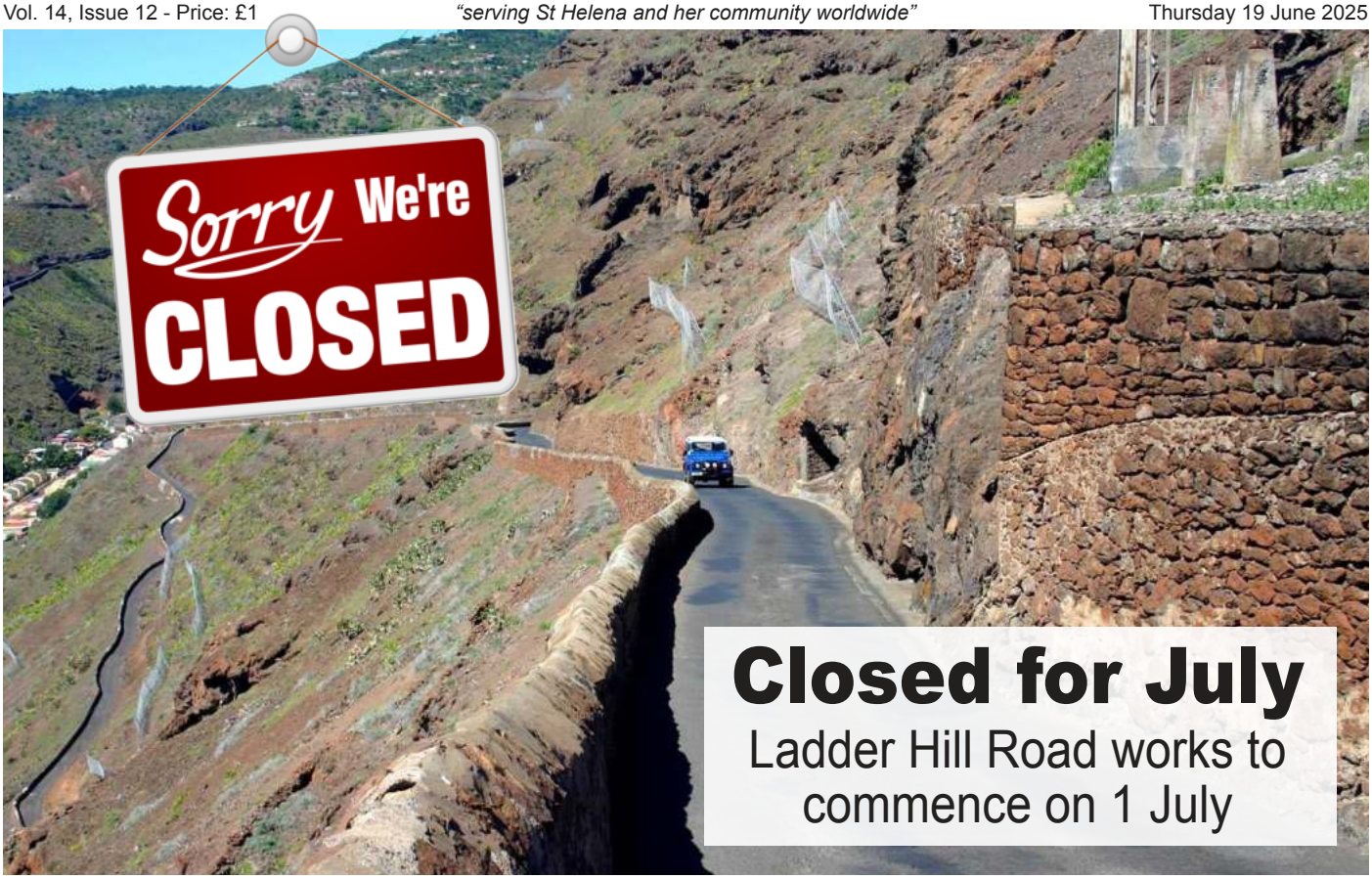
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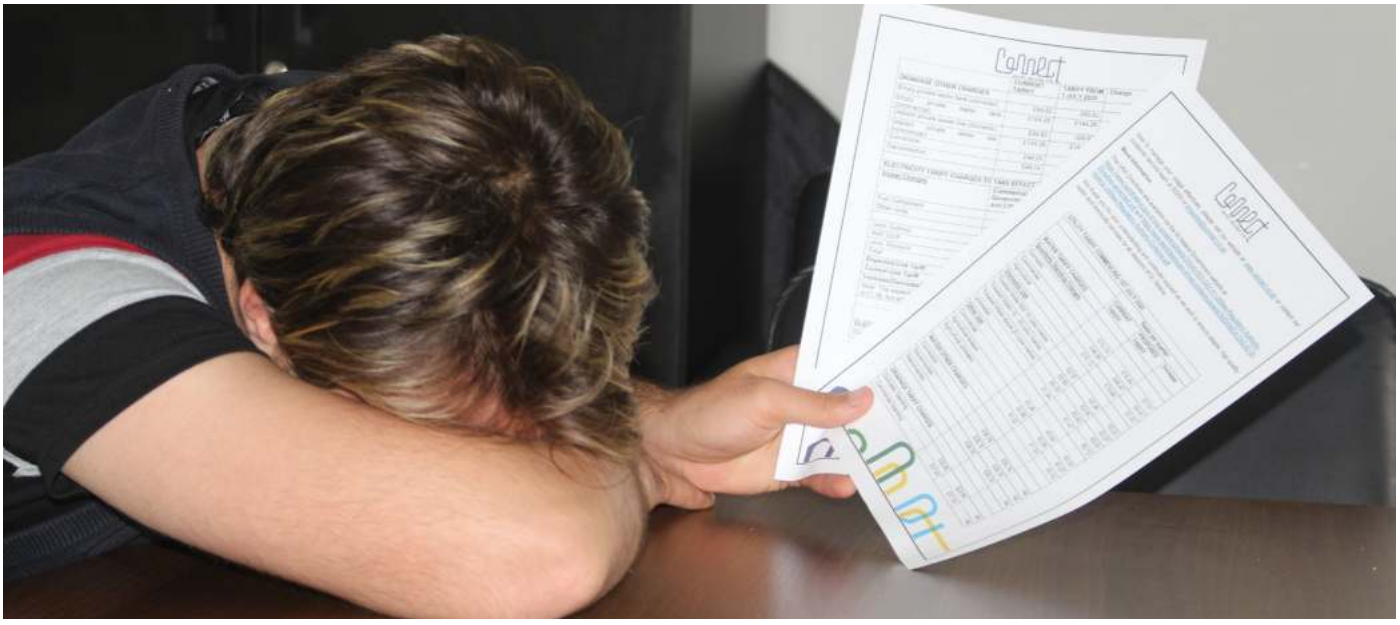


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SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

GOODBYE – don't you hate goodbyes? I have to agree with the title of Celine Dion's song 'Goodbyes the saddest word'. For those who know me, I am certainly one of those people who hate goodbyes. Although I don't think many people today use the word 'goodbye' nowadays it's more like "see you later".

The reason why I brought up goodbyes is because it seems like we are going to be saying a lot of goodbyes this month.

First of all, we at SAMS will be saying goodbye to our little boy :(who we watched grow over the years from saying "I can't do radio" when he first came to us, to putting in over 10 hours of radio a week. Yes, the sad news is that Demy will be leaving SAMS. There will be no more 'Our Show 'on a Wednesday morning, it was a show we created so I could help Demy get into radio and look, over two years later, we still get people laughing at our weekly banter. Demy, all I can say is all the best in your new venture and you will be sorely missed (Shhh, don't tell him, but I am hoping he comes back on his days off to do a show or two.)

We will also be say goodbye to our Elected Members as their tenure comes to an end very soon. It has been a privilege in working with you all, especially our Ministers, who worked with us very closely with our weekly radio program 'In Scope' to allow Ministers to show off their Portfolios. I know it wasn't easy squeezing us into your busy schedule. With that being said we will also be saying goodbye to 'In Scope' - I hope it's a show we can bring back with the new Ministerial Team going forward.

One thing to look forward to is that extra 50p increase on the Minimum Wage from 1 July; but I think we can also say goodbye to that too, as it will be added to the Connect bill.

Anyway it is time for me to say 'see you later' until my next comment. Happy reading and have a lovely weekend.

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ST HELENA NEWS



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Ladder Hill Road works to commence on 1 July

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Government have now confirmed previous reports of a potential closure of Ladder Hill Road, as they announced on Tuesday that St Helena's main highway from the West of the Island into Jamestown is set to undergo full resurfacing works, resulting in a full closure of the road, including Shy Road, for the entire month of July (see Press Release opposite).

