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for General Election 2025 inside



"I am happy with the final product"

OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Liam Yon, SAMS

Hello readers. So I am currently writing my comment after 4pm on 'Print Day' as the last piece of work before batching and sending this mammoth edition of The Sentinel off to Vince for printing (and guess what? It could've been even bigger!).

The reason for this 48-pager is largely down to campaign material from many of the candidates standing in this year's General Election – which as we now know, totals 23 residents putting themselves up for your vote on 3 September after Returning Officer, Carol Henry, made the official announcement earlier today (Wednesday) at around 1pm.

Have a look at Pages 4 and 5 for a full list of all the candidates that are vying for your votes to form the newest Legislative Council for St Helena. Take your time reading their manifestos, checking out their videos on Social Media (a few which we produced) and speaking to them when you see them out in the street to truly understand why they deserve your vote – or not!

There is no doubt that certain topics will appeal to certain members of the community. For instance, the elderly will likely vote for the person who is voicing for them the most, as will the youth for the candidate that is placing emphasis on improving the Island for our younger generation, sportsman and sportswomen will likely vote for the person they feel will push to develop sport etc. etc. However, I recently read a quote found and shared by the ever-wise Barbara George of New Bridge, Jamestown, and I think it is a very relevant one which I hope you will read and think about ahead of Polling Day in two weeks time. The quote reads:

"We need to stop electing people who appeal to anger and nostalgia and start supporting those who understand the complexity of the world we actually live in. It's time to vote for intelligence, collaboration and leaders who put people over slogans, substance over showmanship, and public service over self interest".

Good luck candidates!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Voters have raised the very valid point that they need to know more about what Members of the last Legislative Council actually did to respond to public concerns and/or make improvements. Below is a random list of some of the actions that I took. I have not included examples of routine constituency work which was on-going, with an average of four constituents approaching me for guidance, advice, support or follow up every week.

- Leading on enabling more than one supplementary question per main question to be asked in Minister's Question Time, in order for there to be more interaction and fact finding, and getting Standing Orders amended to permit this.
- Preparing a Private Member's Bill to amend the Liquor Ordinance, primarily to protect our children but also assist the private sector by introducing periodic tavern licences, and getting this passed.
- Ensuring that the Traffic Management Plan for Napoleon Street and Nosegay Lane was not finalised until adequate consultation had taken place with residents and businesses affected.
- Getting a Motion passed in Legislative Council requesting a review of the social security system, and following this up with discussion of the areas of concern with the relevant official to enable appropriate action to be taken.
- Campaigning for financial support for students obtaining university places in UK and, when only a small contribution from SHG was deemed affordable, seeking private sector sponsorship and pressing for establishment of a Scholarship Trust Fund.
- Playing a key role in holding Government to account as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee and Chairperson of Select Committee 2, and pushing for amendment of the Select Committee (Establishment) Order to make scrutiny more robust and effective.
- Bringing concerns of local staff members regarding non-compliance with the Employment Rights Ordinance to the Board and management of a business, and assisting employees to get the issues addressed.
- Lobbying for financial assistance packages to be provided to "Saints" living abroad who wish to return and apply for jobs such as that of carer, that are in line with those provided to persons from other countries.

Yours sincerely,

Corinda Essex

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"I'm already looking forward to getting started"

Ian Todd to replace Susan O'Bey as Head of the Public Service in November



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Government has recently issued big news with regard to the public service, when on Monday afternoon they announced that they have selected a new Head of the Public Service to replace Susan O'Bey when she retires in October.

"St Helena Government is pleased to announce that Mr Ian Todd has been selected to be the next Head of the Public Service in succession to Mrs Susan O'Bey and will assume office on 03 November 2025," they informed via a press release.

According to information provided, Ian has held a wide range of senior appointments and is currently, ahead of his appointment within SHG, the Chief Executive of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

Noting that the Head of the Public Service is a high position within the Government, His Excellency, Governor Nigel Philips, chose to comment on Ian's imminent appointment. "It is great news that Ian has agreed to join the SHG team," stated His Excellency. "His leadership and broad background will help us to continue our journey in delivering services to the community of St Helena. I am particularly pleased Ian has extensive experience of working closely with the UK Parliament as I am sure it will help us to build on the Governance Review, the purpose of which is to assist Legislative Council in deepening the implementation of a ministerial form of government."

Ahead of his appointment as the Head of the Public Service, Ian expressed eagerness to get started during what he described as a "crucial time" for St Helena and its people.

"I am delighted to be joining the Public Service on St Helena at such a crucial time for the island, with a new Legislative Council, Ministerial team and Attorney General," he said. "This creates a pivotal opportunity, working with HE the Governor, to enhance and progress the great changes already underway to make St Helena an even better place to live, work and visit. I'm already looking forward to getting started."

Susan O'Bey, who SHG confirmed will "retire from the Public Service in October 2025" was appointed to replace Roy Burke as the Chief Secretary back in 2017, taking the official oaths and being sworn-in in 2018 by then Governor, Lisa Phillips.

"I am really pleased that Ian will be joining SHG as the new Head of the Public Service," she commented. "His broad leadership experience means that he will bring a fresh perspective to the role which can only be positive for the Public Service and for St Helena."



GENERAL ELECTION 2025 CANDIDATES

Returning Officer, Carol Henry, made the official announcement on Wednesday, 20 August, at around 1pm that there will be a poll held on St Helena on 3 September to elect 12 of the following 23 candidates to stand as the Island's new Legislative Council for the next four years.

Who will you be voting for?



Colin BARGO



Clint BEARD



Gillian BROOKS



Mark BROOKS



Cruyff BUCKLEY



Rebecca CAIRNS-WICKS



Ronald COLEMAN



Jeffrey ELLICK



Corinda ESSEX



Melissa FOWLER



Anthony GREEN

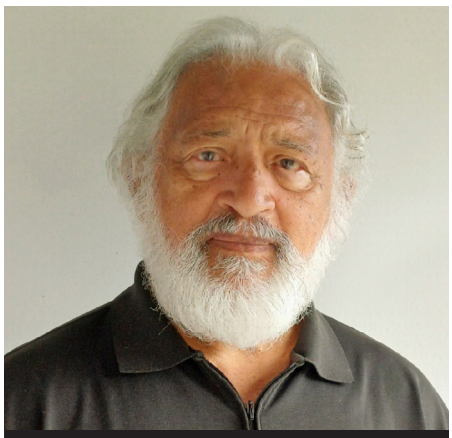
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Martin HENRY



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Derek THOMAS



Julie THOMAS



Kevin THOMAS



Karl THROWER



Andrew TURNER



Patrick WILLIAMS

"I am happy with the final product"

Ladder Hill Road resurfacing completed a week early as Roads Manager says he "cannot be anything else other than proud of the team"



Liam Yon, SAMS

Ladder Hill Road is now open to all after works were completed ahead of schedule by SHG's Roads Section; with the main highway from the West of the Island into Jamestown having been reopened for traffic on Sunday. This was ahead of the scheduled opening on Monday morning, and well ahead of the original date, which was earmarked for Friday of this week.

It was back on Monday, 4 August, when Ladder Hill Road was officially closed to all traffic and pedestrians to allow for the full width resurfacing of the entire road from China Lane to the top of Ladder Hill by the Roads Section.

"Ladder Hill Road is 1150m long from China Lane to the top," explained Roads Manager, Deon Robbertse. "The planned duration for resurfacing was just over two weeks (150m full width per day), but to allow for any possible weather delays, we requested a three week closure." Deon did indicate that the original request was for a four week, month long closure, which allowed for one week of repair and preparation work on the existing surface, followed by three weeks to slurry. However, the team "did the preparation in the first week of July during that one week closure."

