under the tree) so I have to get my best 'merry' voice back by times the big day rolls around otherwise a certain three-year-old will not be pleased!

Again, with age, the excitement of Christmas does fade. But, when you see the joy in the faces of the kids, it makes the crying wallet and under-the-weather bank balance worth it! I for one can't wait to see my little guy rip open his presents, throwing the clothes to one side so he can get to the real stuff – the toys! Lol

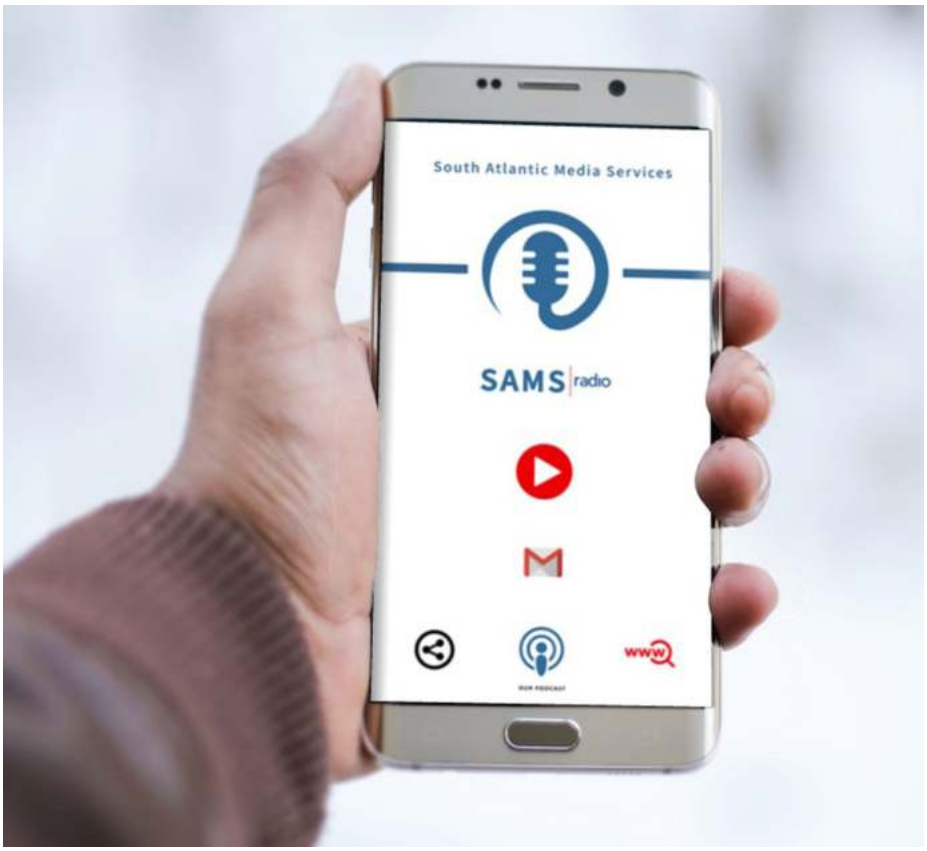
Anyways, have an amazing Christmas and New Years everybody. We will be back in the first week in January, so see you then! Remember Christmas is all about love, so make sure your friends and family feel the love from you this Christmas.

South Atlantic Media Services Ltd.,
The Media Centre, Castle Gardens,
Jamestown, St Helena, South Atlantic
Ocean, STHL 1ZZ. Tel: 22727
E: news@sams.sh, W: www.sams.sh
© South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

ST HELENA NEWS

App'in all the Way

SAMS release new App for Christmas, available now on the Google Play Store



SAMS is pleased to announce the publishing of our brand new App as our gift to all our listeners and supporters this Christmas.

With St Helena now becoming more available to the outside world and the internet becoming a big part of everyone's daily routine, SAMS - with the help of our friendly Christmas elf - can now offer those near and far a fast way to tune into SAMS Radio 1.



You can now listen to SAMS Radio 1 on our Android mobile streaming App from wherever you are at whatever time you like.

The SAMS mobile App offers great listener functionality; you can send messages direct to SAMS, check out our newly setup 'podcast page' or even just navigate to our website, all at the tips of your fingers.

You can click, grab and share the App here: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rbs.sams_radio

Don't forget to leave feedback and rate the App in the Play Store.

New Year, New Tariffs

URA authorise increases in electricity, water and sewerage charges from 1 January

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Back in August, Connect St Helena proposed new tariff charges which would come into effect on 1 October 2023.

The proposed increases drew much flack from members of the public, with even certain Elected Members speaking out against them – even going as far as organising and gathering support of a petition calling for the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) to reject Connect's proposal.

In September, the URA responded and said that had "decided to reject the proposals for the time being and have required further information and alternative proposals from Connect Saint Helena."

Since then, further changes to tariffs have been proposed and approved by the URA, as announced by Connect on Wednesday of last week.

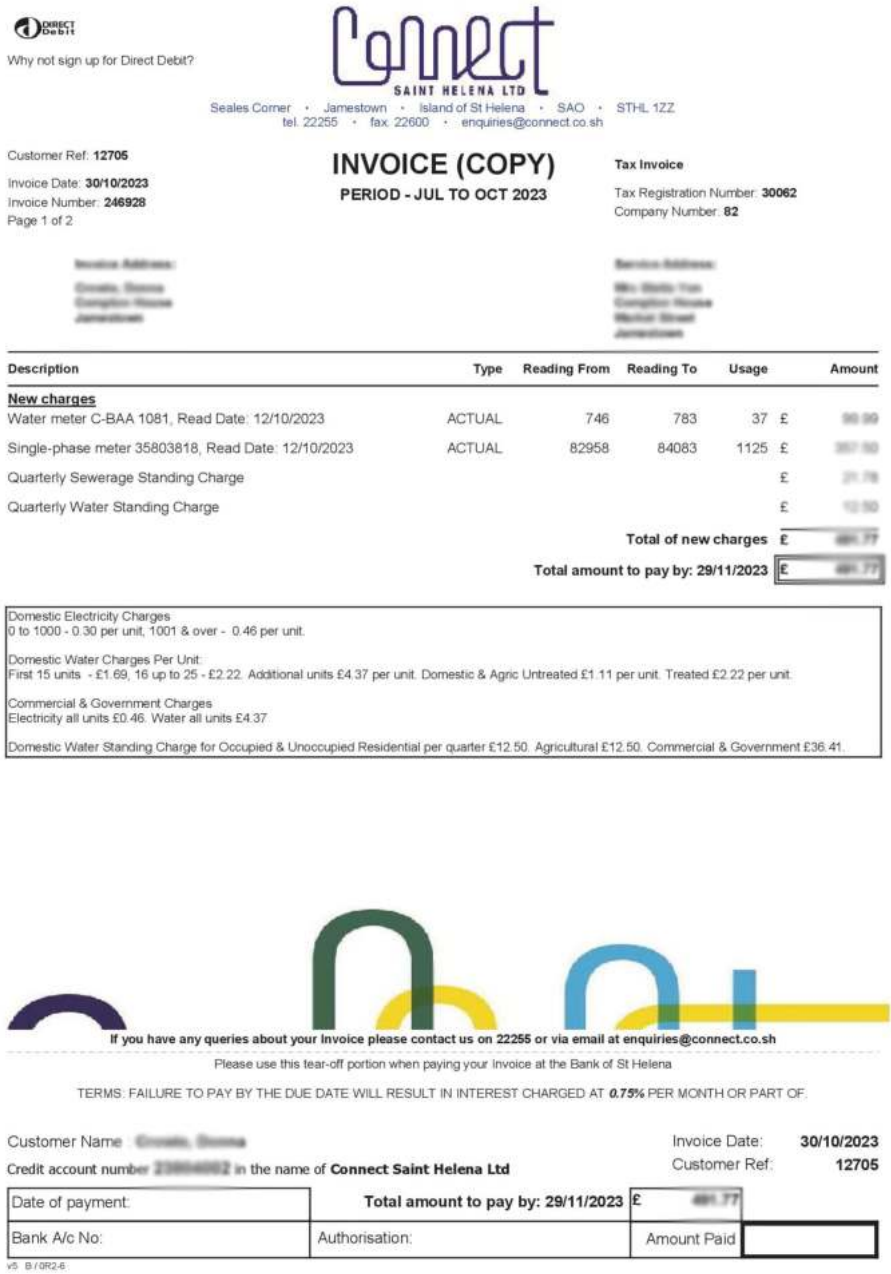
"The Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) has authorised increases of 15% in electricity charges and 10% in water and sewerage charges," they said. "These changes will take effect from 1 January 2024 and will apply for a 6 month period."

According to Connect, "the key driver behind this was to raise revenues to close the funding gap created by the significant increases in the cost of goods that Connect uses to provide electricity, water and sewerage services, particularly the cost of fuel as a consequence of worldwide events such as the war in Ukraine."

They add that "following public consultation and a review by the URA, the tariff proposal was originally rejected by the URA. However, the URA sought further proposals from Connect in the meantime. Connect noted that electricity tariffs were last adjusted in 2016 and water and sewerage tariffs were last adjusted in 2021. It is clear that Connect's revenues have not been able to keep pace with increasing prices and that the funding gap continues to grow. The recent fuel price increase announced in December 2023 has worsened this picture. To address this, the URA has given approval for a 15% increase in electricity tariffs and a 10% increase in water and sewerage tariffs to take effect from 1 January 2024 up to and including 30 June 2024."

A six month period has been set for the new tariffs, though the URA and Connect recognise that there is more work to be done. Further review is planned to give consumers certainty as to how external forces will impact costs and to ensure that Connect is on a stable financial footing so that it can plan for the future in the knowledge that incomes will be at a certain level.

During the same period, Connect will also continue work under its 'Energy Delivery Plan' to increase the proportion of electricity generated through renewable energy. This work is, according to Connect, entering the final design stage.



DIRECT Debit

Why not sign up for Direct Debit?