Noting the major impact this road closure would have on both residents, businesses and public services, SAMS posted the announcement to our Facebook Page on Tuesday. This garnered quite the discussion with a number of relevant questions and concerns having been raised by members of the community.

One of the questions related to whether Jacob's Ladders would be affected, with a few residents indicating that this would likely be their route into Jamestown during the closure, as opposed to travelling across country to get into town. While there was no indication given in SHG's Press Release on a closure of Jacob's Ladder, SAMS reached out to the Roads Section for clarity. Thankfully, the Roads Inspector responded quickly, where he confirmed that Jacob's Ladder would remain open for use during the closure of Ladder Hill Road. "It wasn't necessary to close Jacob's Ladder as we won't be working anywhere near that side," he confirmed. "Also, we would like to give people the benefit of using the ladder during this time."

Another concern related to the Island's Emergency Services, particularly the Ambulance and Paramedic Service, and whether they would be allowed to travel through the road in the event of an emergency. SAMS have again attempted to find out more with regards to this, though so far have not received this detail. The only indication given by SHG so far within their Press Release is that "emergency services and public transport will also be affected" before adding that "all vehicles needing to travel in and out of Jamestown during this time must travel via Side Path or Constitution Hill Road." This would suggest that even Emergency Service vehicles will not be allowed through Ladder Hill Road during July. SAMS will look to find out how this would work in the event of an emergency and whether temporary arrangements will be put in place to minimise the impact the road closure would have in this regard.

It was also queried why these works are taking place during the winter period on-Island. This was answered by Minister Mark Brooks, who simply informed that "the method used to resurface the road can only be done in the cooler months of the year."

Finally, there was discussion on whether Ladder Hill Road should be seen as the priority road for works with other roads on the Island seemingly in more need of works than Ladder Hill. While this is something for SHG's Roads Section to answer, their Press Release does indicate that further roads will be worked on in due course.

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ROADS REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

The Highways Authority has given approval for Ladder Hill Road and Shy Road to be closed from Tuesday 01 July 2025 to Thursday 31 July 2025 to all vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

This closure is to allow the RoadsSection to carry out full-width surface works with the micro-paver for the rehabilitation of the part of the primary road network funded under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP).

Emergency services and public transport will also be affected. All vehicles needing to travel in and out of Jamestown during this time must travel via Side Path or Constitution Hill Road.

Car sharing is encouraged to reduce the cost of travel.

The Roads Section has inspected all primary roads and are developing a schedule to address priority areas. Upcoming works will take place in the following priority areas:

- Ladder Hill Road
- Ladder Hill to White Wall
- White Wall to Sapper Way Junction
- White Gate to Bates Branch
- Bottom Woods to Longwood Gate
- Longwood Gate to Hutts Gate
- Hutts Gate to Alarm Forest

Dates for scheduled work will be announced nearer the time, pending suitable weather conditions and arrival of bitumen from South Africa.

The public are thanked in advance for their patience and understanding during these important works.

SHG
17 June 2025



World's Most Desirable Island?

St Helena nominated for prestigious title of 'Most Desirable Island - Worldwide' in 2025 Wanderlust Travel Awards as SHG encourage votes

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's emergence as a top travel destination is continuing to gain momentum with our Island having been shortlisted as a nominee in the Wanderlust Travel Awards 2025's 'Most Desirable Island – Worldwide' category, something which "highlights St Helena's growing appeal as a truly unique and authentic travel destination," say SHG.

"St Helena has been nominated for the 'Most Desirable Island – Worldwide' category in the prestigious Wanderlust Travel Awards 2025," they revealed this week, before adding that "this significant recognition follows Wanderlust's shortlisting of destinations that resonated with their readership of over 140,000 and broader audience, with consumers now voting on these shortlisted nominations to determine the ultimate winner."

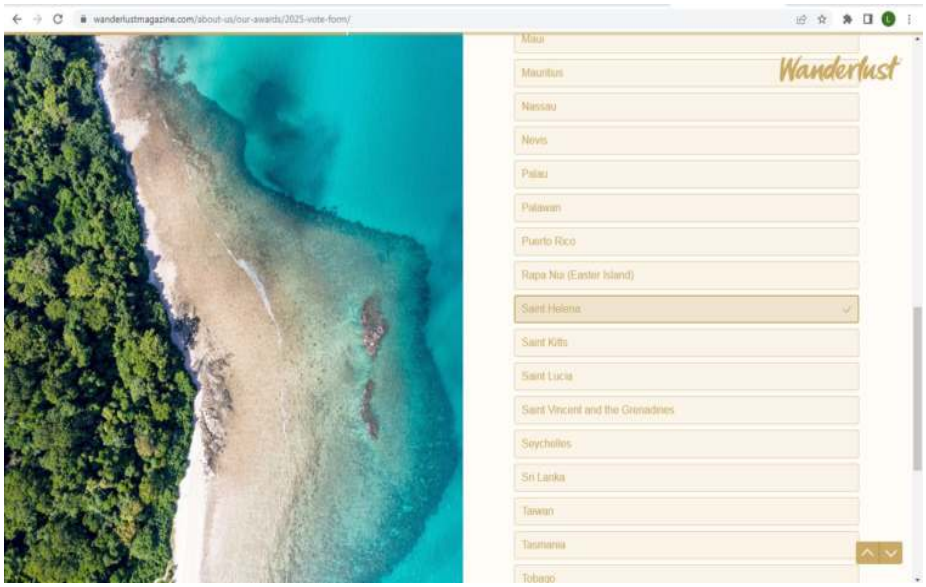
Voting for the 24th annual Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards is now open via https://www.wanderlustmagazine.com/about-us/our-awards/2025-vote/, with SHG encouraging people, including travellers and admirers of St Helena, "to cast their votes and support the island's bid for this esteemed title."

St Helena's nomination as the Most Desirable Island Worldwide was described as "an amazing honour" by new Head of Tourism for the Island, Jonathan Passaportis. "It reflects the growing appreciation for this magnificent island's rare beauty, unrivalled nature, deep heritage, and warm hospitality," he continued. "We invite everyone who has been inspired by St Helena, whether through travel, story or connection, to cast their vote and help share our unique island with the world."

Following the current voting period, the winners of the Wanderlust Travel Awards 2025 is set to be revealed at a ceremony hosted during the World Travel Market, London, on 5 November; an event that SHG states "aims to celebrate awe-inspiring worldwide destinations, as championed by Wanderlust's discerning readership."

They go on to describe the Wanderlust Travel Awards as "highly regarded" before adding that St Helena's nomination "provides an exceptional opportunity to gain further international recognition and attract more visitors, eager to discover our rich history, breath-taking landscapes, and friendly culture."

Voting for this year's winners will close on Friday, 17 October.



Another Year, Another Increase

Connect St Helena announce increase in water tariff and change to electricity tariff, with "planned changes" to take effect from 1 July



Liam Yon, SAMS

Connect Saint Helena Ltd, the Island's sole utilities service provider, have announced impending changes to its water and electricity tariffs, effective from 1 July – with an understandable negative response being received from the community of St Helena.

Connect revealed that, from 1 July, water tariffs will increase by 10%, with electricity tariffs varying depending on the cost of fuel. They state that these "planned changes were originally mandated in the Utility Regulatory Authority (URA) Directive issued on 1 July 2024 and have now been confirmed in the URA Directive issued on 11 June 2025" before adding that "these adjustments are part of efforts to ensure long-term sustainability, cost recovery, and efficient service delivery."

Water tariffs will increase by 10%, resulting in an additional cost of 21p per cubic meter, plus an additional £1.51 in standing charges per quarter. Connect indicate that, on average, a household using 15 cubic meters per quarter can expect an increase of around £4.66 per quarter at the new rate. "This adjustment reflects the rising costs of maintaining and improving water infrastructure, ensuring the continued delivery of safe, reliable water services for all customers," state Connect.

Focussing on the electricity tariff, they explain how this "is made up of a combination of fuel costs and other costs" and that, from 1 July, this tariff will vary based on changes in the price of fuel, while all other costs per unit of electricity will remain unchanged. "The electricity tariff could go either up or down, depending on whether the fuel price is increasing or decreasing," the detailed. "This fuel price adjustment mechanism ensures that fluctuations in global fuel prices are transparently passed through to customers."

It was only a year ago when the URA approved increases of 15% in electricity charges and 10% in water charges with effect from 1 July 2024. At the time, Connect informed that the increases were "necessary in light of cost escalations, not only in the current operating environment but also historically given the length of time that had elapsed prior to tariffs being adjusted."