With work having got underway on 4 August, early reports suggested that good progress was being made from the very start of works. "Production went very well with reasonable favourable weather from the start," recalled Deon who noted that good weather is not a common occurrence in what is often dubbed 'scruffy August' on the Island. "We did have some weather delays during the week, but because the road was closed to traffic, it allowed us to increase the working hours till later in the day (waiting for the rainy spell to pass) and also allowed us to do some work over the weekend. Keeping the road closed allowed the slurry layer to cure through the evenings."

Detailing the work itself, Deon explained how "the majority of the slurry work was done with the slurry paver." This Minimac Slurry Paver was procured by SHG through funding by the FCDO and arrived to





St Helena in late 2023 to increase the quality and durability of road resurfacing work on the Island's road network. The slurry paver, during these recent works to Ladder Hill Road, paved a 2.4m wide, 15-20mm thick slurry layer over the full length of the road. "On wider sections, we managed to get two pulls in next to each other," detailed Deon. "The thickness allowed for a smooth surface, with most of the defects of the road covered. This was another reason to keep the road closed as a thicker layer will take longer to cure, and especially even more in the colder, wetter months."

Continuing, Deon commented how "the Minimac Slurry Paver did an excellent job and we managed to do the whole length of the road in the first week of the closure. All we had to do after was the infill sections on the sides of the road; the sections where the paver could not pave. This was done by the teams utilising small concrete mixers to mix the slurry."

Speaking on the durability of the new surface, Deon noted how a slurry layer "has a life expectancy of five to seven years," however he has observed that "some of the sections we did in 2017 as part of our slurry trials are still good." With those trial sections having lasted for eight years already, Deon is "positive that the placed layer will give us a good few years of good service," on Ladder Hill Road.

As stated by SHG in their announcement of the August Ladder Hill Road closure, these resurfacing works were estimated to take three weeks; with 22 August announced as the day of reopening. However, with the team working extra hours and making steady progress each day, the widely travelled road into Jamestown was opened almost a week early on Sunday, 17 August, when, just after 2pm, the Roads Section informed SAMS that all road closed signs and cones had been removed allowing for traffic to travel on the newly resurfaced road.

"I am happy with the final product," commented Deon. "There are some areas that have a visual colour difference; these are the sections where we had rain on the slurry layer before it could start curing, this will, over time, fade to a homogeneous colour." Deon also indicated how "there might also be one or two sections that we need to touch up, but this can be done under traffic without the need to close the road again."

One thing that Deon is certain about is his pride for the staff within the Roads Section considering the difficulty of the work having been done. "If you look at the finished product and consider that Ladder Hill is probably the most difficult road to resurface on island; where you have a winding - some places narrow, some places wider - road width, combined with a steep slope, this presents difficult logistics to get the machine filled and get the material to the machine. Then to top it off, planning to resurface in the rainy months of the year," he detailed. "With all these things considered, you cannot be anything else other than proud of the team and happy with the end product."

Deon continued by stating that he "cannot have enough praise for the road staff" who undertook this work. "They all dug deep after the initial disappointment with the unusable slurry that was delivered," he informed. "Even when the weather



was not favourable, tired from working long hours, when the work started, the negative feeling quickly disappeared and I could see in their body language that now they are enjoying the work. What a great team to work with."

In addition to completing the full resurfacing of Ladder Hill Road, the Roads Section also managed to resurface the stretch of road from the top of Ladder Hill to the Ball Alley; with more substantial works planned to take place going forward.

"Ladder Hill road is the first part of the road resurfacing project," Deon advised. "This FCDO funded project has given us funding to resurface a planned 9km of road during this financial year. This week we are fixing all the areas that we could not get to while working on Ladder Hill Road and, from next week on, we are starting to prepare the next section of road for slurry."

According to Deon, the following roads are planned for the next seven months; Ladder Hill to White Wall in HTH, Gordon's Post to Hutt's Gate, Bottom Woods to Longwood Gate, Longwood Gate to Hutt's Gate, White Wall to Bates Branch, and, if there is time in this financial year, White Wall to Sapper Way.



"Reducing distracted driving across St Helena"

Police warn of driving while using mobiles with a penalty of £1000 included in law



Liam Yon, SAMS

Persons found operating a vehicle while using any handheld communication device – except in the event of an emergency or by emergency services personnel – could be subject to a fine of £1000 according to law, as the Royal St Helena Police reminds drivers of their responsibility not to use mobile phones while driving.

"We are issuing a renewed warning to all drivers regarding the dangers of using mobile devices while operating a vehicle," Police said in a recent notice. "The use of handheld mobile phones while driving is not only a serious road safety concern but is also an offence. This includes texting, taking calls without a hands-free device, or interacting with social media and other apps."

As detailed by Police, every time a driver looks at their phone, they are putting themselves, their passengers, and other road users "at serious risk". They add that "even a momentary glance" can result in a "life-changing crash". According to research, looking away from the road for just two seconds increases the chance of a crash significantly.

Police sought to remind road users that it is illegal to use a handheld mobile phone while driving and that drivers caught using mobile phones can "and will" face fines. They add that, "hands-free devices should only be used where it is safe to do so," and if a phone must be used, drivers must first stop in a safe location and turn off their engines.

The Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985, states that 'a person must not drive a vehicle on a road while holding a telephone, a hand-held radio or any other hand-held communication device in any way while the vehicle is in motion'.

The only time this is accepted is when the person, according to the ordinance, is 'performing duties as a member of the Police Service, the Fire Service or any other emergency service' or if the person is 'using the telephone or radio to call the police, fire, ambulance or other emergency service in response to a genuine emergency, and it is unsafe or impracticable for the person to cease driving in order to make the call.'

The ordinance also states that anyone who fails to comply 'commits an offense' which has a penalty of 'a fine of £1000'.

"We are committed to reducing distracted driving across St Helena and will take enforcement action where necessary," concluded the Royal St Helena Police. "The public are encouraged to report dangerous driving or road safety concerns."

Through the Lens

TAKING FLIGHT: YOUR PATH TO AVIATION ELECTRONICS-From St. Helena's Runway to Global Airways- Written By Ed Oyewo

"Every time I watch planes land at our airport, I wonder about all the electronics that make it possible," says Alex*, a Year 10 student at St. Helena Secondary School. *"The navigation systems, the communication equipment, the radar – I want to be the person who keeps all that working perfectly."* With St. Helena's airport connecting us to the world, aviation electronics has never been more relevant to our island's future. So what does it take to turn that fascination into a career maintaining the sophisticated systems that keep aircraft safely in the sky?

The GCSE Foundation: Building Your Electronics Base



Essential Subjects: Mathematics (Grade 6+, ideally 7+) – Electronics is mathematics in action. Every circuit calculation, frequency analysis, and system diagnosis requires solid mathematical foundations. Physics (Grade 6+) – Understanding electrical principles, waves, and energy systems is crucial for aviation electronics. English Language (Grade 5+) – Aviation technicians must communicate precisely with pilots, engineers, and international teams where miscommunication could be dangerous.

Highly Recommended: Design & Technology (Grade 6+) – Shows practical problem-solving and understanding of electronic systems. Computer Science (Grade 5+) – Modern aircraft rely heavily on digital systems and software. Chemistry (Grade 5+) – Understanding materials and corrosion is vital for aircraft maintenance.

"I'm worried my grades aren't perfect," admits another student. Here's the reality: aviation colleges and universities value practical aptitude alongside academic achievement. A passionate personal statement explaining your interest in aviation electronics, combined with solid core grades, opens many doors.