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

Seales Corner • Jamestown • Island of St Helena • SAO • STHL 1ZZ
tel. 22255 • fax. 22600 • enquiries@connect.co.sh

Customer Ref: **12705**
Invoice Date: **30/10/2023**
Invoice Number: **246928**
Page 1 of 2

INVOICE (COPY)
PERIOD - JUL TO OCT 2023

Tax Invoice
Tax Registration Number: **30062**
Company Number: **82**

Description	Type	Reading From	Reading To	Usage	Amount
New charges					
Water meter C-BAA 1081, Read Date: 12/10/2023	ACTUAL	746	783	37	£
Single-phase meter 35803818, Read Date: 12/10/2023	ACTUAL	82958	84083	1125	£
Quarterly Sewerage Standing Charge					£
Quarterly Water Standing Charge					£
				Total of new charges	£
				Total amount to pay by: 29/11/2023	£

Domestic Electricity Charges
0 to 1000 - 0.30 per unit, 1001 & over - 0.46 per unit.

Domestic Water Charges Per Unit:
First 15 units - £1.69, 16 up to 25 - £2.22. Additional units £4.37 per unit. Domestic & Agric Untreated £1.11 per unit. Treated £2.22 per unit.

Commercial & Government Charges
Electricity all units £0.46. Water all units £4.37

Domestic Water Standing Charge for Occupied & Unoccupied Residential per quarter £12.50. Agricultural £12.50. Commercial & Government £36.41.

If you have any queries about your Invoice please contact us on 22255 or via email at enquiries@connect.co.sh

Please use this tear-off portion when paying your Invoice at the Bank of St Helena

TERMS: FAILURE TO PAY BY THE DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN INTEREST CHARGED AT **0.75%** PER MONTH OR PART OF.

Customer Name
Credit account number in the name of **Connect Saint Helena Ltd**
Invoice Date: **30/10/2023**
Customer Ref: **12705**

Date of payment:	**Total amount to pay by: 29/11/2023**	£
Bank A/c No:	Authorisation:	Amount Paid

v5 B/0R2-6

Formal Legislative Council Meeting



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

Cllr Ronald Coleman posed questions to Minister for Treasury and Economic Development Mark Brooks concerning Basil Read, St Helena Fisheries Corporation and Enterprise St Helena, and whether or not their business on St Helena has officially come to an end.

"I cannot answer for Basil Read, although it would appear that they are still operating in South Africa," Minister Brooks stated. "With regards to St Helena Fisheries Corporation and Enterprise St Helena, those are both in the final stages of being wound up."



"[Concerning] the St Helena Fisheries Corporation, the administrator has now completed the final account," Minister Brooks further stated. "For ESH, the board has recently approved the final statement that has been sent to Audit St Helena."

"Arrangements are being made for the loan books to be transferred from ESH to the Bank of St Helena," Minister Brooks continued. "It is envisioned that the legislation for both entities will be repealed before the end of this financial year, March 2024."

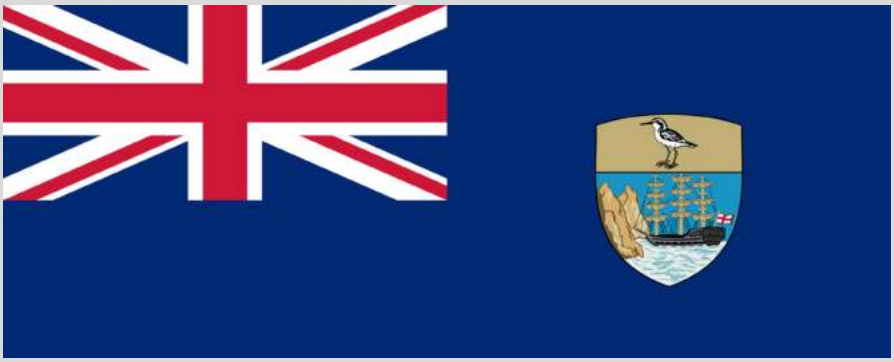
Cllr Coleman then asked if SHG is formally "finished" with Basil Read contractors.

"Yes, there has been termination of the contract between SHG and Basil Read," Minister Brooks responded. "There was some equipment that was left over from that termination, and that equipment is now going through the process of being either transferred to the transport division. That is the equipment that we feel the project will still require to complete, and also [dealing with] the equipment and assets that we feel is no longer needed by St Helena Government."

"This will be tendered out to the public, but at this current time we are just waiting on approval from FCDO for these bits of equipment to either be transferred or disposed of," Minister Brooks concluded.

Near 50 new 'Saints' over 2022/23

A look into applications for Saint Status in the past year



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

Cllr Robert Midwinter inquired as to the number of applications for Saint status received and approved by the Safety, Security and Home Affairs Portfolio. This question was, of course, posed to the Minister of this Portfolio, Jeffrey Ellick.

"For 2022/23, there had been a total of 56 applications; 48 were approved and eight were refused," Minister Ellick responded. "[During] 2021, a total of 32 applications were received; 31 approved and one refused."

"Within those figures, that includes dependence of the primary applicant," Minister Ellick continued. "People can't just come in and pick up status at the same time - it takes time. So, it takes five years to get St Helenian status; in some cases it can be three years if you're married to a St Helenian."

Cllr Midwinter then asked about the basis of any refusals, while acknowledging that Minister Ellick would be unable to share specific and sensitive information.

"All I will say is [applications were refused] because of legal requirements under the legislation - it points out when you can refuse an application," Minister Ellick briefly explained.



Growing St Helena's Economy

New strategy, public feedback and trading

Hannah Braaf, SAMS



Cllr Ronald Coleman questioned Minister for Treasury and Economic Development Mark Brooks on measures being taken to grow the Island's economy.

"As outlined in my budget speech earlier this year, this Island's two priorities are to create a business-friendly environment and to ensure we have the infrastructure in place to support economy growth," Minister Brooks stated. "To that end, government decided that from September, Economic Development would be its own Portfolio, so that responsibilities and resources are more targeted at achieving those priorities."

"Once [our new strategy is] approved, this will be published so that the plans can be scrutinised by the public and that me and my team can be held accountable," Minister Brooks further stated.

"The strategy will replace the SEDP," Minister Brooks explained. "This change has chartered a refresh in the course... in St Helena's development to focus on the Ministerial vision, taking into account the changing global environment since drafting the 2018 SEDP."

"In the meantime, work has

progressed on delivering some key policies and projects, including the Economic Development Investment Programme [EDIP], Tourism Recovery Strategy... as well as a modernisation and development of the financial services," Minister Brooks outlined. "We had two consultants on the Island a few weeks ago, Nesta and Max who are from Legal Nodes, and they will be looking at a policy to look at a specific sector in the financial services."

"We cannot [grow our economy] in silo, it needs cross-cutting input from all Portfolios," Minister Brooks stated. "It is the work by this entire government, including councillors, to try and grow the Island's economy as a whole."

Cllr Coleman then asked if the new strategy was to be shared with all elected members before it goes public.

"Yes, I will share the final strategy, although I have already shared the draft strategy with all members," Minister Brooks responded. "We don't foresee the final strategy changing that much, but of course it still needs to be approved by Executive Council."

Cllr Dr Corinda Essex questioned why public consultation was not undertaken during the formulation of this new strategy.

"We have been taking feedback from the public through various different forums," Minister Brooks stated.

"We're not writing an entirely new strategy - this is more of an update to the SEDP," Minister Brooks reiterated. "We felt there was no need for a complete consultation process because we're not changing the contents of that strategy; we are more or less updating it and modifying it to meet this government's vision."

"We have been taking into consideration what the private sector has been saying, including myself joining in the Chamber of Commerce once a month to hear feedback," Minister Brooks stated. "We are trying to ensure that this modernisation of the SEDP is capturing the changing environment, not just here on St Helena, but globally... so we have to be a little bit flexible in how we deliver that strategy."

"We are now trying to implement what is really important to us, which is the brand of St Helena," Chief Minister Julie Thomas added. "It's making sure that all documents look as if they're talking to each other."

"Although we need to ensure that the wider community has some buy into that, I think it's also really important that this government be very clear about the areas of priority to take St Helena forward," Chief Minister Thomas continued. "We've talked before about the need for affordable and accessible access, we've talked about connectivity, we've talked about renewable energy, we're talking about building our economy and our working age population. So really, the strategy now is to achieve what it is we would like to do before our term ends in two years. Taking it out to consultation could, if we're not careful, take away from what is the primary objectives of this government."

"We're trying to set up the effective infrastructure," Chief Minister Thomas explained. "Without having the effective infrastructure, we can't build a better economy, we can't attract more working-age population."

Cllr Robert Midwinter brought up trade and investment with other jurisdictions, which is especially relevant for him because he has recently returned from a workshop in Kenya. He asked if any consideration has been given to "developing trade links with our African neighbours."

"This will be taken forward - we are very keen to develop any trade with any jurisdiction that, obviously, would be beneficial to the Island," Minister Brooks stated. "There has been some talks a while ago between SHG and, I will just say, an African nation. However, those talks haven't, so far, led to any real, tangible discussions or decisions."

"We on St Helena find it very difficult to trade commodities with the rest of the world, given our isolation, but whatever we can try to do to build on this sector or build on this opportunity, we will do so," Minister Brooks continued.

"We have to be very careful when we do trade that we ensure that there are certain regulations and standards that are met, especially around food and building materials," Minister for Health and Social Care Martin Henry added. "We do not have some of those regulations in place at the moment to protect ourselves as a government."

"Whilst I would like to trade with quite a few countries around the world, I have discovered - through my working with food - that we have to be very careful about the origin of some of our imports," Minister Henry continued.

"When we're trading with jurisdictions, it's usually in big volumes," Minister Brooks stated. "We are a very small community, only 4000 people... it is challenging sometimes to strike up trade deals, simply because of the small amount of trade we can actually manage or we actually need."



Contract Signed

MACS finally confirmed as St Helena's new Shipping Services Provider

Hannah Braaf, SAMS



MACS Maritime Carrier Shipping GmbH & Co. will be the Island's new shipping services provider after almost a year of working towards a substantive provider for St Helena, following the end of AWSML as the Island's provider through the MV Helena.