According to Connect, the further increases this year are being made "to support financial sustainability, improve transparency, and enhance service delivery."

As expected, this news has not gone down well with the community of St Helena, who have criticised the company for continuing to look to customers to cover the cost of their operations, amid an already high cost of living on the Island – with this being the second increase in utility tariffs in just 12months.

This frustration was only fuelled when on Thursday evening of last week, following Connect's announcement, St Helena experienced a brief Island-wide power outage, which expectedly drew more criticism and sarcasm to Connect and their soon to be enforced increased utility rates.

Connect do however state that they "understand the impact" the new rates will have on customers and are encouraging those with financial difficulties to contact them to discuss support options. "We understand the impact these changes may have on our customers and are committed to minimising the burden," they said. "For households experiencing financial difficulty, we encourage you to reach out to us to discuss available support options, including flexible payment plans."

Check out Connect's full press release published on the centre-spread of this week's The Sentinel for more information on the new utility tariffs effective from 1 July.

Silent Sirens

Public Warning Systems installed over two years ago "continue to experience difficulties" say Emergency Planning



Liam Yon, SAMS

Despite having been installed over two years ago, the public warning systems initiated by the Emergency Planning Department through EDIP funding "continue to experience difficulties" and are yet to work as intended for the Island in the event of an emergency.

It was in May 2023 when The Sentinel reported on the installation of three public warning systems for St Helena in both Jamestown and Rupert's, with SHG's Emergency Planning indicating at the time that the systems would increase the Island's response in an emergency situation by emitting a siren tone intended to warn all persons in these areas of an impending threat and potential emergency.

The idea was that the siren alert sound, which is a tone not dissimilar to an air raid siren, would alert residents to go indoors and stay there, unless instructed otherwise, and tune in to local radio for more details and updates on the emergency situation.

However, since being installed, the systems, operated by the Emergency Control Centre at Coleman House, have experienced a number of issues and difficulties that have hindered its use as an effective warning system.

Now, Emergency Planning have informed that the systems, funded under the EDIP Micro Project budget in 2022-23, "continue to experience difficulties" as they work to rectify problems and find a "definitive and timely resolution" to these issues.

"The systems continue to experience difficulties in establishing reliable communication with the Joint Emergency Services Control Centre - a critical function for their operational effectiveness," they revealed in a recent update. "The Emergency Planning Department is maintaining continuous and active communication with both Sure SA Ltd and the manufacturer to seek a definitive and timely resolution to these outstanding matters."



BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
22nd June
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 24th June
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 26th June
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

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Saints Go Marching to Orkney

Team St Helena to depart this weekend for Island Games



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Saturday's flight out of St Helena will include some very special guests as some of the members of the National Sports Association of St Helena's Team St Helena departs to compete at the upcoming Island Games in Orkney, due to take place from 12 to 18 July 2025.

This time around, Team Leader, Anne Dillon, told The Sentinel that "St Helena will be competing n athletics, swimming and, for the first time, James Peters, will be taking part in squash."

The athletes representing St Helena for this edition of the popular and highly-competitive Island Games will consist of swimmers, William Caswell and Stefan Thomas (currently on Ascension Island), track athlete, Tyler Anthony, and squash player, James Peters (in the UK). Supporting the team will be Team Leader, Anne Dillon, and Team Official, Christine Caswell, who will be particularly involved with the swimmers.

Additionally, St Helena's Senior Vet, Andrew Cant, who is an Orkney native, will be supporting the team for the duration of the games. "St Helena's Vet, Andrew Cant, will be providing general support to the team, but in particular will assist with Tyler and the athletics on occasions," explained Anne.

One of the challenges posed this year has been with regards to funding. With no funding having been received from the organisers, the team's expenses to get to and compete at the Island Games have come from a combination of fundraising and self-funding – which has also meant that travel plans will not be as straightforward as on previous occasions.

"This time around, things are slightly different because there was no funding for these games, everybody had to raise money for themselves or be self-funded," Anne explained. "Therefore, people will be travelling at different times." Anne went on to confirm that the first group will leave this weekend, on 21 June, while she and another Team Official will depart later on 5 July.

Though the team will be arriving to Orkney on different dates, thankfully they will all be together for the Games Opening Ceremony on Saturday, 12 July, and will remain so until the closing ceremony on Friday, 18 July.

Representing St Helena for the very first time is young runner, Tyler Anthony, who will be hitting the race tracks to compete in the highly anticipated 100m and 200m sprint events. "I am looking forward to the experience of running with people who have competed before and to learn a lot from their side on training and their experiences," he revealed.

William Caswell on the other hand has already competed on the international stage three times previously, despite his young age, and at the upcoming games in Orkney he will be competing in all of the freestyle events; 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m. "I like the long distance races more, like 1500m and 800m, but I'm going to try and get my PBs in all my events," William told The Sentinel. "I'm looking forward to the atmosphere, meeting new people, and seeing what they do around the pool." William, knowing what it's like to represent St Helena and be an ambassador for the Island also noted how he enjoys swapping badges with competitors from other Islands.

Another experienced St Helena athlete, Stefan Thomas, will be competing in the 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and the 100m individual medley. In a new sport for St Helena to compete in, James Peters will participate in the Men's Singles Squash competition.

The Sentinel would like to wish all participants the very best of the luck in the Orkney Island Games and, as always, will cheering on from afar - Go Team St Helena!

SAMS will be following the games closely, so be sure to tune in and find out how our boys are doing in Orkney through SAMS Radio 1.

"The enduring spirit of cooperation at sea"



Vessel, Christina Debora, who made contact with Saint, Johnny Clingham, stuck at sea for days before help finally arrives from passing Bulk Carrier

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Those on-Island who are active on social media will likely have seen a recent post on the Facebook Group *"St Helena Online"* regarding issues experienced at sea by vessel, Christina Debora.

According to the post, the vessel's Captain had reached out to St Helenian, Johnny Clingham, who is based in the UK, requesting "private assistance and information to possibly help resolve a complex situation at sea." This was detailed as being a "loss of propulsion due to a failed clutch pack on the vessel." The standby 38.7-meter guard vessel had been without propulsion for over four days and required urgent assistance.

Johnny, who thinks that the vessel got his contact from a past post offering online business listings for St Helena, stated how he soon found the situation to be genuine. "I believe the request to be genuine after much research and several phone calls directly with the ship's captain, Victor," he informed.

At the time, it was noted how the vessel was located approximately 300 nautical miles northwest of St Helena, though was drifting and in need of temporary repair parts that included welding rods, Allen keys, and steel plates.

In a first attempt to assist, on the evening of Tuesday, 10 June, the seven-crew vessel coordinated a supply drop off by a passing Bulk Carrier, however assistance could not be provided as the risk was too high due to swells of 4 to 5 meters.

Following this failed attempt to help, Johnny remained in contact with the vessel and its owner, while he also reached out to a number of relevant agents, including those on St Helena and Ascension. He also helped the vessel to establish contact with Cape Town, Dakar, Brazil and the UK Maritime Coordination Centre (UK MCC).

Having caught wind of the concerning situation, The Sentinel quickly reached out to St Helena Government's Port Control, though disappointingly, no response or acknowledgement was received. It is understood that both St Helena and Ascension authorities were unable to provide assistance due to the vessel's distance from both islands.

By Wednesday afternoon, 11 June, Johnny informed The Sentinel that he had recently spoken with the vessel's Captain who explained that "all we need to do is repair the clutch pack to get us to St Helena for a permanent fix." The Captain also gave assurances that the seven crew members onboard were well, however were running low on food and water and was in urgent need of supplies. It was also stated that the owners of the Christina Debora were reportedly willing to charter a boat to deliver the necessary spare parts to the vessel, which was at the time drifting at an average of 30 miles per day.

What was odd to those following this story was that the Christina Debora had not declared an official distress situation, even with the evident concern; this despite the Captain said to be fully aware of the process in doing so. Guidance and recommendation to use the MCC had been heavily recommended by all parties involved.

An additional strange occurrence was the fact that the vessel, who enjoys access to high-speed internet on board, had not reported any position updates since it departed its last port in Cape Town; as evidenced by a lack of updates from the vessels Automatic Identification System.

Nevertheless, while the vessel continued to be stranded without propulsion, Johnny kept in contact and continued to reach out to various maritime agencies, including the management of the Bark Europa Sailing Vessel, which recently visited and departed St Helena.