Pathways to the Skies: Your Training Options

UK Aviation Colleges: The College of North West London offers excellent Aviation Engineering programs with industry partnerships requiring BBC at A-level including Maths and Physics. Coventry University provides Electrical and Electronic Engineering with aviation specialization (BBB-ABB), while the University of South Wales delivers hands-on Aircraft Maintenance Engineering courses (ABB-BBB) with direct industry connections.

Specialized Aviation Training: Many Saints pursue direct aviation maintenance training through organizations like the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved schools, which focus specifically on aircraft electronics and often provide faster routes into employment.

The A-Level Bridge and Alternative Routes

Traditional university entry requires Mathematics and Physics A-levels (essential), plus one additional subject like Chemistry, Further Mathematics, or Design Technology. However, many successful aviation electronics technicians pursue alternative pathways including foundation years specifically designed for international students, Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) in Electronic Engineering offering practical, industry-focused training, or direct aviation maintenance courses that combine academic study with hands-on experience.

Your Flight Path Starts Now

"I love the idea that systems I maintain could safely carry Saints traveling home," says Alex. *"It feels like I'd be contributing to connecting our island with the world."* This sentiment captures why aviation electronics is perfect for ambitious Saints – it combines technical expertise with global impact, offering careers that literally keep the world connected. Whether you dream of maintaining aircraft at major international airports, working for airlines, or specializing in the cutting-edge avionics systems of modern aircraft, your journey begins with those GCSE choices you're making right now. Don't let distance discourage you. Every expert was once a beginner, and every flight you've watched land on our runway represents thousands of hours of work by aviation electronics technicians who started exactly where you are now – with curiosity, determination, and the dream of keeping aircraft safely in the sky.

Till Next Time, Keep Well!

Trimming Trees at the DoE (not a) Playground

Tree topping underway at Duke of Edinburgh Playground in Jamestown



Liam Yon, SAMS

Tree-topping works at the Duke of Edinburgh Playground, which is no longer a playground, commenced on Sunday, 17 August, as recently advised and announced by St Helena Government.

This was described as "a working collaboration between the Property Division and the Forestry Section" and is a continuation of the project originally approved by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA) back in 2021.

They detail how the "tree topping will reduce the height and spread of the tree canopies to a manageable size in order to lower the risk of property damage and personal injury to those who live, work, or use the area."

In terms of the effect these works will have to the public, SHG informed that the road from Seales Corner down to the Rose & Crown Store junction will be closed to vehicles from 9am to 3pm each day. Drivers will therefore need to use the diversion route at Seale's Corner to get into and out of lower Jamestown during these times.

With regard to pedestrians, no pedestrian access will be permitted through the DoE Playground during these works and the public toilets will also be closed. SHG state that "on-site staff will be present to guide the public safely through the working area when safe to do so."

These works are expected to be completed by Friday, 29 August, though it was noted that work will not take place on Saturday, 23 August, or on the public holiday on Monday, 25 August. SHG concluded by thanking the public in advance for their cooperation during these safety works.

'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Welcome to another 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!

Today, we're thrilled to present the latest project film covering Phase One of the St Helena Cloud Forest Project (2021-2025), available now on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMxkmPtwDAE



Thanks again to the incredible talent of Capricorn Studios, an insightful documentary-style film has been produced which reflects on the first four years of our Cloud Forest Project. One of the most vital conservation efforts underway on the planet.

This 40-minute feature follows the progress of the project over phase one, giving viewers a rare look at what goes into saving the last natural cloud forest in all of the UK and it's territories across all pillars— from biodiversity to water security, education to outreach.



A huge shout out to all of the project staff, current and former, that have contributed to this incredible documentary, and a massive thank you and well done to Darrin and Sharon Henry of Capricorn Studios for this production!

Be sure to follow the St Helena Peaks National Park on Facebook, and @StHelenaPNP on X, to stay up to date with all the latest news and information on the FCDO-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project

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The Great Decline

Resident population continues to drop as Stats release population estimates as at the end of December 2024



Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Statistics Office recently released new provisional estimates of the St Helena population as at the end of December 2024 which shows a continual decline in the resident population on the Island including fewer numbers of children and people of working age, with the only increase being to those persons aged 65 and older, increasing the Island's Old Aged Dependency Ratio.

As detailed by Stats, "at the end of December 2024 there were an estimated 4,514 people on the island, an increase of 226 from the end of November." This is highly likely due to Saints visiting the Island for the festive period which always increases the population during the month of December.

They go on to inform that "of the people on the island, 3,941 people were estimated to be residents, and 573 were estimated to be visitors. This compares to an estimated 3,991 residents on the island at the end of November, and 4,099 on the island a year ago, at the end of December 2023."

This represents a decrease in the resident Island population of 158 people between December 2023 and December 2024. Going further, Stats detail how "compared to a year ago, at the end of December 2023, there has been a decrease in the number of resident children on-island from 518 to 487, and a decrease in those of roughly working age from 2,434 to 2,299."

While that is the case, one metric is on the rise with Stats revealing that "the number of people aged 65 and over increased, from 1,147 to 1,155" which means the Old Aged Dependency Ratio of the resident on-island population – which is the number of those 65 and over compared to those of roughly working age – was 50.2 at the end of December 2024.

Looking deeper at the estimates at the end of December last year, the age group with the smallest number of St Helenians is 0-4yrs, with just 120, followed closely by those aged 20-24yrs, with 127, and those aged 25-29yrs, with 137. On the contrary, the age groups with the most people on the Island are those aged 55-59, with 340, and those aged 60-64, with 339.

One thing that was noted by the Statistics Office was that "St Helenians are no longer asked for their residence status when they enter St Helena, which means that the classification of St Helenian arrivals into residents and visitors may be less reliable than in the past."

What these latest estimates indicate is that the downward trend of St Helena's population, specifically with regards to those of working age, is unfortunately continuing; this concern must remain as an area that needs to be focussed on by the incoming government if St Helena is to grow and prosper in years to come.

NOTICE BOARD

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SEA RESCUE BASE, RUPERT'S

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10:00	Opening Speech
10:10	Individual Services Showcasing their Stalls
11:00	Ambulance Demonstration
11:20	Police Demonstration
11:50	Fire Demonstration
12:20	Sea Rescue Demonstration
12:50	Multi Agency Demonstration
12:50	30 Minute Break
13:50	Novelty Race
14:30	Rope-tying Competition
14:30	Firetruck Pull
15:30	Hit the Target



NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES, DONATE BLOOD BETWEEN 10:00 AND 15:00

Also Featuring:

- **GIS, JESCC & Prison**
- **Food, Tea & Cakes provided by Dan's Bakery**
- **DJ Colin Peters**
- **Ice Cream Van**

Just Keep Swimming!

Aqua Tech Swim Club members enjoy two-week tour in Western Cape with professional training and exposure opportunities to develop in and out of the pool



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Four young St Helenian swimmers from the Aqua Tech Swim Club departed on Saturday's flight to participate in a two-week long tour; exposing them to intensive swim training by a professional swim coach and also to allow them the opportunity to compete in an official District Swim Gala on Saturday, 23 August.

Soné Meij, Chairperson of the Club, and swim trainer for the group, along with her husband and Judo Sensei, Theo, are accompanying Blane Bennett, Joel Henry-Williams, Lukas Robbertse and Joel Peters on this trip. The group arrived in Johannesburg on Saturday evening and spent the night there before continuing their onward journey the next morning to Cape Town.

They are staying in the St Tropez Apartments on the beach front of The Strand area in the Western Cape for the duration of the tour. From here, they will be attending swim training sessions at the Generation Schools Swimming Pool in Somerset West.