During the procurement and tender process for a new long-term service provider, St Helena's shipping has been operated by an interim arrangement with Meihuizen International, through their vessel, the now notorious MV Maria da Paz, for 12 months.

Following the tender process, MACS was deemed the most fitting option by SHG after being assessed against the tender criteria and, in part, because of their service rates. A contract has now been signed and SHG anticipates the MACS vessel's first arrival date to St Helena to be in April 2024. This does however depend on the transition between Meihuizen International and MACS, which has not yet been fully determined.

The contract signed outlines an initial five years of service to St Helena with the option to extend this for a further five years. This, according to SHG, "provides the Island with confidence in shipping services for the foreseeable future."

Once the MACS service begins, the Island will have a dedicated cargo ship, linking the Island directly to Cape Town and Walvis Bay, and travelling to the Island approximately once a month.

"As an Island territory, this government knows how important shipping services are to our businesses and community," commented Minister for the Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks. "It's important to appreciate the challenges of running a service to such a remote Island with comparatively low volumes of freight when considered against other cargo routes. We import many vital goods, from food to construction materials, so it's been important to take our time in identifying the right firm to partner with to deliver shipping services. We are very pleased to be in the position we are in and the confidence this will give to the community."

"We all at MACS are very grateful for having been awarded this contract, which has a long-standing tradition which comes with big responsibility," said a spokesperson for MACS. "We look forward to a close cooperation with SHG, contractors on the Island and its community with the aim of achieving the best possible result for all."

A more detailed schedule and rate card is expected to be released to the public early in 2024, once discussions around the transition have come to a close. Once this is done, merchants and shippers will also be able to make use of MACS.

In concluding, Minister Brooks took time to "thank Meihuizen International for the service provided to the Island since the start of 2023. They were able to provide a service to St Helena at short notice, and we are grateful for their partnership over the last year."

St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

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

SSHA-1793-SHG – Electrical rewire of Longwood Clinic
SSHA-1797-SHG – Upgrade of Fire Alarm System at Main Office, Scotland

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 Friday, 15 December 2023, at 10am, meeting at Longwood Clinic and at 12pm, meeting at Scotland.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date, 15 December 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 12noon on Thursday, 4 January 2023, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

SHG, 7 December 2023

Rockin' down the Street

St Pauls Primary bring the festive spirit to Jamestown with annual Christmas Parade

Demy Herne, SAMS



On Thursday, 10 December, St Pauls Primary School took the spotlight with their annual Christmas Parade through Jamestown, starting from Maldivia and ending at the Mule Yard.

Primary students, PTA members, parents and supporters were dressed in various Christmas costumes and colours, and floats were decorated to their full with various Christmas characters and themes on show. As is tradition, the St Pauls Primary School cheerleaders did their dance routine at various stops capturing the attention of residents, workers and visitors to Jamestown.

Throughout the parade, various fictional characters could be seen including Minnie, Mickey, Barney and even the Grinch, who quite surprisingly, seemed to be in a joyful mood.








THE MARKET




ATLANTIC OUTPOST

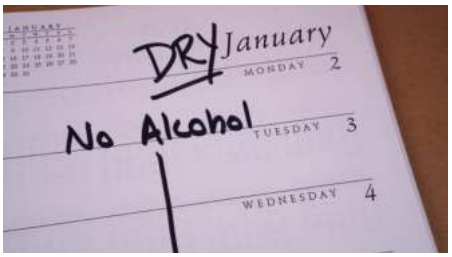





ASSOCIATION ARCADE

New Year, New You

Mental Health Team encouraging participation in 'Dry January' for 2024



Demy Herne, SAMS

During January 2024, the Smoke-Free St Helena Team and the Mental Health Team will be running a 'Healthier Me, Healthier You' campaign. This campaign will be focusing on two important initiatives – 'Dry January' and 'New Year, New You'.

This campaign has been put into place to encourage people to take action to being healthier in 2024 and will also raise awareness on the harm of which tobacco and regular alcohol consumption has on your body. The campaign will also provide support to those want to quit smoking or for those wanting to participate in "Dry January".

During 2022, a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was conducted here on-Island. This helped to identify that alcohol was regularly consumed over the NHS recommended level during community events and social gatherings here on St Helena.

Alcohol contributes to a large number of chronic diseases and illness in our Island community and it also provides a big number of social service and police cases. It is recommended by the NHS that it is better for your health to only consume 14 units of alcohol per week even though there is no actual safe level of alcohol consumption.

'Dry January' was first launched in 2013 by Alcohol Change UK and was put into place as a health initiative. The idea of this was for anyone who felt like they were drinking too much, or too often, to use 'Dry January' as a method to slow-down and minimise alcohol consumption. This was also put into place for those who wanted to start their year off fresh and on a healthier note.

Reducing your alcohol intake can be one of the best things you can do to your health and, by taking control of your alcohol intake, you can save money, improve health, improve memory, have more energy,sleep better, reduce anxiety and improve your mood.

Although it may seem that 'Dry January' is a safe event for people to partake in, it can also be scary for those who are alcohol dependant. If, after a period of not drinking, you experience symptoms such as seizures, hand tremors, visual hallucinations, depression, or anxiety, it is advised that you should seek medical help urgently from a Doctor or a member of the Mental Health Team. The Island's local Mental Health Team is the focal point for alcohol treatment and they offer different treatments based on your personal needs.

If you are participating in the challenge, please inform the Health Promotion team so they can track your journey and if you would like more information you can call the Mental Health Team on 22500 ext 2044, or the Health Promotion Team on 22500 ext 2098.



Nicotine No More

Smoke-free St Helena to help smokers quit in 2024



Demy Herne, SAMS

Smoking is a huge cause of preventable death and illness. During 2021, Health Services reported that 22.2% of adults aged 18 and over on the Island were smokers.

With January being "Dry January", the Mental Health Team and the Smoke-Free Team will be focusing on helping people whose New Year Resolution is to quit smoking and to stay committed to this goal of being tobacco/nicotine-free.

The Smoke-Free St Helena Team will be offering Behavioural Change Support (BCS) and Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) to help those who want to make the change for the New Year. Quitting smoking can be one of the best things which you can do to your health and by quitting it can give you the most out of your favourite activities and other benefits which include your sense of taste, your breathing and general fitness, appearance of your skin and teeth, improvement of your fertility level and, overall, you will experience less stress and anxiety.

This support will be free and when using BCS and NRT as a combination, it is more likely that you will quit smoking for good. If you are interested in quitting smoking with the Smoke-Free St Helena Team, or if you want some more information, you can contact them on telephone number 25863 or you can send an email to smokefree@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SMOKEFREE
ST HELENA

Jane's Patisserie's Cheat's Christmas Pudding

A much easier take on the traditional dish, this recipe ensures that you can present a show-stopping homemade Christmas pudding to the family without having to go through too much effort.

Ingredients

- 150g raisins
- 150g sultanas
- 50g mixed peel
- 150g self-raising flour
- 125g chilled unsalted butter, grated
- 100g fresh breadcrumbs
- 215g soft light brown sugar
- 150g mixed nuts
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 250ml full-fat milk
- Egg

Method

1 In a large bowl, mix the raisins, sultanas, mixed peel, flour, butter, breadcrumbs, sugar, mixed nuts, cinnamon, mixed spice and ginger. Add the milk and egg and beat until well combined.

2 Grease and line a 1.5L pudding basin with parchment paper and pour in the mixture. Cover the basin with a double layer of buttered foil, making a pleat in the middle so the pudding has room to grow. Secure the foil to the basin with string, and then place into a large pan that will fit the bowl. Pour some boiling water into the pan so that it comes a few centimetres up the sides of the basin, put the pan lid on and let it simmer for 2½ hours, checking the water level every 20–30 minutes. When the water gets lower, top it up slightly so there is always water in the pan.

3 Carefully remove the steamed pudding from the pan with oven gloves and pour away the hot water. Remove the string and foil and turn the pudding out onto a serving plate. Enjoy!



Young Koda

Koda Alijah Coleman



A beautiful baby boy named Koda Alijah Coleman was welcomed into the world by his very proud parents, Krista Yon and Rico Coleman, at 2.32pm on 16 October, weighing a healthy 6lb 11oz.

Baby Koda is doing very well and has settled in well at home.

Mummy Krista is doing fine and adapting to life as a mother. She told The Sentinel "I'm so blessed to have Koda in my life."

Daddy Rico also loves life as a dad and has bonded well with Koda.

Krista would like to thank her Mum, Leeann Yon, for coming to St Helena to support her during the birth of her son, and both Krista and Rico extend thanks to Dr Fransico and nurses at the General Hospital for the care given, including to Midwives Rosemary Mittens and Erika Bowers for the care during Krista's pregnancy, during labour and postpartum.

"A special thank you to Midwife Rosemary for safely delivering our son! You are a star!"





Donna Crowie, SAMS

Greatest Gift of All

Auction of Volkswagen raises over £4,000 for Local Charities



Demy Herne, SAMS

On Wednesday, 13 December, Social Worker and local resident, Sam Collins, along with his partner Ella, held an auction at the White Horse Bar in aid of two local charities – Happy Hearts and the Disabled Persons Aid Society.

Up for auction on the night was Sam and Ella's Volkswagen Fox. The couple will be leaving the Island at the end of January next year and therefore were already planning on parting ways with their vehicle.

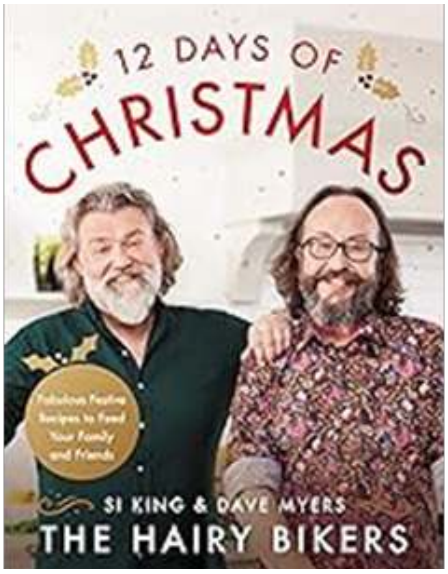
The auction started at 7.30pm at the Happy Hearts Christmas party. "Me and Ella thought that the auction would bring a bit of extra excitement to the Happy Hearts Christmas party and raise a bit of money for charity."