In an update provided on Facebook this week, Johnny informed that, after no luck for a week, things took a positive turn on Saturday night when Bulk Carrier, ARETI, came to the rescue, with ropes having been attached to the Christina Debora at 11pm and the successful transfer of much-needed drinking water, food, and parts equipment being completed by around 11.30pm.

"The bulk carrier had been travelling from Baltimore USA to India when they responded to the Christina Debora," Johnny revealed. "They positively responded to the assistance request after verifying the Christina Debora's status. Their swift and decisive action was instrumental in this successful outcome."

With their mission accomplished, the ARETI continued on her journey, bidding farewell to the relieved and replenished crew of the Christina



Debora.

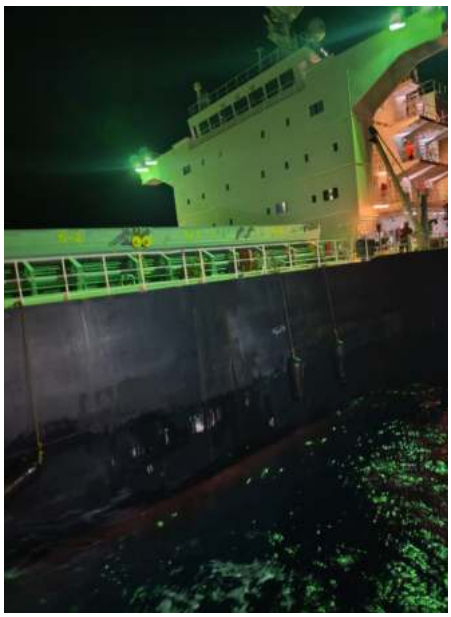
However, if this Bulk Carrier had not responded, help was on the way for the stranded vessel in the form of Tall Ship Bark Europa which departed St Helena on Friday. According to Johnny, the Bark Europa was en-route to assist the Christina Debora following correspondence made between the parties, however with the ARETI having got there first, the Bark Europa adjusted her course and continued on their planned route.

Johnny's post concluded with the expected next steps for the Christina Debora. "Repairs to the Christina Debora are now estimated to take approximately 24 hours, provided there are no unforeseen complications," he explained. "Once her engine can be restarted, the Christina Debora will set a course for a port where a new clutch awaits fitting, enabling her to continue her journey."

Johnny also spoke to The Sentinel following the successful assistance provided to the Christina Debora by the ARETI. "This rescue mission highlights the enduring spirit of cooperation at sea and the critical role played by all regardless where in world you are," he commented. "Every little helps when you reach in the right direction in providing assistance when maritime emergencies strike."

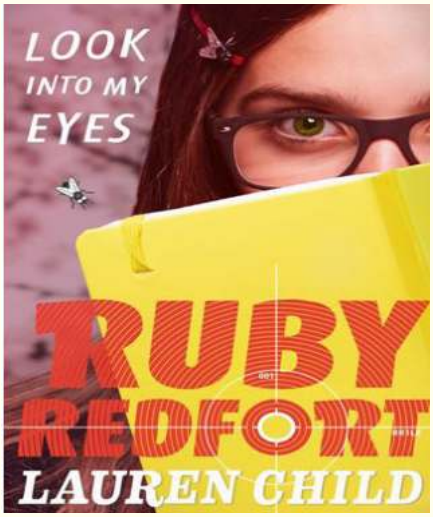
At this stage, SAMS has no further information on the Christina Debora with regards to the fixing of the mechanical issue and where she will be heading to next to fit the new clutch before finally continuing her journey.





Book of the Week

Public Library Service



Look Into My Eyes by Lauren Child

Hey, buster. Normal life is a total yawn. Break out of boredom with Ruby Redfort, the super-awesome teen detective series from multi-million-copy bestseller Lauren Child.

Want to know more. Of course you do, Bozo.

Here's the low-down on Ruby Redfort: she's a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a thirteen-year-old girl. She and her slick sidekick Butler, Hitch, foil crimes and get into loads of scrapes with evil villains, but they're always ice-cool in a crisis.

In this first book, we go right back to Ruby's beginnings as an agent. When an anonymous caller sets Ruby a challenge, it's not long before she finds her way into the HQ of the most secret of secret agencies – SPECTRUM. They need her help to crack a code but her desk job soon spirals into an all-out action adventure, as Ruby uncovers the dastardly plans of the formidable Fool's Gold Gang.

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SCHOOL PAGE

St Paul's Primary opens classroom doors to Parents in exciting Literacy showcase!



SPPS, Contributed

St Paul's Primary School was alive with excitement on Tuesday, 3 June, as parents filled classrooms to witness the teaching and learning taking place during literacy lessons. The event, which welcomed parents into the heart of the school day, aimed to showcase not only the students' enthusiasm for phonics, reading and writing but also a new, innovative teaching approach now being used across the curriculum.

The main focus of the day was to introduce parents to the Gradual Release Model (GRM) — a powerful instructional strategy that helps students become independent, confident learners. Teachers explained that the GRM is structured around: I do, We do, You do together, and You do alone. This model supports children by first demonstrating a skill, then working with the class, moving on to group or partner tasks, and finally encouraging students to apply what they've learned independently.

Parents were impressed by the clarity and structure the GRM brought to the classroom, allowing students to build both understanding and independence, step by step.

"It's amazing to see how confident the children are in their learning," said one parent. "Watching the way the lesson moved from teacher-led to student-led was really inspiring."

The day also served to strengthen the partnership between home and school, as parents left with a deeper understanding of how their children are being supported in literacy every day.

The school plans to host more open classroom events in the future, continuing to involve families in their children's educational journey.

A big thank you goes out to all the KS1 and KS2 parents who took the time to attend Literacy Hour. Your presence and support mean a great deal to the staff and students alike, and it was a joy to share this important part of the school day with you.







Everyday Heroes

Recognising the dedication of Unpaid Carers and the quiet strength behind everyday support



Demy Herne, SAMS

Last week, from 9-15 June, St Helena proudly celebrated Carers Week, joining global efforts to acknowledge and support those who provide care within our community. This year's theme focused on working towards an equal society where unpaid carers are truly recognised, valued, and supported.

On the Island, there are two main types of carers. Formal carers are those employed within care settings or the care system, such as at the Community Care Complex (CCC), Cape Villa, the Deasons Centre, or working as domiciliary carers. These individuals perform invaluable work and play a vital role in supporting vulnerable members of the community. Equally important, though often less visible, are informal carers, those who are unpaid and provide care for a family member, neighbour, or friend. These are people who provide support to someone with a disability, illness, mental health condition, addiction, or who needs extra help due to age or medical circumstances.

During Carers Week, there was a particular focus on recognising these unpaid carers, who make a vital contribution not just to the individuals they support, but to society as a whole. They help with day-to-day tasks such as bathing, showering, dental hygiene, grooming, shopping, and household chores; things that are often essential for maintaining dignity and independence. While many find caring to be rewarding and fulfilling, it can also be incredibly isolating and emotionally demanding. The reality of being an unpaid carer can be tough, and it's something many people don't fully understand unless they've experienced it themselves.

Unpaid carers often face financial challenges. Many are unable to take on jobs with long hours or shift work because of their responsibilities. Some are forced to make difficult career choices; leaving a job they love to take one that better accommodates their care giving duties. This can limit their income and job satisfaction, further adding to the strain.

Caring for someone can also take a toll on a person's physical health. Depending on the needs of the individual, carers may be required to assist with lifting or mobility, such as helping someone out of bed or into a shower. Unlike formal care settings, private homes often lack the specialist equipment that make these tasks safer and easier. As a result, carers must be mindful of their own physical well-being.

Mentally and emotionally, caring can be just as challenging. A carer who is with someone most of the day or night often sacrifices their personal time and space. Maintaining relationships or friendships becomes more difficult, and carers may find themselves feeling excluded or out of touch with their social circles. Watching a loved one decline in health or struggle with their condition can be emotionally exhausting, something that carers deal with silently and continuously.

Having access to the right information and support is crucial. If you're an unpaid carer, it's important to know who you can turn to. Social Care is available to provide advice or direct you to the appropriate service; it's related to mental health, financial support, or general caregiving advice. Simply asking for help is a vital first step, and it's something no carer should feel hesitant or ashamed to do.

It's widely recognised that respite care on St Helena is not yet where we'd like it to be. Yet, it remains essential. Many carers are holding down jobs and managing their own families while caring for someone else. They need time for themselves; time to rest and recharge. Without it, the pressures of caregiving can become overwhelming.