"The first week of our two-week tour is already drawing to a close, and what a week it has been," reported Soné. "We left St Helena on Saturday, 16 August, and by Sunday, 17 August, we had arrived safely in Cape Town — full of excitement and anticipation for the journey ahead."

The group was warmly welcomed on Sunday evening during a meet and greet with Swim Coach, Clinton, as well as several club members of the swim club they will be training with. "This immediately helped our swimmers feel part of something bigger," informed Soné. "This sense of belonging is an important part of the experience, reminding us that swimming is not just about races in the pool, but also about community and connections."

On Monday, the group had the opportunity to relax and explore, spending some time at the beach. They also had to do some shopping to stock up on food supplies before heading to their first training session in the afternoon. This is when the hard work started in all earnest with the group's first dry-land training session followed straight after by their first swim training session. According to Soné, the swimmers quickly adapted to the training, "encouraged by the energy and professionalism of the coach."

On Tuesday morning, the group had the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely breakfast before heading off to their first of four athletics training sessions with professional Athletics Coach, JJ. This training adds to the variety of the experience these young athletes will be exposed to, adding balance to the programme. Blane and Joel Henry-Williams will be focussing on long-distance training while Lukas and Joel Peters will train in the shorter distances.

On Wednesday, the team attended a surf lesson that will be followed up by another session on the following Wednesday. After this fun activity, it was back to work with another session of swim training. During this session, the team trained with the hosting club's senior squad, making for a longer and much higher intensity training session. Although this session was quite challenging, it provided the swimmers with a good opportunity to prepare for the upcoming gala on Saturday.

With regards to the facilities where the team are training Soné enthused how "one of the highlights so far has been the difference in the pool



itself. Training in 26⊠C water has been a welcome change compared to the much cooler 21⊠C back home on-island. This improvement has made training more enjoyable, allowing swimmers to focus fully on their strokes, endurance and techniques."

After a week of focussed dry land and swim training for the group, they will be competing in the Cape Winelands Aquatic and Cape Town Aquatics combined District Swim Gala. The gala is hosted at the same facility where they will be training, giving the swimmers the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the pool before the big day.

Other fun activities that are planned include a visit to the Cheetah Sanctuary to see these animals up close and also a possible visit to the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town. There will also be the option to participate in Judo training during the second week. Blane will visit the University of Stellenbosch's engineering department to explore study options there while the whole group will also visit the Stellenbosch Academy of Sport - High Performance Institute where they will be doing a tour of the facility and attend a presentation on sport related studies and career options on offer.

This tour was made possible through sponsorships received from St Helena Tourism, The Bank of St Helena, as well as the Aqua Tech Swim Club itself. The club confirmed that they are hoping to make this an annual event, offering senior club members the opportunity to gain valuable exposure and training in South Africa. During the time the boys are abroad, the senior girls group will continue their focussed dry-land training on-island under the watchful and competent eye of Coach Albert.

"It may be small steps - new surroundings, warmer water, meeting new athletes - but these tiny wins are rippling into something far greater," commented Soné. "The swimmers are learning not just how to train harder, but also what it feels like to be part of a high-performance environment. This tour is about more than just swimming. It is about growth, exposure and transformation, both in and out of the pool. Week one has already been full of lessons and memories and we are excited to share the results of the Saturday gala and another week's adventures and opportunities with you."

Read more about what else these young athletes have been up to during the rest of their time in South Africa in next week's The Sentinel.









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. Aug 22
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 11am: American Connections (Repeat)
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Aug 23
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Sebastian Stent
- 1pm: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. Aug 24
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm : Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Salvation Army Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations

MON. Aug 25
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna

TUE. Aug 26
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Annika
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Aug 27
- 7am-8:30am : Sunrise with Deon
- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 1-3pm 1548 show with Cyril Gunnell
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Vibes With Annika

THU. Aug 28
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie

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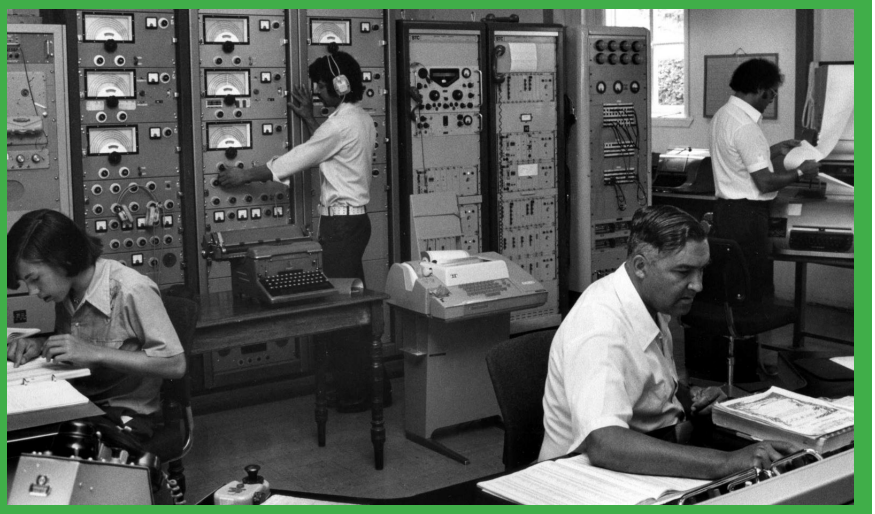
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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Medium'

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Throwback Thursday



21st August 1989:

Cable & Wireless takes over the island's telephone system (now operated by Sure).

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Friday is known as National Bao Day, which is a type of Chinese steamed bun. These buns are typically filled with a variety of savoury or sweet ingredients and are known for their soft, pillowy texture.

Steamed Bao Buns



Ingredients

- *525g Plain Flour, plus extra for dusting*
- *1 ½ tbsp Caster Sugar, plus a pinch*
- *1 tsp fast action Dried Yeast*
- *50ml Milk*
- *1 tbsp Sunflower Oil plus extra for brushing and for the bowl*
- *1 tbsp Rice Vinegar or Apple Cider Vinegar*
- *1 tsp Baking Powder*

Method

1. Mix together the flour, caster sugar and ½ tsp salt in a large bowl. Dissolve the yeast and a pinch of sugar in 1 tbsp warm water, then add it to the flour with the milk, sunflower oil, rice vinegar and 200ml water. Mix into a dough, adding a little extra water if needed.

2. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured work surface and knead for 10-15mins, or until smooth. Put in a lightly oiled bowl, cover with a damp cloth and leave to rise for 2hrs, or until it has doubled in size.

3. Tip the dough out onto a clean work surface and punch it down. Flatten the dough with your hands, then sprinkle over the baking powder and knead for 5mins.

4. Roll out the dough into a long sausage shape, about 3cm thick, then cut into pieces that are about 3cm wide – you should have 18. In the palm of your hand, roll each piece of dough into a ball and leave to rest for 2-3mins.

5. Use a rolling pin to roll out each ball, one by one, into an oval shape about 3-4mm thick. Rub the surface of the dough ovals with oil and brush a little oil over a chopstick. Place the oiled chopstick in the centre of each oval. Fold the dough over the chopstick, then slowly pull out the chopstick.

6. Cut 18 squares of baking parchment and put a bun on each. Transfer to a baking tray, cover with a clean tea towel and leave to prove in a warm place for 1hr 30mins, or until it has doubled in size.