The bidding on the evening started at £500 and, by the end, the winner of Sam and Ella's Volkswagen Fox was Cecily Williams with a bid of £4,300. This money will now be split between Happy Hearts and Disabled Persons Aid Society in a generous festive donation by Sam and Ella.



Book of the Week

Public Library Service



12 Days of Christmas The Hairy Bikers
by Si King and Dave Myers

Make this year's Christmas dinner your greatest and most relaxed ever with Hairy Bikers Si King and Dave Myers.

With their irrepressible enthusiasm for great food and all things festive, Si and Dave have put together the definitive Christmas cookbook. Combining fool-proof versions of the nation's favourite Christmas dishes with new and inventive festive recipes they love to cook for their friends and families, the Hairy Bikers will ensure you serve up cracking meals with ease throughout the holiday season.

As well as covering what to cook on the big day itself, the Hairy Bikers also give you tasty dishes for Christmas Eve, delicious cocktails to tame your in-laws, ingenious recipes for all those leftovers and fancy snacks to nibble on in front of the telly. They even show you how to make your own Christmas crackers - and help keep the kids distracted. This is the perfect companion to your festive celebrations.

Please reserve by contacting the following:-
Telephone Number: 22580
Email: publiclibrary@helanta.co.sh

New Year, Same Sheriff

Ethel Yon OBE reappointed as Sheriff of St Helena



Earlier this year, St Helena Government invited Expressions of Interest from members of the public interested in becoming the new Sheriff of St Helena, starting 1 January until 31 December 2024.

At the time, there were questions on whether the current Sheriff, Ethel Yon OBE, would be retiring from the role, having been the Sheriff for a number of years, taking over from Greta Pat Musk MBE when she retired back in December 2015.

These suggestions have now been quashed however, with SHG announcing that on Wednesday, 13 December, Ethel was reappointed as the Sheriff of St Helena by Governor Nigel Phillips CBE to take effect from 1 January next year.

"Mrs Yon took the prescribed Oaths before HE the Governor in the Governor's Office at the Castle on Wednesday," said SHG. "Mrs Yon was previously appointed Sheriff, and her current appointment is effective until 31 December 2024. The Sheriff of St Helena is nominally responsible for enforcing Court Orders, with this usually carried out by the Police Service on the Sheriff's behalf. The Sheriff is also responsible for summoning jurors when a jury is required, either in the Supreme Court or for a Coroner's Inquest. Their most conspicuous public role, however, is the swearing in of Governors and Acting Governors."

Congratulations to Ethel who will once again be Sheriff for St Helena in 2024.

Let's Get Together and Feel Alright

For this Christmas, we take a look at the story of the Get-Togethers band, as the call for new members



Demy Herne, SAMS

Most, if not all on St Helena, will be aware of the ever-entertaining Get-Togethers band.

The Get-Togethers first started as a band playing music for the New Years Eve Ball at the Jamestown Community Centre. A brass section was later added to the group and this lead to their first "Let the People Sing" event in 1974 at the Paramount Cinema. Since this, there have been various numbers of venues at which the Get-Togethers have performed, including the Queen Mary Cinema, the Consulate Hotel and lately at the Mule Yard.

The longest serving and now retired band member from the original Get-Togethers is bandmaster Eric Benjamin and Barry Brooks. With the band getting older, they are unable to find players to replace them and are in need of musicians to play in order to form the different parts of the orchestra. The band has tried to get interest from the younger generation and have also tried to encourage old band members to rejoin, but there seems to be little interest from people towards learning to play brass music. With the orchestra getting smaller, the number of functions are decreasing.

In addition to "Let the People Sing," the band also plays at the Bridge on Christmas Eve; at the Plantation Garden Party; during Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph; and on anniversaries such as St Helena's Day and at small functions if requested.

In the years gone-by, the Get-Togethers have done a programme called "A Night to Remember" which was a remembrance service which recognised all the uniformed contingents on the night before Remembrance Day. This event was first held at the Paramount Cinema and later moved to the playground of Pilling Primary School.

Recently the Get-Togethers, accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, held a programme of "Let the People Sing" on Sunday, 10 December, at the Mule Yard. This programme consisted of carol and various Christmas songs of which were performed by the audience and guest singers. For this event, the Mule Yard was packed and collections were taken on the night, these collections would go towards Orchestra Funds for new music and instruments. Altogether, £345.00 was collected on the evening.

Geoff Benjamin, member of the Get-Togethersm, concluded: "The Get-Togethers are a completely voluntary organisation, so there is need to be dedicated to be able to practise regularly. We would welcome new members!"

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

102.7 (Jamestown) • 90.5 (High Knoll) • 105.1 (Sunberry) • 105.3 (Blue Hill)
Streaming live via www.sams.sh/radio.html

FRI. Dec 22
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam Yon

SAT. Dec 23
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 6-8pm : Vibes with Annika Robbertse
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

SUN. Dec 24
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Anita and Deon
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service

MON. Dec 25
- 7am-10am: Christmas Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 1- 3pm: Christmas Message show with Demy and Donna
- 5pm: Vibes with Annika Robbertse

TUE. Dec 26
- 7am-9am- Morning Show with Donna Crowie
- 9am- 11am: Midmorning Show with Demy Herne
- 1pm- Christmas Message show (repeat)
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 7:30pm: Life is Still Beautiful

WED. Dec 27
- 7am: Sunrise Show
- 9-11am: Our Show
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm- Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

THU. Dec 28
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 11am: Midday show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm : Afternoon show with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope (Repeat)

Reach us on ***22727*** or at ***news@sams.sh***

sure
Bringing you the
BBC World Service
100.7 (Briars)
88.1 (High Knoll)
102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this week



Happy Christmas!!!

It's Christmas time once again and we at SAMS will entertain you thought the festive period.

Tune in to various shows over the Christmas period.

So tune in to SAMS Radio 1.

You can also down the SAMS radio app or listen via www.sams.sh

It's always a way to stay tuned to SAMS Radio 1!

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

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

TIME OUT



WORD SEARCH

X	G	N	I	K	C	O	T	S	F	L	Y	V	A	D
J	W	C	A	N	D	L	E	S	W	A	B	B	V	E
O	H	L	H	M	W	L	A	J	T	K	S	R	L	C
L	G	I	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	O	V	H	E
L	E	H	E	I	I	J	A	K	X	Q	E	R	J	M
Y	T	A	G	C	R	S	O	U	L	S	G	D	S	B
W	T	D	L	E	I	M	T	R	E	E	F	L	Y	E
H	F	J	R	L	A	Q	S	M	W	I	N	T	E	R
G	I	N	G	E	R	B	R	E	A	D	X	N	G	M
Q	A	M	U	B	T	N	J	E	O	S	A	E	J	Y
G	I	O	E	R	P	L	I	G	H	T	S	M	P	R
G	X	L	F	A	W	F	Z	E	Q	L	M	A	N	R
N	L	E	O	T	E	L	T	S	I	M	J	N	F	E
S	U	J	A	E	Q	H	N	O	P	A	T	R	S	M
R	R	E	I	N	D	E	E	R	X	S	N	O	W	B

BELLS
CANDLES
CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
ELVES
GINGERBREAD
JOLLY
LIGHTS
MERRY
MISTLETOE
ORNAMENT
PRESENTS
REINDEER
SANTA
SNOW
STOCKING
TREE
WINTER
WREATH

Family find baby owl living in Christmas tree



One family got a little something extra when they picked out their Christmas tree this year - a baby owl.

Every year the White family of Lexington, Kentucky, pick their own tree and bring it home - and this year was no different.

And it was not until four days after they had put it up in the living room and decorated it before they found the intruder.

Michele White told WDKY-TV: "I have three dogs. We use this room non-stop, watching TV, the kitchen's right here, no indication."

Carpet cleaner Bobby Hayes noticed the bird after plugging in a piece of equipment and seeing the tree start to sway.

"The owl was literally sitting on a lower limb here," Mr Hayes said.

"It crawled up into the tree further. It took me several minutes to even find it."

Colour in



WINNERS

Solomons

sure.

The winners this year's Christmas competition are:

£50 gift voucher from Sure
Amber George!

£10 gift vouchers from Solomons are:
Logan Yon
Talan Benjamin
Kai Benjamin

2023 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Governor's Christmas Message 2023



As 2023 draws to a close, the time has come to give my second Christmas message. I am an optimist at heart, yet experience forces realism to condition my thinking. As I look back over the year, there is much to consider.

Although far from our shores, the war in Ukraine continues, with thousands continuing to lose their lives. The events we have witnessed in the Middle East are beyond words. The levels of displaced persons across the globe bear witness to widespread conflict and instability. It is genuinely heart breaking. For good or ill, global events impact on the territory, it has always been thus. Yet in this regard, there is cause to be grateful.

Across the three island groups we have our challenges, but thankfully we are free of many of the blights experienced elsewhere. I find reflecting on the bigger picture helps give context to what is immediately before us.

Other events help strengthen positivity. The Coronation of His Majesty The King was a wonderful moment that once again demonstrated why the United Kingdom is so special. Throughout my attendance with the Chief Minister and Chief Islander, I could not help but notice the degree to which His Majesty ensured the Overseas Territories were given precedence at such an historic event. The importance of the Overseas Territories was illustrated again at the Joint Ministerial Council, where a Joint Declaration was agreed. The purpose of the Declaration is to reaffirm that which gives meaning to the relationship between the United Kingdom and the Territories. This will be further informed through 2024 with the agreement of individual compacts describing our mutual aspirations and responsibilities.