Carers can also face judgement or stigma from those who don't understand their role. It's important to raise awareness and challenge these assumptions. As the saying goes, "Don't judge me until you walk a mile in my shoes." Caring for someone, whether professionally or informally, takes tremendous dedication and commitment.

Support for unpaid carers does not have to be complex. A simple thank you can mean more than you realise. Being a good listener when someone needs to talk can make a huge difference. Often, it's their way of reaching out for help. Offering practical support, like picking up groceries, helping with errands, or giving a short break from caregiving duties, can offer real relief.

If you're in a position to advocate for unpaid carers, you should. Encouraging self-care is equally important. Sometimes we don't realise how much someone is struggling until we actually talk to them. They may be mentally and emotionally exhausted. Remind them to look after themselves, because you can't care for someone else if you're not well enough yourself.

Above all, let this be a reminder of the positive difference carers make in people's lives every single day. Their contribution to our community is immeasurable, and they deserve both our recognition and our support.

NOTICE BOARD

OVERSHARING

DON'T MAKE YOURSELF A TARGET

*OVERSHARING IS REVEALING TOO MUCH PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF ONLINE, ESPECIALLY ON SOCIAL MEDIA



CONSEQUENCES OF OVERSHARING

EXPOSING PASSWORDS

Sharing too much personal information can give hints/clues that hackers can use to guess your passwords e.g. sharing your children's or pet's name(s) or your mother's maiden name

TARGETED PHISHING ATTACKS

Cybercriminals use personal information you've shared online to craft phishing emails that you are more likely to click on e.g. they may impersonate a company or person you know well

IDENTITY THEFT

Sharing personal information makes it easier for identity thieves to access your accounts and steal your identity. This can lead to financial loss or criminal activity being done in your name

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"It's always wrong to hate, but it's never wrong to love."

—Lady Gaga

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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. June 20
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 11am: American Connections (Repeat)
- 2pm: Our Show (Repeat)
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. June 21
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 12 noon: Legco (Repeat)
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN.June 22
- 7am-noon: Sunday Morning with the Robbertse's
- 1pm : Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: In Scope
- 7pm: Baptist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations

MON. June 23
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 5:30pm: Country Classics
- 7:30pm: Sound of the 80's with John Turner

TUE. June 24
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 10am Minister Question Time
- 2pm: In Scope
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations

WED. June 25
- 7am-8:30am : Sunrise with Deon
- 8:30- 10:30 am: Our Show
- 11am - 1pm: Northward Sounds
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Vibes

THU. June 26
- 7am - 9:30am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 10am: Legislative Council Meeting
- 4 pm: Sounds of the 80's
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope

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Featured this Week





Tune in this week for the Sunday show with SAMS' own Anita and Deon Robbertse with special guests Annika and Ian Rough from Seattle, Washington. This week we'll explore a variety of genres focussing on Annika's favourite songs from each; join us to hear what her choices will be!

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

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Medium'

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Throwback Thursday



19 June 1991:
Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar surrenders to police

Feel like a luxury hot drink on these cold nights? Well why not try one of these to warm you up!

Luxury Chocolate with Marshmallows



Ingredients

- 600ml Milk
- 142ml Double Cream
- 100g Chopped Chocolate
- Mini Marshmallows

Method

Pour the milk, double cream and chopped chocolate into a pan. Bring gently to the boil, whisking until smooth. Serve in individual cups or mugs topped with mini marshmallows and a little grated chocolate.

White Hot Chocolate



Ingredients

- 200ml Milk
- 100g White Chocolate (finely Chopped)
- 1/2tsp Vanilla Extract

To Serve (optional)

- 1 tbsp Whipped Cream
- A few mini Marshmallows
- 1 tsp Caramel Sauce
- Pinch of sugar sprinkles
- Pinch of ground Cinnamon

Method

Pour boiling water from the kettle into a heatproof mug or glass to warm it up. Heat the milk in a small pan, or in blasts in the microwave, until steaming. Pour the hot water out the mug, and tip in the chocolate and vanilla. Pour over the hot milk and stir for 30 seconds until the chocolate has melted. Top with the cream, marshmallows and drizzle over the sauce with a pinch of sprinkles and cinnamon, if you like.

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robertse, SAMS

In a different take on the In Scope program, Chief Minister Julie Thomas hosted the second session in the final series of In Scope programs during their final month before the Council is dissolved on 30 June. This week the focus fell on the H&SC and the T&ED Portfolios, with the emphasis on the budget allocations for this financial year compared to the previous financial year.

Martin Henry (Minister for H&SC) and Helen Lawrence (Head of service) gave an overview of the budgetary allocation for 2025-26 for their portfolio. The allocation for the previous financial year was £9,466,000 and this year the allocation increased to £9,655,000. Although this sounds like a substantial increase, this will only be sufficient to cover the increases in minimum wage, salaries and utility costs that came into effect during the latter part of the previous financial year.

Martin reiterated what has been said throughout many In Scope programs, that they were trying to create a solid foundation for the Health and Social Care Services that would last into the future, providing a solid framework and clear direction. The aim of the In Scope programs have also been to keep the public informed about initiatives being undertaken and progress that was made in various areas within the service. During the past four years, the senior management team have been working towards clamping down on overspend. While last year saw great improvement in this area, it is still challenging to predict expenses and overspend as they largely operate on a responsive budget and expenditures. Things like medivac expenses can never be predicted with complete accuracy and global increases in medical costs also add to the uncertainty. A single medivac can cost up to £55k.

During the modified zero-based budget proposed by the Ministerial government to the FAM team, the H&SC Portfolio requested an additional amount of about £4.5 million. Without this additional funding it will be very difficult for the Portfolio to allocate sufficient money to support the preventative care initiatives. Martin strongly stressed that there is no other possible long-term solution for the island's health problems (specifically the non-communicable diseases) but by implementing effective preventative care and facilitating healthier lifestyle choices. Without real changes in preventative care, reactive treatment will continue to erode the funding available to improve general health on the island.

The Health side of the Portfolio covers acute and primary health care as well as overseas medical referrals (or tertiary health care). Environmental health, dental, laboratory and mental health services also fall under the remit of Health. For this section, the part of the increase allocation comes to £56k, bringing the total allocated to £6.013 million. About 95% of the budget will go towards the treatment of NCD's with over £700k being spent on medical drugs. This amount does not include chemotherapy drugs which are extremely expensive, costing up to £100k per patient. During the previous year, a total of 56 people had to receive cancer treatment. The other big and unpredictable expenditure in the section is overseas medical referrals that can cost between £6k and £7k per person in need of treatment or diagnostic assessments. This amount can easily increase to up to £250k in some cases for specialised treatments.

Social Care is becoming an ever increasing problem with the ageing population causing more people to become dependent on social care services. Due to the increase in needs in this section, the part of the budgetary increase allocated comes to £133k bringing the section's total budget to £3.642 million. Although this is a substantial increase it is barely sufficient to cover the increase in costs related to utilities and salary increases. A lot of the care facilities are over their capacity limit and supporting vulnerable patients in the community through domiciliary care also requires a lot of resources and funding. To increase the capacity of the CCC, two buildings at Piccolo Hill had to be utilised, increasing expenditure for the section. In addition to these services, the section also provides probation, adult and children's services as well as sheltered accommodation for vulnerable persons and those with disabilities. The majority of these services are statutory obligations and most of the facilities that provide these services are at capacity. The pressure on these services is continually increasing as the ageing demographic of the island continues to escalate the need for social care services. To increase the service provision in this section, a lot of funding for investment will be needed to increase the capacity of facilities.

Additional funding to the amount of £264k has been allocated under the capital expenditure program to acquire testing equipment needed in the environmental and public health section as well as the replacement of critical medical equipment. Funding to the amount of £1.65million has been secured through the BIOT agreement; these funds will go towards clearing the backlog in medical referrals as well as a small portion to implementing the new public health strategy and employing the staff to support this initiative in moving forward. Another important initiative being funded through this stream is the upgrading of the outdated IT and data processing system in the healthcare section. Upgrading this system will increase the efficiency of the service significantly while also providing a better service to the public with improved communication and turn-around times. The new health strategy that was completed and approved very recently will be supported through the new IT system

as well new techniques and medicine being employed by the health section in addition to education initiatives to raise awareness and access to facilitate better lifestyle choices for the population on St Helena. Additional available capital funding of £13.5million might support further improvements within the H&SC Portfolio, but discussion around the allocation of these funds are still ongoing and will hopefully be approved soon.