7. Heat a large steamer over a medium-high heat. Steam the buns for 8mins until puffed up (you'll need to do this in batches). Prise open each bun and fill with barbecue pork or a filling of your choice. Eat while they're still warm.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

EMERGENCY PLANNING SEEKS DONATIONS FOR LOCAL REST CENTRES

The Emergency Planning Section is currently working to strengthen the capability and resources of the island's local Rest Centres. These centres are designated public places that provide shelter, safety, and support during and after a large emergency event, such as a natural disaster or major evacuation. They offer a place for residents to go if they have no other accommodation available.

While the Rest Centres are equipped with survival necessities, additional resources are needed to ensure the comfort of those who may need to use them.

The Emergency Planning Section is calling on the community for donations of items such as:

- Blankets (for both adults and children)
- Books
- Puzzles and Board games
- Playing cards
- Toys and soft toys

Any item that could help provide comfort to individuals and families during a time of crisis would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Emergency Planning Office, located in the Sea Rescue Building at Rupert's.

The public's generosity is vital in helping to ensure that St Helena is prepared to care for its residents in the event of an emergency.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

REPLACE ASBESTOS ROOF WITH ALUMINIUM ROOFING ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL (BLOCK A) & ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE COMPOUND AND SCHOOL FIELD FENCING

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

ESE-25-14-001 – Replace Asbestos Roof with Aluminium Roofing St Paul's Primary School (Block A)
ESE-25-14-002 – St Paul's Primary School Site Compound and School Field Fencing

Site visits for the above-mentioned works will be held as follows:

ESE-25-14-001- Roofing Works: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 15:00
ESE-25-14-002 – Site Compound and Fencing Works: Thursday, 28 August 2025 at 15:00

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the given dates will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on theTop Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 05September2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

SHG, 20 August 2025

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INVITATION TO TENDER

PROPOSED COURT YARD ROOF EXTENSION NO.8 PICCOLO & PROPOSED COURT YARD ROOF EXTENSION NO.14 PICCOLO

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

HSC1-2025/26 – Proposed Court Yard Roof Extension No.8 Piccolo
HSC2-2025/26 – Proposed Court Yard Roof Extension No.14 Piccolo

Site visits for the above-mentioned works will be held as follows:

HSC1-2025/26 –Roof Extension No.8 Piccolo: Monday, 01 September 2025 at 09:30
HSC2-2025/26 –Roof Extension No.14 Piccolo: Monday, 01 September 2025 at 09:00

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.

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AUDIT ST HELENA
External Auditors

VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Salary range £11,091to £12,929 per annum

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit anAssistant Auditor to join itsAudit Team.

The person will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes.No prior experience in this field is required.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Mathematics and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme. On-the-job training will be provided.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes,good communication skills and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

For further information, Job Profiles and Application Forms please contact Helene Williams by telephoning 22111 or emailinghelene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.Completed application forms should be submitted to this email address or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later thanclose of businesson **Friday 12 September 2025.**

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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Vacancy

Senior Accounts Clerk (General)

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £10,200 per annum (£850 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Finance Department for a Senior Accounts Clerk (General).

As Senior Accounts Clerk (General) you will be responsible for ensuring a reliable and efficient service is provided for the daily processing of Accounts data in the Finance Department.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent and desirably an Accounting qualification
- Be experienced in the use of Microsoft Office applications and desirably Access Dimensions
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Be analytical, with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Have excellent communication skills and an ability to liaise effectively with staff on all levels
- Be able to work independently and to use own initiative

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

Claire Williams, Accountant (General) via 22380 accounts@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 **Thursday, 28 August 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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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st 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.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 28th August	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 26th August	
7.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	St Mark



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 23rd August 2025 at 8:30am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 24th August 2025 at 11am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Cell Meetings

Tuesday 26th August 2025

Jamestown at 7:00 pm, (Contact: Anthony on 51672 for details)

Cape Villa at 5.00pm, (Contact: Priscilla 51919 for details)

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Combined Cell @ The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7pm (Contact: Priscilla 51919 for details)

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.

Since 1790

CUSTOMER NOTICE
Temporary Closure to The Star's FTG

To allow for renovations, our Food-to-Go Counter at The Star will be closed from Tuesday 26 August 2025, for approximately one week.

We will keep you updated on progress and confirm the re-opening date as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and continued support and we cannot wait to welcome you back with fresh meals soon!

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
24th August
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 26th August
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 28th August
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

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ST HELENA! … Our FIRST, Our LAST, Our EVERYTHING!

I'm standing as a candidate in this year's general election having decided in 2021 to take a break. My name is Anthony Green but I am more commonly known as Tony.

This election is about you, the people of St Helena! You will get a say in who forms a new government. Government is responsible for caring for its people as well as making sure society abides by its laws and customs.

St Helena is well blessed in many ways but there will always be much to do and a lot that can be done better. It will be about making the best use of what we have. I offer to do my very best if elected and we can achieve so much more by working together.

I'm a supporter of the Ministerial System of Government and having this relatively new form of Government progressed to the next stage is very important! The recent report by the Governance Review Team says "There have been some concerns that the full benefits of the new system have not yet been realised, particularly in terms of more accountability and more effective decision-making".

Ministers must now step up and be personally responsible and accountable to Legislative Council and ultimately to you the people for their decisions and the performance of their portfolios. This means that they will have to 'take the can' if something goes wrong. For this to work the constitution and supporting codes and rules need to say clearly that Ministers do indeed have the political authority over their Directorates to deliver services in line and on budget with their policies. This was not always the case under the committee system. The Governance Review Team's Report of June 2025, yet to be discussed, has some very good proposed amendments to the constitution and elsewhere and it is to be hoped that these will not be watered down as we could then be back to square one.

The financial position of government is also crucial for the new government to be able to effectively move forward and needs early clarity. It has been mentioned that the balance in the consolidated fund for financial year ending March 2025 has been allowed to drop to £1.9m. This would be a significant and serious decrease from the approximate £8m when the previous council completed its term in 2021. This would not even take account of possible litigation costs. Around 2021 it had been agreed that a safe level for this reserve money should be £5m.

Moving on from my top two key issues and to keep this article as short as possible I list below in no particular order some other issues that need to be addressed:

Fisheries: Fish is the major resource we have available and there still seems to be issues that need to be resolved soon.

Communications: Deciding on long-term plans for telecommunications has to be a priority. An examination also of our sea and air communications agreements is also important to see if we are getting maximum benefit.

£6.65m BIOT agreement: It would be interesting to see the full details of this agreement and what parts of it may not yet have been implemented. The extra funding is very welcomed but what is the deal if any migrants were to arrive? I believe that the people of St Helena should have a say in who can come to our Island.

Utility costs: This has to be a priority and the new Government has to take a close look at where this is going. It affects individuals directly and again through providers of goods and services.

The Environment: Important to keep this moving forward and climate change and solar energy should not be overlooked.

Education: The importance of education and investment in our young people is key! While increasing academic standards and instilling the right mind set are important I would also like to see an arrangement for those with practical abilities being able to achieve recognised certificates of competencies or the like. This would improve job opportunities here and overseas as well as building self-belief and confidence. Having different certified levels of competencies could perhaps eventually lead to academic studies! Perhaps a trade school eventually?

Other: No issue is unimportant and matters like health care, farming, marine and land-based projects, tourism and sports all need to be supported. The gap between the have and the have nots need to be borne in mind as this has become seriously obvious.

I've decided to be a candidate as I believe the new council would benefit from having a mixture of 'youth' and experience and a good balance of males and females. I hope to contribute to the pool of candidates you will have available to choose from.