As has been said by so many, the economy is critical to the health of a nation. It is encouraging to see tourism numbers on St Helena slowly recovering, but greater success is needed. Work is in hand to try and ensure more people get to experience just how incredible this Island is. There is also visible progress on key infrastructure projects. Following the successful completion of Side Path Road, Field Road is now the subject of major works, whilst at Ruperts the container handling facility is nearing completion. Once operational, these major investments will revolutionise cargo handling; it will also free up the Jamestown Wharf for other development, including leisure activities. The funds in aid provided by the United Kingdom have been pivotal to success. This is equally true across so many sectors of life on St Helena, including the purchase of major equipment enhancements across Public Service capabilities, not least the hospital. Welcome as all this is, it is impossible to ignore the numbers of people who feel it necessary to leave the island to seek economic opportunity. Apart from the sadness of seeing people depart, the decline of the working age population is perhaps the greatest long-term threat to the future of the island; unless abated, it will have cumulative negative impacts. If we all pull together there is time to effect change and I will continue to work with Ministers, the Public Service and the FCDO to help create an enabling environment that makes St Helena an attractive place to work, live and raise a family.

Talking of change, one I implemented was to install in my office the three flags of the islands that comprise this territory. They are a visible indication of the scope and scale of the Territory. Indeed, when one considers the size of our combined marine estate and the fact that each island government has committed itself to protecting the ocean, one has a sense of just how significant this territory is in protecting the global environment. I truly believe every citizen and elected member can be proud of the contribution they are making. It is also wonderful that this year the ocean has provided an opportunity to acknowledge through the naming of underwater geological features the indelible stamp three people have left upon the territory, Rodney Young – the first St Helenian captain of the RMS St Helena, Sean Burns – who served in senior roles across the entire territory, and Corporal William Glass - founder of Tristan da Cunha.

Actually, learning about the entire territory has been very much a part of 2023. In January, I visited Ascension for the first time. I arrived shortly before the rebuilt runway fully reopened and the South Atlantic Airbridge restarted. This major UK/US government funded construction project was important not only for those who work on the island, but for the wider security of the South Atlantic. It has also reopened a valuable gateway between St Helena and the Falklands.

I also had my inaugural visit to Tristan da Cunha amid difficult circumstances for the entire community. My wife and I were truly grateful we were there at that time. Naturally arriving at the most remote community in the world takes some effort, but it is without question a worthy investment, a judgement clearly shared by others given the rapidly recovering tourism sector. Busy all the time, this year has been particularly notable as the Council considers its next steps in ensuring a bright future for the productive fishing sector. The arrival of a new Administrator last September will I am sure assist the team effort.

Christmas for me is a time of hope and that remains undimmed. It is also a time for thanks. Living in this remarkable spot on the globe covered by this territory gives every reason to be grateful for bountiful blessings. Let us also be mindful of all those across the islands who are on duty over the Christmas holidays to keep us safe.

On behalf of Emma and I, let me close by wishing you and yours a peaceful Christmas and offer every wish for a wonderful New Year.

Nigel Phillips CBE

Bishop's Message - December 2023



I greet you all in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

I find myself sitting and writing another Christmas message and one just realises how time flies and how much has happened in this gift from God we call life.

On Wednesday last week I conducted the Prince Andrew School Advent Service at the Cathedral. My inspiration for that service came from the Talent Show that was held at the school by some of the same students at the service. I spoke to them about the finale that they sung 'Feed the World' and pointed out to them that the real title is 'Do they know it Christmas time'. My aim was to ask them if they understood what they were singing about. Well, the song is not necessarily about Christmas, instead in the western world, of which we are a part, where Christmas is about buying and giving each other presents, eating all our favourite foods, having too much chocolate, family travelling miles to come home to be with love ones, the carnivals down through the town, the happiness and friendship that we enjoy, the peace that is a vital part of our society and for most of us, most of these will be fulfilled. The song itself was composed contrasting what we enjoy with the desperate and tragic famine the people of Ethiopia were facing in 1984, where so many were dying of starvation. The song was asking the rich to help the poor and dying people of Ethiopia.

For so many this year the situation is the same - the wars in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, the droughts in some countries due to global warming. The extreme weather patterns where many are losing homes through floods, fires and hurricanes. Again, calling on the rest of the world to help those in these situations.

For us we are not facing these tragic situations, but if Christmas was only about the buying of presents, the carnivals through the town, the families coming home and the lack of crime, then this is not the real reason for Christmas. For all of us who claim to be Christians there is something more profound about being a Christian. A Christian is about God overcoming the power of sin and death that affects all of us, and giving us new lifethrough a vulnerable baby boy born in a stable, who is God the Son Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit transforming our lives from a life broken by sin into the image of God. This means that into a broken world of sin and into our broken lives which was dominated by sin, God has conquered sin through this baby boy and we become the force that God uses to overcome the power of sin by God living in us; and it all starts with the birth of this baby boy Jesus.

Think about the pains of war: the death, the destruction and to lose everything. Now think about Jesus transforming the hearts of these same humans which has caused this destruction, where love rather than hatred, or bitterness, or resentment is present. And where through a conscious decision to follow Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit, the life of God, to show love to each other rather than hatred. That is what it means to be Christian, because God is the one who is now ruling our human heart through His Son Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, that is Christmas.

This year my message is to honour and worship the real purpose of Christmas, Jesus Christ and let him rule in your hearts and lives with his life of love. Coming to Church to be fed by Christ is the start. Listening to God change the hardness of our hearts when we hear His word being spoken to us; when we become aware of the destruction that sin is causing in the world around us; and when we receive His life in the sacrament of His Body and Blood, empowering us with His love is the ongoing process of loving all people.

So, let the carnivals be about Jesus, the joy we enjoy in our dancing is not about looking pretty or just being happy but more importantly it is about celebrating and giving thanks for the new life he has won for us. Let the presents be acts of love rather than duty to each other, but most importantly of all never substitute one's physical act of love with a present. Let the peace that we enjoy be more than the absence of crime, let our peace be the peace that builds up each other and our community with the love of God that rule in our hearts – 'love each other as I have loved you'. Let our families be healed of any brokenness, whatever that might be, with the power of the love of reconciliation that bring happiness and love.

Let Jesus be the reason for your life, this new life. Be the love of Jesus to whomever you meet who are suffering in any way here in our small society: the loneliness, the broken relationships and the family member who feels rejected. Let love heal us of anything that destroys our lives like greed, loneliness, bitterness and consumerism to name a few. When we live the Christian life, let us be just like Jesus who is love.

May you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena, Dale Bowers

Chief Minister's Christmas Message 2023



The 2023 festive period is upon us, and I am privileged once again to be given the opportunity to share some of my thoughts with you. For me, Christmas is about celebrating what has been achieved in the year closing, a time for reflection, a time to look forward and plan for the New Year ahead, but more pertinent, a time to make an exerted effort to spend quality time with family and friends.

I am sure it is the desire of everyone for Christmas to be a joyous occasion. A time for togetherness, love and happiness. Although this is our hope, it is not always the case. I therefore wish to acknowledge those that are lonely, sad, heartbroken or indeed poorly this Christmas, as I know only too well how Christmas can be a challenge, when we are separated from loved ones by distance or loss. To those of you on this journey, always know there are those who care and take comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

The festive season on St Helena is unique, extra special. During this time of year, you will experience St Helena's hospitality, St Helena's community spirit and of course St Helena's team spirit. It is indeed magical and reflects the true meaning of Christmas. Events will unfold that will catch your eye and capture your heart. Our primary school nativity plays signify the beginning of the holiday season for me, followed by their Christmas parades and their readiness to bring tidings of good cheer to those in our care facilities. This year, Prince Andrew School also brought the entertainment, when they showcased their gifts in their Talent Show production, which attracted an enthusiastic audience.

In addition to our schools, I wish to pay tribute to our private sector organisations, NGOs, charitable organisations and volunteers who are all busy, providing much needed products and services that contributes to achieving a successful and compassionate festive period. Furthermore, it is important that I also acknowledge those that will be caring for our vulnerable in society, for those that go the extra mile to ensure that we remain an inclusive society where we can all experience the true meaning of Christmas. A time of love, hope and joy.

With the end of 2023 drawing nigh, I would describe it as another eventful year for this Government. We have experienced challenges, but we have made progress and succeeded in fulfilling a number of strategic objectives, some of which include:

- Mission Blue officially recognized St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA) as a Hope Spot;
- We have successfully launched new health promotions and screening initiatives;
- We were successful in securing and procuring £1.8m worth of essential equipment from the FCDO Oversea's Territories Programme, which will assist us in critical areas to include healthcare, emergency services, port operations, road maintenance and airport;
- St Helena and our UK-based marketing and communications agency won a second industry-leading marketing award for Jonathan's 190th Birthday activities that took place in December 2022;
- Repairs and renovations are on the way on Field Road following the successful completion of Side Path Road;
- 14th October 2023, marked six years since the commencement of flights to the island and just over a year since resumption of regular services following the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also enjoying the recommencement of two flights per week during our peak season;
- A Renewable Energy Policy was adopted and implementation has begun.
- We have successfully negotiated a new contract for overseas medical referrals, which is demonstrating significant benefits;
- New Joint Declaration agreed by UK Government and elected leaders of British Overseas Territories, which sees us commit to a new, collaborative and 'modern partnership' that includes plans to deepen bilateral partnerships, enhance transparency and support;
- We have entered into an agreement with MACS Maritime Carriers Shipping to provide freight services to the island for an initial five year term, with the option for a further five years, via a dedicated vessel shipping cargo directly from St Helena, Cape Town and Walvis Bay;
- And of course, we connected to the Equiano subsea cable via our Internet Service Provider, Sure South Atlantic as of 01st October 2023, which resulted in St Helena experiencing for the first time, access to unlimited data plans to name but a few.