Helen ended off the discussions on the H&SC Portfolio by saying that the most important thing in going forward would be the new health strategy and obtaining sufficient funding to support this strategy to ensure that the pressure on the service will decrease in the future by working towards a healthier population on St Helena. Although this is a long term vision it is the only solution that will ensure a sustainable H&SC service on the island. Medical expenses are continually increasing so unless we as a community and an island make some radical changes to significantly improve healthy lifestyles, the future of Health and Social Care on St Helena will be very bleak with funds being stretched beyond the limits. Martin concluded in saying that everyone has to realise that the cost of H&SC will never decrease, but it remains crucial to prevent the costs of spiralling out of control. Change is unavoidable and it will be imperative that the island as a whole buy into the new strategy to improve future outcomes.

Next in the studio, Julie spoke with Minister Mark Brooks and Nicholas Yon (Deputy Financial Secretary) about the 2025-26 budget allocations for Treasury and Economic Development. Mark said that the Economic Development (ED) section mostly aimed to maintain their work streams from the previous financial year with a similar budget. The allocated budget for the ED section for this financial year comes to a total of £5.9million of which over £3million goes directly to airport operations administered directly by the FCDO. In addition to the recurrent budget they also have access to an innovations budget specifically aimed at supporting investment initiatives by the private sector and to stimulate economic development in this sector as well as £250k for capital expenditure mostly focussed on the aviation side of the airport.

The section also includes some funding allocated to civil aviation, which is mainly used to maintain the fuel contract for the airport and the airport certification as well as funds for the MET office. In addition to the other work streams, the section also includes the Tourism Section and, under this, the ring-fenced Tourism Development Fund that was again allocated to develop tourism on-island and support the Tourism Development Strategy. The financial services work stream has received funding of £300k from the Economic Development Investment Program (EDIP) fund to develop this initiative. The ED section is also working on restructuring the companies' registry and various other ordinances and regulations to ensure that services on St Helena are in line with international standards. Lastly, the section also includes the property section facilitating the disposal of property as well as managing government landlord housing.

Treasury has an allocation of £8.9million with the largest part of this going towards payments on behalf of the Crown, including subsidies and government payments that does not relate to any specific portfolio. 16% of the remaining budget goes towards other functions and services in the Treasury Section. £46k goes towards managing social security, £115k for revenue services like tax collection and £646k for central finance services. £191k goes to Post & Customer Services and £52k to procurement services. £7.9million is for payments on behalf of the Crown as mentioned, which operates as a central budget for the entire SHG. Included in these payments are around £1million for public sector pension contributions, £1.4million for other employee costs that includes minimum wage and salary uplifts planned for this year. Through the Strategic Outcome Framework it was identified that across the whole of SHG the biggest constraint concerns people, capacity and the ability to attract and retain staff, and this was the reason to allocate the funds to uplift salaries across the public service. Without retaining and attracting capable staff, the services provided by the Public Sector will deteriorate. Investing in salary increases will in turn benefit the whole economy as it provides more expendable income.

In addition to the above expenses, investment management fees for overseas agents will also be payable from this fund as well as all grants and subsidies including contracts like the pool, National Trust, Human Rights and other organisations. The subsidy towards Connect St Helena comes to £1.6million and is also paid from this fund, as is the Heritage society and the Mantis Hotel.

Currently the biggest risk factors that will influence available funding are cases where lawyers are suing SHG on behalf of claimants. The extent of these payments will only be known once cases are settled through the court. Additional support might also be needed in some cases such as specialised legal assistance. Other expenses include funds for upgrading the IT network as well as funds to maintain a positive credit rating. The cleaning contract for government and audit fees also form part of the Treasury budget.

With regards to the £13.5million capital funding, £7million will be put towards completing the new BFI project. The new plan has been approved by the board which also included the FCDO. The project will include the acquisition of components to complete the fuel storage plan as well as new storage facilities in Ruperts once the new BFI gets commissioned. It is hoped that this project will be completed over a period two to three years. The aim will however be to complete the extra fuel storage facilities to help manage the cost of diesel on St Helena by buying in bulk to save on transport cost. Other projects funded through EDIP include the completion of the Port Project as well as the Prison Project, which should start this year. The other project that will be a focus this financial year is working towards implementing renewable energy sources on the island.

In closing, Mark touched on the allocation of the 5% increase in the financial aid received for the new financial year. £124k of the total increase of £1.7 million was allocated to subsidise freight as Ruperts Port is not operational yet as previously anticipated. There was some additional inflationary cost to support the MET office contract to the amount of £34k, £300k was allocated to fund projects that form part of the education restructure, but the largest portion of £750k is earmarked to be used to fund the increase in salaries. An amount of £300k was also allocated to increase the TC budget to address the staffing constraints on St Helena due to the declining working-age population. About £300k was also put aside to mitigate the anticipated costs due to undergoing litigation procedures. The remainder of the funds (around £150k) was allocated to the uplift in the basic Island pensions and benefits. So, in all, the additional money was allocated to improve life of the people of St Helena.

Julie ended off by thanking everyone for participating in the In Scope programs over the past four years to provide the public with relevant information regarding their portfolios and initiatives.

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Director of Operations and Facilities

Total package value up to £69,466 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £52,288 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

This is a key leadership position within the Ascension Island Government. As Director of Operations and Facilities, you'll guide the strategic delivery of essential public services, infrastructure projects, and estate management. As part of the Senior Management Team, you'll help shape the island's long-term development and resilience.

What you'll do

You will lead a large multidisciplinary team, managing a wide operational portfolio including facilities, transport, marine and harbour services, waste management, fuel logistics, and health and safety. You'll oversee the planning and execution of infrastructure projects, direct routine and preventative maintenance programmes, and ensure effective public service delivery. You'll also develop policy, advise senior leaders, and represent AIG in negotiations with UK government and other external stakeholders. Through your leadership, you will drive forward improvements in sustainability, safety, and operational efficiency across the directorate.

What you'll bring

You'll be an experienced leader with a strong background in infrastructure, construction, engineering, or facilities management. You will hold a degree or equivalent level of experience in a relevant discipline such as engineering, construction, or surveying. You'll have a proven track record in project management and delivering complex public service and infrastructure programmes, ideally in challenging or remote environments. Your ability to lead large, multidisciplinary teams, build effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders will be key to your success.

Sound knowledge of health and safety management is essential, along with a valid driving licence. You'll bring personal resilience, sound judgment, and a collaborative leadership style that supports a positive workplace culture based on dignity, respect, and accountability.

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 UK 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. To thrive here in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in a remote environment and small community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £52,288 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)

- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care and off island, with medical referral if required including medivac arrangements in an emergency.
- Free schooling for dependent children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Basic Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependants)

Closing date: **Monday 14 July 2025**
Interviews: **Week Commencing 21 July 2025 (via video call if off island)**
Start date: **As soon as possible**

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

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

Vacancy

Trainee Electrician

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £9,360 per annum (£780 per month), depending on qualifications and experience

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Electrical Works Department for a Trainee Electrician.

As the Trainee Electrician you will assist with in-house and private electrical jobs to complete them in a timely manner while ensuring high standards of work are delivered at all times in accordance with Company requirements and local regulations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess Grade C in GCSE Maths or English, or equivalent.
- Have excellent communication skills.
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent customer service skills.
- Have an aptitude for problem solving and demonstrate persistence when troubleshooting issues.
- Be committed to continuous learning and development in an ever-changing industry.
- Demonstrate attention to detail.
- Have a positive work ethic.
- Be self-disciplined and self-motivated.
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment.
- Have the ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks as well as work in confined spaces.
- Be flexible to work outside of normal working hours.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Mr Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) via 22380 gm-services.properties @solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **26 June 2025.**

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers an attractive benefits package to Employees which includes but are not limited to:

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

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VACANCY

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to employ a Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the leadership and management of the operations of the Company and as an Executive Director will contribute to setting its overall vision. The role involves a high level of responsibility, with pivotal decision making affecting the future of the Company and its employees.

Within this role, the CEO will be expected to oversee the delivery of utilities services in St Helena ensuring that these are delivered in a cost effective and customer focused way.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- 3 years experience of working at Board or Committee level and contributing to Board discussions
- 3 years proven experience at senior management level with the ability to understand and interpret management accounts, financial statements and other relevant financial information
- 3 years experience Project planning and management
- Good command of English Language both written and verbal

QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualification in business administration, geography, law, engineering or a related field at degree level or above

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information and a copy of the Job Description please contact Annalisa Young on +290 22255 or email Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by **9:00am on Monday, 7 July 2025.** To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html | connectsainthelenaltd | https://www.linkedin.com/company/connect-saint-helena-ltd/

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 03rd July 2025, at 10 am in 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 version 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".