What have I to offer? I've spent about twenty years each in both the public and private sectors on St Helena plus after leaving government spent some fifteen years on Ascension Island. Jobs have included positions of CEO on both Islands. On Ascension as the Senior Manager of Ascension Island Services (AIS) I initiated and then with support achieved ISO 9000 accreditation (later also ISO 9001) which are internationally recognised management systems. Long before that while working here for St Helena Government in the 1980's Governor Baker sent me to Ascension Island to be the Acting Administrator for four months. I have a Professional Certificate in Management from the Open University and I've been a JP on Ascension and St Helena and also worked as a Lay Advocate here for about four years. After returning from Ascension Island in 2004 I was first employed as the Constitutional Change Coordinator. My time as a Member of the Legislative Council, much of it in Executive Council, amounts to about ten years.

Going forward it will be important for the new elected government to work more closely than ever with the civil service to achieve results. Better communications with the public will also be necessary.

I'm available…. Let me be your choice!

Anthony (Tony) Green

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No Going Backwards

Keep Moving Forwards



Robert Midwinter

Candidate for Re-Election 2025

No Going Backwards, Keep Moving Forwards



Having been elected to sit on the Legislative Council at the last General Election, which brought about change to a Ministerial form of Government, I have spent my first term of office focused on delivering the commitments that I made when I stood for this crucially important role in 2021.

In this respect I have worked with colleagues, the National Trust and the community, to ensure that the remains of the Liberated Africans were reinterred and that appropriate memorialisation is developed alongside of this, including an interpretation centre in Rupert's Valley, a body of work that I commit to continuing to support if I am re-elected.

I also pushed for the island to be re-opened following the extensive vaccination programme that was undertaken in the wake of COVID-19, whilst ensuring that adequate safeguards were put in place as we experienced community spread. Having re-opened, I subsequently lobbied the FCDO for project funding in support of the island's Tourism Recovery Plan, which has been provided as £500K ring-fenced for Tourism over the past 3 consecutive years.

As a Councillor, I took on responsibility for St Paul's District Area, where I have held regular monthly drop-in surgeries and quarterly constituency meetings, whilst having participated in a wide range of community activities. In this role, I have dealt with well over a hundred individual requests for support or assistance on a wide range of community and personal issues, such as roads, mirrors, sewerage, flooding, pensions, benefits, utilities, and medical referrals, to name but a few. I have also continued to stress the importance of youth engagement; I supported the re-establishment of the St Helena Youth Parliament, and have been actively involved with the island's primary schools. If re-elected, I will endeavour to ensure the planned re-organisation of primary education happens in as smooth a manner as possible, for the benefit of our youth, and in particular those with special needs.

I took on Chairmanship of the Select Committee that has oversight of the St Helena Government portfolios relating to Health and Social Care, Education, Skills and Employment, and Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning. This Select Committee has published 3 reports, relating to Farming, Fishing, and also Health and Social Care. I have also been an active member of the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women and girls, and have pushed for legislation to be strengthened in this area. Outside of my official duties, I have continued to undertake a number of roles within the community, such as my Vice Chairmanship of the SHAPE Board of Directors.

As an Elected Member, I have raised numerous questions and issues in the House; I have pushed for legislative and policy changes, in line with commitments made when I stood for election in 2021, and I also pushed for the Independent Fishing Audit and the Governance Review.

I believe we have moved forward since 2021, despite the external pressures we have faced, such as global oil prices; for example, we have already seen a return to pre-COVID visitor numbers and the introduction of unlimited broadband packages. However, St Helena is on a journey, which started over a decade ago; a journey that has been bumpy, but one that we need to complete.

This is why I am campaigning with the message ***"No Going Backwards, Keep Moving Forwards"***, as I genuinely believe that great strides are being made under the new Ministerial form of Government, and we therefore need to keep pushing forward with this. If re-elected, I will continue to push for physical progress, particularly in respect of developing the island's human capital through improved health and education, and further supporting the development of a private sector led economy, particularly in the areas of farming and fishing.

Robert Midwinter – Candidate for Re-Election 2025

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REVIEW OF BUSINESS

During the year the Bank began working towards the agreed strategic objectives outlined in the Bank's Strategic Plan for 2024-2029. As in previous years, Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) were set in line with these objectives to monitor and review the Bank's performance throughout the year.

One of the biggest achievements for the Bank continues to be the ability to remain profitable, whilst maintaining current interest rates and being able to assist customers with an ever-changing economic and financial climate. The Tourist Card app has grown in popularity during its first year in operation, with over one thousand customers to date taking advantage of the bespoke product which alleviates the need for visitors to carry physical cash with the limited number of businesses accepting international debit and credit cards. Continued networking with other banks and financial institutions outside of St Helena enhances the Bank's ability to tap into support for current services and the introduction of new products and services as well as providing training and development for staff.

The performance of the Bank continues to be influenced by the current economic climate which includes customer deposits, revenue generated and the Lending Portfolio.

The Bank made an operating profit of £759,499 for the year 2024/25 which was an increase of £128,466 from 2023/24; a 30.1% net profit margin and a cost to income ratio of 59.9%;

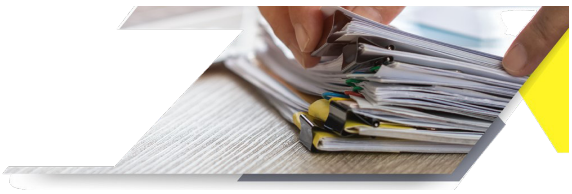
The Bank's total income, net of interest payable, decreased by £190,656 (7.0%). Interest received decreased by £180,219 (6.8%) from £2,635,122 to £2,454,902, with interest from investments experiencing the most significant decrease, reducing by £170,357 (10.6%) compared to 2023/24 which is the result of the Bank investing in treasury bills which are bought at a discounted price rather than pay coupon interest; whilst interest payable increased by £10,771 (2.8%), with the largest increase seen in deposit accounts. Fees and commissions decreased by £4,949 (1.5%), with the most significant reduction being in remittance fees which reduced by £19,350, whilst the most significant increase was experienced in fees for online banking and commissions for Local Debit Card which increased by £5,888 and £11,066 respectively. Other income increased by £5,283 (4.1%) from 2023/24; and was largely due to the fluctuation in the amount of foreign currency during the year. The Bank is aware of its exposure to foreign exchange risk and whilst payments will always need to be made, the Bank tries to minimise this exposure by reducing foreign cash holdings whilst still maintaining sufficient funds to service customer requests.

Total expenditures decreased by £361,945 (19.3%) and is mainly due to the Bank experiencing investment amortisation gains rather than losses during the period with a decrease of £728,726 (16.4%) compared to the prior year which is largely due to the Bank increasing investment into Treasury Bills which are purchased at a discounted price. Staff costs also reduced by £67,834 (6.6%) compared to the previous year, with the Managing Directors post being vacant since July 2024. Increases in expenditure was experienced in most of the Bank's other costs, with the most significant increases seen in other expenses and bad debt provisions, which increased by £137,512 (19.5%) and £228,616 (79.8%) respectively, the latter of which was due to the reversal in provisions for a significant business loan at the end of 2023/24.

The Capital Value of the Bank's investments has increased by £4,370,689 (7.3%) for 2024/25, with the increase being partially due to the reinvestment of treasury bills previously classified as cash equivalents. All funds are invested in fixed income instruments with yields ranging from 0.99% to

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5.1%. Investments are initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost with changes recognised in the income statement. The interest income from investments for the year ended 31 March 2025 was £1,436,980. The Bank monitors its cash holdings and operational requirements closely and additional funds will be invested when it is deemed appropriate, with an additional £4.5m being invested during 2024/25.

The Lending Portfolio increased by £363,093 (2.5%), with housing and commercial loans increasing by £265,352 (2.6%) and £635,521 (15%) respectively, which was due to a large commercial loan being signed at the end of March 2025 and the Bank seeing demand for higher value housing loans. Personal loans decreased by £61,437 (5.3%); however, the most noticeable decrease was experienced in overdrafts which reduced by £166,155 and is the result of a reduction in the authorised secured overdrafts of businesses during the year.