With 2024 fast approaching, I would like to remind you of our ministerial priorities for the coming year. They include:

- Immigration reforms, to ensure the immigration system works with the aim of growing the working age population, thereby lowering the dependency ratio, increasing economic productivity, and increasing the market size on St Helena. It is envisaged that a new Immigration Policy will be implemented by April 2024;
- Reforms in the Education Sector so that we can improve the standards of teaching, providing additional support to the increasing number of learners with Special Educational

Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs and the utilization of more on-line teaching to bolster and provide more sustainability;

• The development of an IT strategy to modernize IT infrastructure and systems technology;

• A focus on how to better utilize and develop human resource capacity in SHG to improve service delivery outcomes;

• The continuation of work being undertaken to move to a health system that focuses on preventative care, to ensure a better quality of life and, to reduce the pressure on other parts of our budget in the longer term;

• Wharf Infrastructure, to ensure the programme of work to complete the Rupert's wharf facility benefits the Island through better services for merchants and importers, and releasing Jamestown wharf as a new leisure area;

• Renewable Energy, to ensure the island continues on the path towards cleaner, affordable and more stable energy;

• The development and marketing of new economic sectors, in particular focusing on the opportunities of developing a financial services sector and those enabled by the fibre optic cable connection;

• And continuing to focus on the development plan to establish an enabling environment for private sector development.

All of which I hope, provides a flavour of where our efforts will be concentrated.

To achieve such an ambitious agenda however, will require essential ingredients that I have made mention of earlier - togetherness, community spirit and of course team spirit. We need to strengthen Team St Helena, as in partnership we can achieve so much more.

I challenge you to take the positivity, the 'can do' attitude, the loving and caring approach that the festive season brings with it into 2024, so that we can proudly say that we all played a part in creating a sustainable environment that creates opportunity and inspires social and economic progress ensuing a better quality of life for all. This is the ultimate objective.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your contribution, dedication and hard work during 2023 and I wish you and your families a Christmas that is filled with lots of love and good cheer, followed by a New Year that brings you all the happiness and success you deserve.

To those of you visiting, enjoy St Helena and what it has to offer, we are delighted to have you. I hope you are able to make it a unforgettable holiday so that you come back and see us again soon.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 18th January 2024, at 10 am in the Training Room 1, opposite the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown**.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

2023 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

George and Winnie Johnson of Deadwood, Happy Christmas! Love son Andy and daughter in law Denise in the Isle of Man

Shirley & Leslie Robinson and family of HTH,
Sandra and Arnold Crowie and family on Ascension Island,
Jeffrey & Lynette Joshua and family, Jimmy Joshua, Georgie Caswell & family, Darlene and Richie,
Dane & Sarah Benjamin and boys ,
Marina O Dean and family
of the Briars,
Aunty Dot Stevens at the CCC, Laurence Timm and family and all our other family and friends back home and in the UK ,
We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New year from sister Jackie Stevens and family and cousin Nerrisa Benjamin in the UK.
Think of us when you're having those fish fries and enjoying the
hot weather

Christmas greetings to
my darling daughter Kayla Johnson and Scott Duncan
Merry Christmas
we know you will enjoy yourselves
love and miss you'll
from mum, Carlin, Alaina and Jamie xx



To Linda and Roy
Shirley and Lyn
Mrs Rosie and all other staff at Peaks Enterprises, Merry Xmas
love Karen, Carlin,
Alaina and Jamie

To my mum Liz John, sister Shanna, Anelle, Torriz and Allexa
brother Adrian peggy and Reshard.
Happy Xmas
love and miss you'll
from Karen and Carlin Alaina and Jamie.
Also, a happy 1st wedding anniversary on the 31st Adrian and Peggy!

To mum Carmen and dad Errol Yon of HTH.
Merry Christmas and a happy new year love from Carlin, Karen

Charlene, Martin, Aisha and Chyna
Auntie Wendy,Dave,Paisley, Cheyenne and Owen
Uncle Peter and Auntie Rita
Auntie Dora, Uncle Pat, Uncle Robert and Auntie Joan, Merry Xmas, love Karen, Carlin, Alaina and Jamie

Maisie Harris Susan James and family Sylvia Rodney and family and the rest of our family and friends on St Helena, missing you! All love Karen, Carlin, Alaina and Jamie

To sister Janis, Darren, Megan and Maddie of HTH.
Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New year.
love from carlin and Karen.

Daughters Kyla in the UK and daughter Shakira
in the Falkland Islands.
Love and miss you both.
Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New year.
lots of love from daddy and Karen xx

To Sharon Henry and family of plantation stables
Laura Brooks of the barracks square,
And to the rest of my family and friends here on St Helena. hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New year.
love from Carlin and Karen x

To a special Nanny and Papa
Christina and Billy Nancy
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, missing you lots
From Grandaughter Jazmine xx



To my Papa Narsa,
Merry christmas
i love and miss you loads
From Jazmine xx

To my Auntie Janie and Uncle ET
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year missing you both
From Jazmine xx

My family and friends
a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
Wishing them all good health and happiness.
To Anthony and Elaine and the congregation of The Rock Christian Fellowship.
Patsy Henry, Shirley and Herbert, Carmen Moyce, Rexie and Josie, Raymond and Joanie, Freddy and Pammie, Coral. Barbara Leo, Lily Thomas,
Elvina and Gary, Sybil and family.
Brian Phillips and family,
Norman Benjamin-Ropery Field,
Reggie and Miemi and family,
Joyce Henry-Alarm Forest,
Jeffrey and Lynnie (Joshua Taxis),
Mrs Evelyn Isaac and family,
Gwen Benjamin and family.
Joyce and David-two gun saddle,
Hazel Moyce and family,
Sexton and Barbara Yon,
Gordon and Ivy Yon
Joan Richards, Sammy,Lily and Wendy George,
Inez Beard and family.

Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.

With all my love
Shirley Willemse and family
in Cape Town

To all of class 4 at
Harford primary school
I miss you all very much,
Merry Christmas
from Jazmine Owen xx

Merry christmas to River Mouse,
Love and miss you loads
from Jazmine xx

Sister orlena Henry, niece Jasmine and Denis. Sister Linda Riseley and Terry.
And friend David kallend all in Dartmouth.
And niece Britney Benjamin in the uk
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all love and miss you guys from sister Janie, Liam, Errol, Tyler and Donny.

To special cousins
Liam and Tyler, also Donny and the kids
Merry Christmas
Love Jazmine xx

2023 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

To Special Uncle Donald,
Auntie Jeaniss, Bethany & Dean,
Auntie Marlene, Uncle Ivan &
Keaton, Uncle Jeffrey & Auntie Jackie
Williams & Families in Swindon
and Auntie Linda,Uncle David,
Angleo, Miranda, Piggy & Kaydalin
in Surrey
Merry Xmas & Best wishes for 2024
From Shara, Pedro & Isaiah xxx

Merry Christmas and
a healthy year 2024
to Joy Lawrence, Tony Leo,
Ralph Peters, Derek Richards, Mike
and Bernice Olsson,
Carlos Yon
as well as Eric and Diana Roberts.

From Manfred Rippich
in East Germany



Special Christmas greeting to

David Peters of Bottom Woods.
Have a lovely lonely Christmas
mate will see u for the next one.
All our love and seasons greetings
from Mumzo and Baby gal.

Robin, Emma-Jane & Isla Erin
in Bristol, UK
wish you all the best for the
holidays and let's hope 2024 be a
great year for us all.
Missing you all loads especially this
time of year and a very big Happy
Birthday to Isla Erin for 23rd.
Love you loads
All the cousins Leigh, Erica, Owen,
Rieedwaan, Louis, Lexus & Rick not
forgetting Uncle Stuart
& Auntie Lamese.

Sylvia Buckley would like to
wish all family and friends
a Blessed and Peaceful Christ-
mas and a Healthy and Pros-
perous New Year."

For all those special people
(won't start mentioning
names as so many)
who have been there for me
during 2023.
I know it hasn't been the best of years
for me but without you my amazing
family and friends who's remain by my
side even when I pushed you away.
I thank you for never giving up on me
and hope that you have a blessed
Christmas and peaceful 2024.
From Leigh

Tina, Nick, Aiden and Brooke
Hope you all have a wonderful and
peaceful Christmas and New Year.
Will defintely miss you'll
Christmas Eve but thinking of you
always and thanks for everything
even if distance divides us.
From Leigh & Rieedwaan

For all our family and friends
on island, Ascension Island,
Falkland Island, United Kingdom,
Cape Town and France
(you know who you are)
Wishing you all the best for the
holidays and let's hope 2024
be a better year.
Will catch up over the festive period
with you all.
Love Leigh & Rieedwaan

Wishing Family and Friends,

A Merry Christmas and a Happy,
Prosperous and Healthy New Year.
Thinking of you all.
Vera Scipio & Family.
London, UK.



Oswald Stroud,
Patricia Stroud,
Isa George
Merry Christmas Happy New year
from all of you're children &
family's in Swindon,
Gloucestershire, & porthsmouth
in the UK

We would like to wish all our
Families and friends
on the island of St
Helena,
a wonderful Christmas and
a fantastic New Year,
may the good Lord watch
over you all.
Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.
Diana Joan McAllister(Benjamin)
and Husband
Patrick John McAllister,and
all the families in the
UK,Canada,and Holland.



Pasty mark & Malcolm Greentre
Linda & David yon
Lisa Stroud & family
Steve Stroud
Paul Stroud
Patricia Stroud

from you're Stroud family in the
swindon & Gloucestershire UK

Auntie Phylis, Ruthie and Betty and all
family and friends and working mates
at the Trust, not forgetting all Lili-
Mae families n school mates n staff of
SPPS. Have a lovely Christmas
from Margie n Lili-Mae

For Charlie George and family
from Clayton, Megan and the
children.
Just wishing them a lovely
Christmas and wish we were there
again this year with them.
Last year was a really special
Christmas.