St Helena Government

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. **Application 2025/39:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling,** Bottom Woods Comprehensive Developement Area on Parcel LWN0505. Applicant: Christine Benjamin

2. **Application 2025/40:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling,** Bottom Woods Comprehensive Development Area on Parcel LWN0514. Applicant: Angelo Moyce

3. **Application 2025/41:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Commercial Laundry Room**, Rock Club, Ladder Hill on Parcel HTH0840. Applicant: Melvin Benjamin

4. **Application 2025/42**: FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Verandah**, Woodcot Cottage, Alarm Forest on Parcel FP0238. Applicant: W.A. Thorpe & Sons Ltd

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 04 July 2025

Public Notice Hearing : The Appeals Tribunal hereby notifies that the Appeal Hearing against the decision to refuse development application 2024/13 by the Governor in Council at its meeting on 23rd July 2024, and to serve an enforcement notice or as to the terms thereof is scheduled to take place on 4th July 2025 at 10am at the Courthouse, Jamestown.

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The Programme Management Office (PMO) will be holding public information meetings in June 2025 to provide an update on the Wastewater Management Project. This project focuses on improving the sewage in, Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown and is being delivered under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP).These sessions will be held as a joint engagement with the PMO, Connect St Helena, and Environmental Health.

These meetings are intended to share the latest developments on the project and to gather feedback from the community. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and engage directly with the team responsible for delivering this important infrastructure work.

All meetings will commence at 19:00 and will take place as follows:

Date	Venue
Tuesday, 24 June	Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow
Thursday, 26 June	Museum, Jamestown

Tea, coffee, and cake will be provided.

Public participation and input are welcomed, as community views will help shape the future of this essential service.

SHG, 10 June 2025 www.sainthelena.gov.sh

NOTICE BOARD

VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Credit Control Officer

Commencing at £11,748 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of Credit Control Officer.

The Credit Control Officer will report to the Lending Services Manager and will be responsible for the debt recovery for Bank of St Helena by monitoring loan repayments and unauthorised overdrafts. They will also be responsible for educating and supporting clients to manage their payment options, finding appropriate resolutions to their payment queries or issues and negotiate payments and payment plans with clients.

The position will require the successful candidate to have the ability to identify potential debt risks, be able to work with the Bank's Legal Representative to initiate legal proceedings on non-performing loans via the St Helena Court system, be highly motivated, have a high level of accuracy, and good organisational and time management skills.

In addition, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have experience of working in a customer service environment and ideally have a qualification in Banking and/or Finance, or be willing to work towards one.

Candidates should also possess:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Experience working in Accounts Receivable, Credit Control or similar;
- Ideally having some understanding of legal matters.

Interested persons can contact the Lending Services Manager on (+290) 22390 or email lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

An Application form and job profile is available upon request from the Bank and can be viewed on our official website. Completed application forms should be addressed to the Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 20 June 2025.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.

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VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Lending Services Officer (Commercial)

Commencing at £12,984 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of Lending Services Officer (Commercial).

Responsible to the Assistant Lending Services Manager, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills and be self-motivated. Candidates should have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- To ensure all loan applications received are accurately completed, all supporting documentation is included and that loans are processed in line with the Bank's policies and procedures;
- To ensure key principles of professional credit management are maintained and the lending service is administered in an efficient, objective and timely manner;
- Liaising with clients throughout the loan approval process, providing a high standard of customer service;
- Analysing loan applications in line with Bank's policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Lending criteria;
- Liaising with clients to ensure they are compliant with the terms and conditions of their Facility Agreements.

Interested persons can contact the Assistant Lending Services Manager on (+290) 22390 or email asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

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We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Mechanic (Fixed term – 2 years)
(£9,781 per annum)

The Transport Division is seeking to recruit a Mechanic to join their team. If you are a motivated individual who has the ability to work independently when required and have a sound knowledge of practical mechanics and diagnostics with good attention to detail this could be a good opportunity for you. The role requires you to be fully conversant in applying health and safety procedures to guarantee the safety of employees and products/services ensuring that the vehicles and heavy plant equipment are maintained in a safe operational condition.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Theodore Fowler on Tel No 23643 or Email Garage.Manager@helanta.co.sh**
Closing date: **25 June 2025**
Shortlisting date: **30 June 2025**
Interview date: **08 July 2025**

Head of Health & Safety
(£30,256 per annum)

As Head of Health and Safety for the Public Service, the role is accountable for updating and implementing Health and Safety (H&S) across the St Helena Public/Civil Service. Ensuring the SHG H&S policies, legislation, and procedures are fit for purpose, adhere to our obligations, and local laws. The person will proactively advise the Public Service on how to protect the health, safety and welfare of all employees in the workplace. This is a new role and the person must have significant experience on health and safety matters, implementing change from strategic to operational levels in diverse business environments. The post holder will ensure that health and safety is delivered in a clear, pragmatic and achievable manner for over 800 personnel across all business streams.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Alex Mitham on Tel No 25870 or Email alex-richard.mitham@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **25 June 2025**
Shortlisting date: **30 June 2025**
Interview date: **14 July 2025**

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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Senior HR Assistant
(£9,781 per annum)

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in HR! Central Human Resources is seeking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our HR Transactional team. In this post, you will be 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: **Sharina Williams on Tel No 22470 or Email Sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **03 July 2025**
Shortlisting date: **09 July 2025**
Interview date: **17 July 2025**

Transport Service Manager
(£12,049 per annum)

As the Transport Service Manager, you will be responsible for supporting the Transport Trading Account operations that underpin the delivery of an effective and efficient transport service including plant/equipment for the Public Service; and, the provision of plant and equipment for public hire in the absence of supply from the private sector.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Nicholas George on Tel No 23643 or Email vehicle.fleet@healanta.co.sh**
Closing date: **03 July 2025**
Shortlisting date: **09 July 2025**
Interview date: **17 July 2025**

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

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BIOT Preparedness Project Manager

(Rate of Pay: competitive, dependant on experience)

Central Support Services are seeking to recruit a Project Manager on a casual contract basis to coordinate, plan and manage activities to ensure St Helena Government are suitably prepared in the event further migrants arrive on the British Indian Overseas Territory and are subsequently sent to St Helena. You will be required to communicate and interact fully across SHG and the private sector, and to provide oversight and reporting on key project activities being undertaken. A logical approach and the ability to communicate clearly is essential. Previous experience managing projects is desirable.

Please note that as a Casual Worker you will only be entitled to receive payment for the hours worked. Annual leave etc. will not apply. This role is funded by the FCDO in support of BIOT planning work.

This role is advertised to start as soon as possible therefore candidates will be shortlisted on submission of interest and the advert will close when we have successfully appointed. We can share the terms of reference for this role on request. To apply please submit a statement outlining your interest and suitability for this role to recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh

Contact us as below for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Stephen Thwaites** (Governor's Office) Tel: 25393
Susan O'Bey (Chief Secretary) Tel: 22525
Tasha Harris (Governor's Office) Tel: 22869

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1:1 Teaching Assistant/ Support Assistants (St Helena Secondary School) (£8,725 - £9,032 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Carolyn Yon on Tel No 24290 or Email: carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: **27 June 2025**
Shortlisting date: **02 July 2025**
Interview date: **15 July 2025**

Fixed Term 1:1 Teaching Assistants/Support Assistants (St Paul's Primary)

General Teaching Assistant (St Paul's Primary) 1 permanent & 1 fixed-term up to Aug 2026

(£8,725 - £9,032 per annum)

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Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Patricia Williams Tel No 24737 or Email patricia.williams@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: **27 June 2025**
Shortlisting date: **02 July 2025**
Interview date: **17 July 2025**

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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Training and Development

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Fixed Term Vocational Instructor (Automotive) (£12,764 per annum)

Are you interested in working with young people and want to be a part of shaping their future? Then join the team and become a Vocational Instructor at SHSS. You will be expected to contribute to the development of appropriate syllabi, schemes of work and high quality resources for use with students. You must have the required qualifications and demonstrable experience/skills, must have experience in IT applications, be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people, and have good communication skills and be able to interact with students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Isabel Andrews on Tel No 24290 or Email isabel.andrews@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: **04 July 2025**
Shortlisting date: **11 July 2025**
Interview date: **24 July 2025**

Auxiliary Worker (St Paul's Primary) (£7,280 per annum)