Customer monies held by the Bank showed an increase of £2,481,289 (3.2%) at the end of 2024/25, with individual and business current accounts experiencing a collective growth of £3,811,404 (6%). The Bank's higher earning interest accounts, Child Bond and New Life also continue to be popular, increasing by £70,533 (5%) and £293,230 (9%) respectively, whilst the largest decrease was experienced in the current accounts of other organisations, which reduced by £1,626,839 (40%) compared to 2023/24.

The Bank has a Strategic Plan for 2024-29 which will guide its activities for the next five years and builds upon the previous plan. The plan encapsulates the expectations articulated through various engagements and includes a comprehensive approach, encompassing various aspects of operations, technology, growth, risk management and customer services.

The Bank is optimistic that over this period much will be achieved with the support of our customers, St Helena Government as shareholder, Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) and various other stakeholders. With the onset of enhanced internet connectivity for the island, customer needs, economic outlook and regulatory requirements, the Bank has devised a transformative strategy to modernise banking operations. This includes prioritising adaptability and agility to respond to market changes, technology advancement and customer preference whilst fostering a culture of innovation, embracing change and continuously improving processes and offerings.

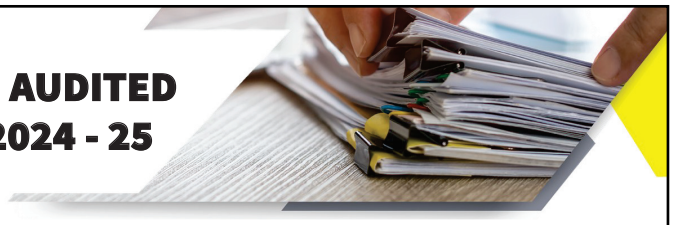
The Bank's priority areas remain securing a continuous service for all who rely on the Bank, providing financial assistance for personal and business customers, safety and security of customer deposits and ensuring that it retains the strength to be able to assist customers in the years to come. Security and compliance are a fundamental priority, with the protection of customer data and compliance with regulatory requirements being paramount.

Automation remains essential to reducing risk, streamlining operations, improving efficiencies and innovating new products and services to reflect modern banking operations whilst supporting Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) which measures our impact on our society. It is also hoped that the Bank's investment portfolio will continue to grow and new revenue streams can be identified which will allow the Bank to continue to invest in new products and services which will benefit customers, the stakeholder, shareholders, the Bank and the Island's economy.

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Interest Receivable	2,454,903	2,635,122
Interest Payable	(396,093)	(385,322)
Net Interest Income	2,058,810	2,249,800
Fees & Commissions	330,736	335,685
Other Income	133,215	127,932
Total Income	**2,522,761**	**2,713,417**
Expenditure		
Employee Costs	961,050	1,028,884
Premises Costs	91,647	79,035
Investment Management Fees	128,992	130,098
Investment Amortisation	(773,152)	(44,426)
Depreciation Tangible Fixed Assets	148,463	133,465
Depreciation Intangible Fixed Assets	28,911	29,953
Bad Debt Provision	(57,847)	(286,463)
Audit Fees	96,111	60,705
Financial Services Authority Fees	42,695	35,076
Other Expenditure	843,225	705,713
Total Expenditure	**1,510,095**	**1,872,040**
Profit on ordinary activities, before taxation	1,012,666	841,377
Taxation	(236,635)	(139,892)
Deferred Taxation	(16,532)	(70,452)
Profit on ordinary activities, after tax	**759,499**	**631,033**

The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	419,456	503,496
Intangible Fixed Assets	62,594	91,505
	482,050	595,001
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	951,723	3,952,128
Bank Balances	7,256,730	4,140,641
Investments	31,789,318	21,374,367
Other Assets	1,197,656	2,627,447
Lending	477,655	1,454,657
	41,673,082	33,549,240
Non-Current Assets		
Investments	32,794,812	38,839,074
Lending	14,360,792	13,020,697
	47,155,604	51,859,771
Total Assets	**89,310,736**	**86,004,012**
Liabilities		
Customer Current & Deposit Accounts	79,884,863	77,403,574
Other Liabilities	815,202	499,266
Total Liabilities	**80,700,065**	**77,902,840**
TOTAL NET ASSETS	**8,610,671**	**8,101,172**
REPRESENTED BY:		
Share Capital	3,219,285	3,219,285
Retained Earnings	5,391,386	4,881,887
Total Equity	**8,610,671**	**8,101,172**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 13 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Michael Bird – Chairman

13th August 2025
Date

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General Election 2025

THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND SELECT (SCRUTINY) COMMITTEES

A General Election will be held on Wednesday 3 September 2025, if more than 12 valid nominations are received by no later than 12 noon on Nomination Day, Wednesday, 20 August 2025. This year's Election will be the second under a ministerial system of Government. Leading up to the General Election we have been providing information articles on how a Ministerial Government works.This week we focus on the role of the Public Accounts Committee and Select (Scrutiny) Committees.

What is the Public Accounts Committee?

The Public Accounts Committee(PAC) is established under section 69 of the Constitution.The PAC reports to Legislative Council. It must examine the annual statement of accounts of the Government of St Helena as audited by the Chief Auditor. It also considers such management letters and reports of the Chief Auditor as laid before Legislative Council or brought to the attention of the Council by the Chief Auditor. The Committee can also carry out other functions prescribed in law.

The Public Accounts Committee in accordance with the Constitution is independent and not subject to direction or control by any other person or body. Its functions and composition (including both Elected Members and non-Elected Members as detailed below) enhance the political accountability of Government.

In carrying out its functions the Committee scrutinises how the Government and other public bodies spend money, it helps ensure good standards of fiscal management and accountability. It also considers compliance with relevant Ordinances and financial reporting standards. The PAC has power, subject to other laws, to summon individuals before it and to require answers to questions.Formal meetings of the PAC are guided by Standing Orders and the Public Accounts Committee (Procedure) Ordinance 2019.

What is the membership of the PAC?

Legislative Council will elect by majority vote three Councillors (who are not Ministers) to the PAC and the Governor, in consultation with Legislative Council, appoints two independent members of the public, one of whom must take on the role as the Chairperson.Pursuant to the Constitution, the Chief Auditor acts as Adviser to the PAC**.**

How often does the PAC meet?

The PAC meet as a group at least once a month and public meetings of the PAC are held at least four times in a year.

What are Select (Scrutiny) Committees?

The amendment to the St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution Order 2009 in 2021, provides for the establishment of at least two Select Committees. Part of the remit of the seven Elected Members of Legislative Council who are not Ministers is to examine and scrutinise the performance of sectors of government through these Select Committees. This includes scrutinising the decision making of Ministers,thus contributing to ensuring the effective use of public funds. The Committees are referred to asSelect Committee 1 and Select Committee 2.

Following the introduction of the new Ministerial form of Government in October 2021, the Select Committee (Establishment) Order, 2022("the Order") established Select Committees. Two Select Committees have been set up and the Councillors who are not Ministers are the members of these committees, with Select Committee 1 comprising four Elected Members and Select Committee 2 comprising three Elected Members. Ministers cannot be part of a Select Committee.

The Order allows Elected Members to elect, at a formal meeting of the Legislative Council, the Chair and members of the Select Committees from amongst the Elected Members who are not Ministers. An Elected Member who is not a Minister would only be on one Select Committee. The Governor receives the names of the Elected Members to be on each Select Committee from the Clerk to the Legislative Council, and issues a letter of appointment to each member.