Sophie, Hayden &
Wilhelmina Fowler, Xavier & Ashley
Vanguard and Jasper George on St
Helena and Tomas Fowler
on Ascension Island.
Merry Christmas to you all with tons
of love from Mum & Nanny Margie &
sister & Auntie Lili-Mae
in Glasgow,Scotland

2023 CHRISTMAS MESSAGES



To all staff at KidsRUs
Merry christmas
from Jazmine xx

Mum Christina Henry and
Papa Billy crowie,
Dad /Papa William Henry.
Uncle Robert and family,
Auntie Rita and family and
for the rest of our family here and
overseas to many to mention
merry Christmas and a happy New
year to you all
from Janie, Errol and family.

Our son Liam Timm and
daughter Tyler and Donny
merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to you
from mum and dad .

Cousin Erica Henry and family,
Auntie Jackie and family, in the UK.
Dad Lawrence Timm, sister Suzie
and Alex,
auntie Karen and family,
Jason, Tash and family.
And to all my family and friends
here and overseas
merry Christmas and a happy New
year to you all
from Errol, Janie and family.

For daughter Orlena Henry,
granddaughter Jazmine and Denis,
daughter Linda Riseley and Terry, and
friend David kallend all in Dartmouth
UK.
And daughter Janie and Errol
grandchildren Liam and Tyler also
Donny
Merry Christmas and a happy New
year to you all
from Mum/Nanny Christina, Papa
Billy and Dad/Papa William.

For all our brothers and sisters and
the rest of family and friends
here and overseas
to many to mention
merry Christmas and a happy New
year to you all
from Christina and Billy.

To Special Godparents
Freddie &Charlotte Crowie and Donald &
Jeaniss Robinson in Swindon UK Merry
Xmas &All the Best for 2024 From
Goddaughter Shara, Pedro &Isaiah

Christmas greetings to my
Mum & Dad Kathryn & Patchie
Peters of Ladder Hill
Hope you have a wonderful
Christmas & a Happy New Year
love & miss you loads thinking of
you always
from your daughter Tracy & Brian &
Grandchildren Britney & Callum
in Germany xxx

Christmas greetings
to my sister Loretta & Paddy
Nephew's Kyle & Kurt
Hope you all have a wonderful
Christmas and a happy new year
love & miss you loads from
Tracy, Brian,
Britney & Callum
in Germany xxx

Christmas greetings to
my niece Kimberly
Nephew's Kruz and Roman
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Love & miss you loads
from Aunty Tracy
Uncle Brian, Britney &
Callum in Germany xxx



Christmas greetings to my sister
Krystle & niece Shelby on Ascension
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
love & miss you loads
from Tracy, Brian,
Britney & Callum in Germany xxx

Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to the rest of our
family on St Helena and abroad
Hope you all have a wonderful time
From Tracy, Brian, Britney & Callum
in Germany xxx

To Special Godparents &their family's
Rosie Mittens, Krista Yon,
Kneo Robinson & Leeann Yon &
Donovan Henry on Ascension
Merry Xmas &All the best for 2024
From Godson Isaiah

To all Work Collegues &Families
at the HM Prison &
Post &Customers service Centre
Merry xmas and
best wishes for 2024
From Pedro, Shara &Isaiah

To Special Brother Donald, Jeaniss,
Bethany &Dean,
Sister Marlene, Ivan &Keaton,
Jeffrey &Jackie williams &Families in
Swindon
and Sister Linda, David, Angleo,
Miranda, Piggy &Kaydalin in Surrey
Merry Xmas &Best wishes for 2024
From Sister/Auntie Judy,
Brother/Uncle Eric &Rita xxx

Merry Xmas and all the best for 2024
to the following people:
Mum/ Nanny Judy Thomas
Dad/ Papa Peter Thomas
Uncle Eric Robinson &Rita Henry
Uncle Leslie, Auntie Shirley Robinson
&Family's
Owen, Erica, Rick, Louis, &
Godson Lexus
Micheal, Chelsea, Ryley & Goddaugh-
ter Alize
Auntie Rosie Mittens & Mark
Papa Cedric & Nanny Glenda
Mc'Daniel
Del & Gilbert Stevens Sandy Bay
Mario Moyce & Marion Henry
Simon Scipio &Lisa Green
Mum/ Nanny Loretta &Dad/ Papa
Leslie Henry
Sister Henreitta & Dennis Locker
Brother Andrew, Godson Kaverika &
Keionna
Uncle Fred & Auntie June Henry
&family
Auntie Phyliss
Krista &Baby Koda
and on Acension
Brother Dale,
Brother Donovan & Mandy,
Brother Chrissy, Leeann, Kyra &Kyile
Lot's of love
From Pedro, Shara &Isaiah xx

To Syliva Andrews,
Anglea Cranfield & Brain,
Linda Bargo,
Pamela &Ivan Moyce,
Leon &Maureen Thompson,
Del & Gilbert Stevens,
Rosie Mittens & Mark,
Freddie & Charlotte Crowie,
Glenda & Cedric Mc'Daniel,
Brenda & Gilbert George ,
All Staff at Happy Tots Creche
and all other Friends here and
Overseas Merry xmas and all the
best for 2024 From Judy



Talent Show

SUCCESS AT P.A.S

Prince Andrew School hosted a Talent Show on 11th December. The hall and foyer were beautifully decorated in the festive spirit, the artwork produced by students with support from Mr Craig Peters. Guests enjoyed the performance with minced pies and snacks.

Students performed vocal, dance and theatrical pieces. The school band New Generation also featured several numbers. There was great camaraderie and confidence among the performers and the students are congratulated on their efforts.

Money raised on the night will go towards the PAS PTA fund.

Special thanks

Elizabeth Clingham

Jolene Benjamin

John (Borb) Thompson

PAS PTA







We appreciate the attendance of Chief Minister Thomas, Chief Secretary Susan O'bey, H.E Governor Rushbook and Mrs Rushbrook and all those who attended to support our students. Mr Daniel Leo, Mrs Dulcie Herne, Mr Craig Peters and Mr Stuart Leo are to be congratulated on their efforts for the event. Thanks go to Mrs Barbara Osborne and Mrs Isabel Andrews who have been tirelessly running the school in the absence of a head teacher.

NOTICE BOARD

JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Join us!

We are recruiting…

St Helena Government

Brand Manager
(£18,508 per annum)

Are you passionate about St Helena? Do you believe that the opinions of the community should be guiding SHG's actions? Are you looking for a local career opportunity where you're able to do just this?

We are launching and rolling out 'Celebrating St Helena', and need someone to spearhead its local implementation. More than 400 adults – from local residents to visitors – and all of the schools on the island have been interviewed to find out the community's values, beliefs and goals. What values are important to us? What traditions do we want to uphold? What direction do we want to head in, together? The results of this research have been turned into 'Celebrating St Helena', showcasing 'what St Helena authentically is all about', as described by St Helena's own people. We now need a Brand Manager to put this into action.

You'll turn the community's beliefs and values from 'Celebrating St Helena' into real life impacts.

You'll work to make sure the way SHG works and offers public services is aligned with who we are and where we want to go as an island community. You'll also work with businesses and the community to help them capitalise on what makes St Helena such a unique and attractive place to visitors and investors.

This is great opportunity to help the island, SHG and the private sector grow in a way that retains and develops the best elements of St Helenian culture. This is a critical role which will provide you with the opportunity to have a significant impact on the future prosperity of the island and our community.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Emma Weaver** **emma.weaver@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **05 January 2024**

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.

Join us!

We are recruiting…

St Helena Government

JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Senior Human Resources Assistant

(£9,197 per annum)

Supporting the HR Transactional team, the Senior HR Assistant is responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service.

Keys areas include recruitment and selection, processing of leavers, contractual changes and providing advice on employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No 22470**
Closing date: **27 December 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.

NOTICE BOARD

ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Property Works Officer

Total package value up to £38,312 (accompanied) including allowances and housing

About the role

We're looking to recruit an experienced site / construction / property maintenance leader to join us as Property Works Officer. The Property Works Officer will play a key role in helping to maintain AIG properties, whilst also working in partnership with the Project Manager to deliver achieve major projects.

What you'll do

This role is responsible for the AIG properties and our estate portfolio, ensuring on-going fitness for purpose through the development and maintenance of a rolling plan. With leadership responsibility for in-house teams, you'll oversee staff, financial and physical resources in line with budget and project cycles, and support and motivate our staff.

What you'll bring

We welcome applications from persons with significant experience in site management, construction or property maintenance, with demonstrable experience of estimating, costing, planning and negotiating projects and contracts. With responsibility for leading and motivating a team of technical and operational staff, you'll have experience of successfully managing and motivating teams within a multi-disciplinary environment. Practical experience of using CAD, as well as the full Microsoft suite, is also essential. The ability to prioritise and problem solve creatively in an environment where resources are often limited (or shared) is key.

What's it like to live and work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. Ascension Island has no right of abode, so all people living on the island are employees or dependents of one of the organisations here. Children accompanying parents up to the age of 18 are dependents, following which they are either required to take up their own employment on the island, or move away. To thrive here on this unique, challenging and beautiful island, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £22,645 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth approx. £400 per month
- A food allowance of £7,200 a year accompanied or £3,600 single status per year
- An electricity allowance worth £938 per year
- A water allowance worth £2,729 accompanied or £1,360 single status per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for children from 4 up to 16 years
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing Date: 19 January 2024 Interviews: Week commencing 5 February 2024 (by Skype if off island).

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Assistant Park Warden

Total package value up to £16,548 pa
(single status including salary + allowances and housing)

Do you have a passion for conservation and the outdoors? We are looking for someone to take on the role of Assistant Park Warden. You will work with the Park Warden to maintain and enhance Green Mountain National Park for the benefit of the people living on Ascension and the wildlife found there. You will also have a role in the maintenance of six nature reserves around Ascension and assist with the monitoring and safeguarding of the island's unique biodiversity.

You must be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive in what can be a challenging environment. The successful applicant will need to be capable of working autonomously as well as part of the wider Conservation Team to deliver an ambitious programme of practical site management. In addition, you will need to have good interpersonal skills that allow you to work well as a team, lead groups of volunteers and participate in public engagement events. You will also need to have a high level of physical fitness and enjoy working outside for long hours in often difficult conditions.