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill the post of Auxiliary Worker at St Paul's Primary School. The post holder will be responsible for the supervision of pupils before and after school, during mid-morning and lunch periods and to accompany and supervise nursery pupils being transported home at mid-day.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Patricia Williams Tel No 24737 or Email patricia.williams@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: **04 July 2025**
Shortlisting date: **09 July 2025**
Interview date: **18 July 2025**

Benefits

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Care Assistants (Ebony View)

(£10,213 per annum)

(Available for local interest only)

Are you interested in the well-being of clients within the Learning Disabilities units, encouraging independence and providing high quality, holistic care? If so, Ebony View has an opportunity for you to join their team as a Care Assistant.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Kelly Hopkins on Tel No 23343 or Email kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **04 July 2025**
Shortlisting date: **09 July 2025**
Interview date: **Week commencing 21 July 2025**

Handyman Driver
(£7,960 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Handyman Driver who will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Health & Social Care premises and will have a vital role to play in making the environment safe and comfortable. You will also be required to perform driving duties to support the smooth running of the service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: **Michael Gaga - Hale on Tel No. 22500 or Email michael.gaga-hale@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **03 July 2025**
Shortlisting date: **09 July 2025**
Interview date: **21 July 2025**

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 22nd June 2025 – 12th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Taize Worship Service	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 22nd June 2025 – 12th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 26th June	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 22nd June 2025 – 12th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 24th June	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 21st June 2025 at 8:30am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 11:00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Cell Meetings

Tuesday 24th June 2025
Jamestown at 7:00 pm, (Contact: Catherine on 64352 for details)
Wednesday 25th June 2025
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm
(Contact: Priscilla 51919 for details)
Half Tree Hollow, 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy on 61707 for details)

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Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental
(as well as second-hand goods shop) is available.
For further information contact Priscilla: 51919.

Job Vacancy

A well-established travel agency is looking to hire two full-time Travel Agents to join our team.

Requirements:

- Preferably with previous experience in the travel industry
- Minimum education: A-Level or equivalent
- Strong communication and customer service skills
- Passion for travel and helping clients plan their trips

If you're enthusiastic and organized, we'd love to hear from you!

To apply, please send your **motivation letter** and **resume** to:
sthelenatraveljobs@gmail.com



ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

Games will be played over a five week period – each week a different set of numbers will be published

This week the "red" bingo sheet will be used

Numbers to be read across, from left to right

Claim on earliest number for full house will win

Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 21 June at 6 pm.

Prize - £20 per week

13	59	6	48	86	65	79	24	38	57
85	1	40	77	30	46	58	62	35	29
67	44	87	36	9	11	28	41	54	80
32	68	52	16	23	71	50	37	26	15
8	64	45	51	20	60	76	22	55	49
56	34	19	42	82	53	61	39	12	72
88	4	25	83	43	63	31	75	69	10

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

We had a massive turnout of 27 people for the night shoot, a double competition was arranged for this week formatting two groups, one for those shooting off the rifle support and the other for the more experienced; those shooting in full kit. We also were pleased to welcome seven family members including those who are on-Island visiting on holiday. We love when visitors come to the club and try their best to have a go at target shooting, even those who claim they haven't shot a rifle before; I can always tell who has an eye for the target and enjoys it.

Also joining us were Cherilee with 87 and Tinika shooting 83 & 78.1, who popped in for an early practice shoot; we are hoping to see more of these two for increasing results. Finishing positions for support group, Jono shot 89.2 & 85.1, Ryan 87.2 & 88, Daniel 90.2 & 95.2, Bramwell 99.6 just one round, Nate 84 & 92.2. In 3rd place was Helen Joshua with 92.1 &95.5, total points 187.6, in 2nd place Imogen with 96.2 & 99.8, giving herself 196 points, and holding onto 1st place with 99.8 & 99.8 was none other than Elli with 199.6 points. Positions in full kits; 5th was Helena Rose with 97.34 & 93 = 190.4, in 4th was Kyle with 192.2, 3rd place Maddie with 97.34 & 97.4 = 194.4, 2nd was Jodie with 98.8 & 99.4 = 198.2, but leading the way who decided to dust his barrel off was none other than our Gold Medallist, Simon Henry, with 189.3; he awarded Jodie with the trophy. Our heartfelt thanks extended to everyone who came and support this event; it's wonderful having you all enjoying this sporting event. Next week we will have a friendly pairs match, let's see who can win a free shoot.

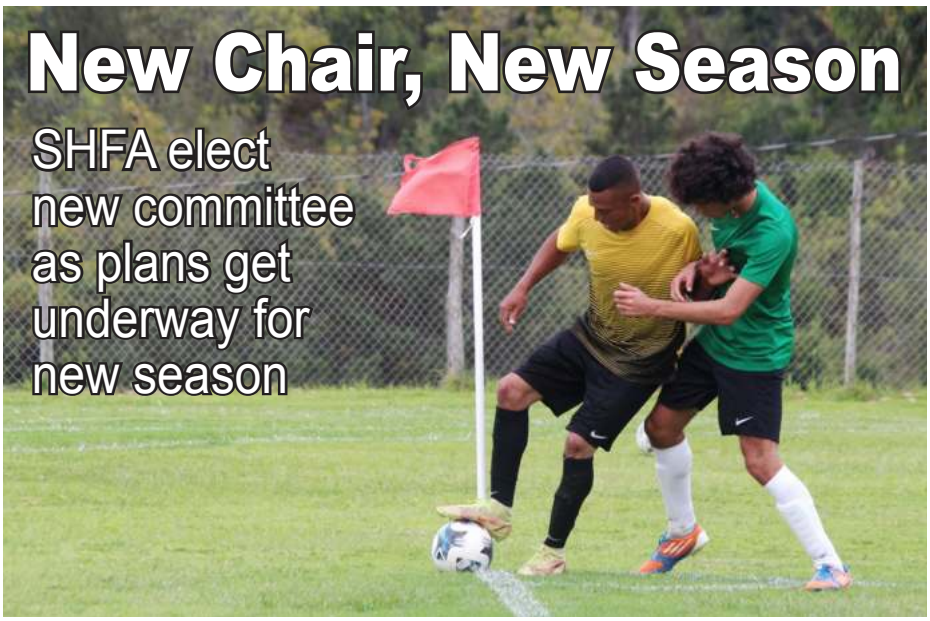
Have a wonderful blessed weekend.

WSA Volleyball League 2025





SPORTS ARENA



New Chair, New Season

SHFA elect new committee as plans get underway for new season

Liam Yon, SAMS

A meeting of the St Helena Football Association was held on Monday, 16 June, in order to elect a new committee and discuss plans for the upcoming season.

There was a good turnout on the night after having struggled on a few previous occasions to garner enough attendance in order to form a committee; this was a positive indication for the season ahead.

During elections, a new Chairperson for the SHFA came to light with Martin "Kunya" Buckley replacing the outgoing David Price. For the Secretary position, Kyle Yon was elected to take over from Owen Richards, with Keith Yon being elected as the new Treasurer. A number of new and re-elected Members also stepped up to form the remainder of the SHFA committee for the next period.

In terms of the season ahead, initial indications suggest that there will be six teams entering the league this year, though this is to be confirmed with one team still at the early stages of being formed. It was also agreed that a team entrance fee of £300 will be enforced this season, with monies needing to be paid by 30 June, prior to the start of the season, planned for Saturday, 5 July. Onus is now on Team Captains to collect the funds and ensure it is paid to the SHFA by the set deadline.

A Captains Meeting to confirm entrance fees and finalise plans for the season ahead will take place on 30 June when fixtures for this year's league can then be drawn up. Once that is all sorted, we can prepare to cheer on our favourite sides as another exciting season gets underway at Francis Plain!

Golf Report *No Handicap*

SHGC, Contributed



St Helena Golf Club hosted an 18-hole no-handicap event on Sunday, 15 June. The weather was favourable, with dry conditions and some sunny spells. A good turnout of 18 players participated in the event.

Martin Joshua emerged as the winner, securing solo first place with a score of 79. The first prize was sponsored by Blue Lantern restaurant. Larry Legg followed closely, taking second place with a score of 80. The ladies' prize was won by Laura Buckley, who scored 93. There was no winner for the two-ball pool. Congratulations to the winners and big thanks to Blue Lantern for sponsoring the competition.

The St Helena Golf Club is gearing up to host its biggest event of the year; the four-day SHGC 2025 Open Championship. The championship will commence on Saturday, 21 June. Players are reminded that a group photoshoot will take place at 9:30 am before tee-off. The subsequent rounds will be played on 22 June, 28 June, and the final round on 29 June, followed by a meal sponsored by the club. We look forward to your participation.

Happy swinging!