We are offering a two-year, single status contract. In addition to the annual salary of £9,450 per year (taxable in Ascension) the position attracts the following benefits and allowances:

- Rent free, furnished, single accommodation valued at £1,200 per year (taxable as a benefit in kind)
- A food allowance of £3,600 per year (taxable and paid with salary each month)
- A non-taxable electricity allowance paid in kind worth up to £938 per year
- A non-taxable water allowance paid in kind worth up to £1,360 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your country of recruitment (sea freight)
- Shipment of a vehicle from the UK or St Helena
- One mid-contract (after 12 months) fare paid leave journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing Date: Friday, 12 January 2024 **Interviews: 19 January 2024 (by video call if not on island)**

- For more information and to apply for this role, please visit: **www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/**
- To learn more about the Ascension Island Government Conservation Department and about living and working in Ascension, please visit the official website at **www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation** or find us on Facebook: **www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation**
- If you have any questions about the job or the recruitment process please email: **recruitment@ascension.gov.ac**

NOTICE BOARD

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

IMMIGRATION OFFICE TELEPHONE QUERY SYSTEM

The Immigration Section are implementing a telephone query system on Tuesdays, when the office is otherwise closed. This is to ensure that enquiries can still be made and processed whilst staff are at the airport managing midweek flights. This will start from 12 December 2023.

If you have a query you can leave a message through telephone number 22287. A member of the Immigration team will respond to the query as soon as possible.

In the near future, the Immigration Section will also be implementing an appointment based system for Tuesdays. An announcement providing more information on this will be issued in due course.

The Immigration Section thanks the pubic for their understanding.

SHG, 7 December 2023
www.sainthelena.gov.sh

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
24th December
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 3.00 pm

Christmas Day
25th December
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.00 am
Jamestown Chapel 10.00 am

Combined Service
31st December
Jamestown Chapel 2.30 pm

Watch Night Service
31st December
Jamestown Chapel 11.30 pm

Bible Studies
In recess.

ALL ARE WLCOME
For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Cathedral Parish of St Paul

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve		
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
6.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.30 p.m.	**Midnight Mass**	**Cathedral**
	Monday 25th Christmas Day	
7.45 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
	Sunday 31st December 2023	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
4.30 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
11.30 p.m.	**Midnight Mass**	**St James**
	Monday 25th Christmas Day	
8.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Sunday 31st December 2023	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
4.30 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	St James
	Thursday 4th January 2024	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
11.30 p.m.	**Midnight Mass**	**St Mark**
	Monday 25th Christmas Day	
9.30 a.m..	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Sunday 31st December 2023	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Junior Church	St Mark
4.30 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	St Mark
	Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

NOTICE BOARD

St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

CONSTRUCTION OF RAMP AND SAFETY RAILS AT THE BIG ROCK RECREATION SITE

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

CS-1798-SHG – Construction of Ramp and Safety Rails at the Big Rock Recreation Site, Scotland

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown by telephone on 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday18December 2023at 10am, meeting at the Big Rock Recreation Site, Scotland.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date 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 by telephone on 25932 or via email throughtiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on theTop Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday5January 2024, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

SHG, 8 December 2023

St Helena Government

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR LEASE

This unit is being advertised as open market tender, the terms of which will be subject to negotiation between SHG and the preferred bidder.

1 BUSINESS UNIT FOR LEASE

Known as Unit 9 situated within the Market, Jamestown on the ground floor (formerly the Fish Market).

This unit offers a great space for a first time business being within the busiest part of town.

Main conditions of the unit are:

Minimum operating hours of 20, which shall include at least one peak interval for example:

07:00-09:00. 12:00-14:00 and 16:00-18:00

Lease term: 5 years

Rent per month to be paid on the first of every month are:

Year 1 - £53.49
Year 2 - £66.20
Year 3 - £78.91
Year 4 - £91.63
Year 5 - £104.33

The Closing date for the **Business Units** is Friday 5 January 2024 at 12:00.

For more information, please contact:

Head of Trade and Investment, Michael Ormrod or Investment Coordinator, Kyle Snow via telephone on 22470 or via email:

Michael.ormrod@sainthelena.gov.sh or kyle.snow@sainthelena.gov.sh

Alternatively, you can collect the forms from The Castle, Jamestown.

NOTICE BOARD



DEAR FRIENDS, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO GREET YOU ALL AS WE COME TO THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR.

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOU ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH OF YOUR TIME, MONEY AND OTHER DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR 'QUALITY SECONDS' SHOP THROUGHOUT 2023. A VERY SPECIAL SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU – THESE THANKS AND APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE ON ASCENSION ISLAND AND IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ACROSS THE MILES WHEREVER YOU ARE. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TOWARDS THE SALVATION ARMY ON ST HELENA.

A VERY VERY SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO FAITHFULLY COME EVERY WEEK TO SORT, HANG AND SELL THE CLOTHES ETC. YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2024, WE STEP OUT WITH FAITH AND JOY, THANKING GOD FOR BLESSINGS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE AND WE ASK HIS HELP AND HIS PRESENCE TO BE WITH US IN EVERY SITUATION.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS
WITH LOTS OF LOVE TO YOU ALL
ENVOY CORAL AND ALL AT THE SALVATION ARMY
WITH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND LOVE COMING TO YOU ALL ON ST HELENA FROM MAJOR WENDY CLACK IN CAPETOWN.

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

Festival of Walking

Walks of the Week

LOT'S WIFE PONDS
ST HELENA NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP

Date: Wednesday, 27 December 2023
Start Time: 9am

Meeting point: Sandy Bay Beach. Contact Dianne via 67245 if you would like transport from Sandy Bay Community Centre to the beach.

Led by Tom Wortley of Rock Mount Walking Tours, Lot's Wife's Ponds is a popular coastal walk with spectacular views, pass the iconic Lot's Wife formation to the coast. Reward yourself with a dip in the natural pools before the hike back (bring swim gear). Note there are some narrow sections on the path.

Walk grade: Post Box Walk, suitable for fit walkers with some experience

7-8 Fairly strenuous

Plantation Forest

Date: Thursday, 28 December 2023
Start Time: 9:30am

Meeting point: Tortoise Viewing Corridor

Led by the Tourist Office, this family friendly trail walk passes the Butchers Grave site, through the forest at a leisurely pace.

Walk grade: Footpath, suitable for families

1-2 Easy

Upcoming walks

Date	Walk	Host
06/01/2024	Flagstaff & Sugar Loaf	Rock Mount Walking Tours
14/01/2024	Longwood Boundary Trail	French Consul, Michel Martineau

Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, bring lots of water and sunscreen. To register your interest and receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' contact Dianne via dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or call the Tourist Office T:22158 or M:67245

NOTICE BOARD

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offices will close for the holidays from 2pm on the 22 December 2023 through to 01 January 2024. Normal business will resume on the 02 January 2024.

During this period faults can be reported as follows:

- **Electricity:** Power Station on 22602.
- **Water and Sewage**: Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on 22522 or 61307.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd wishes you all the best for the festive season.

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

St Helena Government are pleased to offer 11 fully serviced sites for residential development. These plots are part of a phased development offering affordable housing options and providing future development opportunities.

Located at Bottom Woods, Longwood, the sites are surrounded by the dramatic landscapes of Flagstaff and the Barn, with views of Prosperous Bay and the South Atlantic Ocean. The area is well connected with access to local conveniences, services and public transport links.

For more information please visit the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-Bottom-Woods-Brochure-December-2023.pdf or contact the Chief Housing Officer, Melissa Fowler, on tel: 22270 or by email: melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG, 19 December 2023
www.sainthelena.gov.sh

Golf Report for 17 December



SHGC, Contributed

The last official competition of the year had a small turnout of players. Perhaps an indication that festive season is off to a strong start. Strong enough to keep our regular players from the golf course. Those who turned up enjoyed good weather as they eased into a comfortable Sunday afternoon stableford round of golf. This was a competition with a difference. Each player brought a gift. Regardless of how badly anyone played, they still got a gift. This was a great way of wrapping up the official golfing season for 2023.

The best score of the day was by our handicaps manager, Pat Henry, who returned 36 points to be the first to pick a gift. Tied in second place with 30 points was Pastor Reuben Oliphant and Jeffrey Stevens. Pat Henry was also the winner of all the balls in the two-ball pool after he birdied the 7th. A big thanks to all the players who took part in the event and for bringing a gift.

Members are reminded that payment of annual subscriptions for 2024 is ongoing. Payments can be made into BOSH Golf club account number 13270002 ref "your name, annual subs 2024". The fee remains £40 per annum for playing members and £9 for non-playing members. Locker room fee for those who wish to rent space is £15 per annum for members under 70 years of age and £10 for members aged 70 years and more. Kindly bring your pay in receipt to the club during our opening hours and you will be issued with a sticker for 2024.

The golf calendar for the first quarter of the New Year will be published next week.

Wishing you all happy holidays and happy swinging!

SPORTS ARENA

REBELS SET SAIL



The first match of the 23/24 Cricket season got on the way on Saturday the 16th December with Levelwood Rebels up against Sandy Bay Pirates. Rebels posted a score of 188 runs all out the Pirates looked on course for the win but a collapse in the middle order saw last years T20 Runners up fall short of the target.
Levelwood Rebels won Sandy Bay Pirates by 24 runs
On Sunday Jamestown Heat took on the cobras, the heat produced a score of 279 with the cobras unable to chase down the score.
Jamestown Heat won Cobras by 79 runs.
The last game of the weekend saw Level wood all-stars posting a mammoth score of 323 runs in 35 over's against the western A Mustangs. The Mustangs were unable to reach the required target.
Levelwood allstars won by 179 runs.

Saturday 6th Jan

Levelwood Allstars v Challengers
(Umpires Dax & Makyle)

Sandy bay Pirates v Cobras
(Umpires Damien O'bey & Jamie Essex)

Sunday 7th Jan

Levelwood Rebels v Lions
(Umpires Ashton & Gavin Ellick)

Jamestown Heat v Mustangs