Select Committees will meet on a regular basis and are responsible for after-the-fact review and scrutiny of decisions and activities of the Government. Generally, meetings will be held in public unless the matter being discussed is confidential. Public officers must attend Select Committee meetings to give evidence if called upon to do so**.**

In our final issue next week we will look at the role of the St Helena Public Service. These Information Releases are also available online at: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/

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VOTE

MARTIN HENRY



WELL-BEING WITHIN OUR POWER

PROSPERITY WITHIN OUR REACH

ST HELENA ALWAYS WITHIN OUR HEARTS

WELLBEING WITHIN OUR POWER, PROSPERITY WITHIN OUR REACH, ST HELENA WITHIN OUR HEARTS

OUR SHARED PATH

I have made statements over the past four years, some of which still hold true, others requiring reflection and review as I am exposed to more information, but there are persistent data trends that cannot be ignored. The current population projections are at a critical level. Some may compare trends to the past or take comfort in small shifts in headline numbers, but the real story, the one that threatens our future, sits in the detail. These data sets predict an unstable environment for economic prosperity. The current demographics direct our limited finances to the greatest needs, and whilst morally and ethically they are important, it leaves minimal support for other prosperous activities, which would in turn increase the tax base that funds these very services. The high dependency ratio, low birth rates, working population exodus, combined with chronic diseases, skills gaps, continuous increases in fuel and services, and the infrastructure blunders on critical elements, leaves us, all of us, in the most vulnerable position as a people. I am never keen to compare people against finances, but this is the raw nature of the global systems at play, in which we must operate. During our inaugural ministerial term, decisions were made that have maintained very positive outcomes. But there were also some disappointments, and I take responsibility for any shortcomings in decisions that I had the opportunity to influence. The benefits of hindsight, with having a better understanding of our "bureaucratic process," and reforming how we work, must be a priority; it has defined my future approach. It is therefore understandable why many of us resort to pure frustration or anger, but we cannot let this frustration create a "blame-game" culture, mostly directed at individuals, sometimes fuelled by other less informed agents. The deeper issues are systems, organisational culture, and processes that have remained static far too long. Our frustrations come from a deep passion for our Island, our culture, and our perceived way of life. Our constraints and frustrations do not define us. Our choices will.

WELLBEING WITHIN OUR POWER

My principles and motivation remain simple: to improve our external environment, we must strengthen our internal one—our health, resilience, and sense of purpose. That means confronting our own biases, naming the pitfalls, and backing each other to sometimes do the hard things.

As indicated in my May 2025 budget speech, we have a funded plan to support and spearhead real change.

Our approved prevention strategy was developed through people-centred care modelling and has three overarching areas:

1. Create an information hub using data and new technologies to monitor progress, guide decisions, and maximize health investments.
2. Strengthen clinical services for Non-Communicable Diseases, access to modern treatments, and care systems to reduce complications.
3. Promote prevention through actively supporting healthier lifestyles, physical activity, and cross-policy actions.

We must, of course fully recognize that no matter the level of support, only we, as individuals, have the power to change.

PROSPERITY WITHIN OUR REACH

Whilst other areas are key in contributing to our prosperity, I will particularly speak to and continue championing two:

- Green Energy that stabilizes our utility costs and our economy, whilst championing our green and blue agenda, subsequently increasing our marketability. It is disappointing that more advances were not made in this area; however, it has gained momentum in recent months, with considerable progress being made on the regulatory framework. Through a personally formed connection, I had the privilege of attending a Blue Planet Alliance conference in Hawaii with leading holistic experts on this very topic. Achievable aspirations from this conference that I continue to champion include: a Green Energy Framework and a policy direction of 100% with 80% Green Energy as the first benchmark. Reducing associated risks is of the utmost importance; however, no risk calculation will produce certainty, yet we continue to calculate. We must be equally brave and make the bold move. If radical change is necessary, let's get it done and let's move.
- Tourism. There is a flurry of opinions around tourism from many perspectives, particularly around accommodation, amenities, costs of flights, delays, and exposure visits. However, insight gained personally as a tour operator has given me first-hand experience of the genuine joy and amazement from vastly experienced travellers, reinforcing that this is an industry in which we can prosper. A successful tourism industry will require collaboration between all stakeholders and an evolving, relevant strategy. However, the implementation will require all key stakeholders to find new ways and build upon successes with a disciplined collective focus.

ST HELENA WITHIN OUR HEARTS

We readily criticize SHG, Connect St Helena, Bank of St Helena, and other organisations that provide essential services, but we overlook the human reality behind the names. These organisations are the livelihood of our people - our friends, our family, and neighbours. Our criticisms are sometimes uninformed, unaware of the overall circumstances, although we quickly defend our areas with very similar excuses – this is a hard pill to swallow, of which I am also guilty. Meaningful scrutiny encourages responsibility. As a community, we should be heard, but it is crucial that we become informed, interested, and more invested. We need structured accountability processes that are fit for purpose – this is a must, but it should be balanced with a tolerable degree of trial and error, fostering creative solutions.

The uncharted potential of Artificial Intelligence offers real potential to overcome isolation and limited resources. It can already reduce the need for expensive consultancy in most fields, enable monitoring, problem-solving, and create superior efficiencies. This will have a profound impact on our productivity within a very short timeframe. We need to recognise these opportunities as well as appropriate precautionary measures at the strategic level.

The role of a politician placed me well outside of my comfort zone; in all honesty, I preferred to be closer to the front line where actions had a direct impact on people. However, the past four years provided me with a holistic view of our complex environment, how it can contribute to uncertainty, how it often impacts our potential, and how it may enable opportunities. But most importantly, it has also led me to the conclusion that when we upskill and empower each other, we realise our Saint potential. St Helena is our home and our heart. The crossroads are real. The choice is ours. Change happens when we all embrace it—honestly, bravely, and together.

Martin Henry, Candidate for Re-election

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FIXING THE FOUNDATIONS: BUILDING ST HELENA'S FUTURE FROM THE GROUND UP

When I launched this campaign, I spoke about something many of us feel: that the voices of ordinary people are being drowned out in the halls of Government. "Our Island, Our Say" is not just a slogan—it's a commitment to restoring that voice, a commitment to your rights, and putting you back in the driving seat of our future.

But reclaiming our say means more than just being heard. It means having the tools, the infrastructure, and the stability that enables people to get what they want out of life. Whether that's starting a business, building your home or enjoying a comfortable retirement, we all rely on the same foundations and right now, too much of our energy is spent just trying to get by.

Over the last term in Council, I often found myself frustrated by how frequently we've been drawn into debates that felt like arguing over what colour to paint the walls while the house's foundation is crumbling. The truth is simple: no matter how good the paint looks, if the structure underneath is unstable, the whole house is at risk.

St Helena is that house — and the time has come to stop painting over cracks and start reinforcing the foundations.

Those foundations are the services and infrastructure every one of us relies on: stable, affordable electricity; clean and reliable water; and roads that are safe and fit for purpose. They might not sound revolutionary, but they are the bedrock of everything else we want to achieve. Without them, progress in other areas is built on sand.



"OUR ISLAND OUR SAY"

We've all felt the cost of inaction. Take renewable energy: the lack of movement towards cheaper, cleaner power has hit every household hard. As energy bills climb, families are forced to make impossible choices. Businesses face the same squeeze — and when they raise prices to survive, the burden falls back on the community, driving up the cost of living yet again. It's a vicious cycle that keeps us locked in survival mode and stifles any chance of growth.

I believe in facing these realities head-on. It means setting priorities based not on short-term political wins but on what will make life genuinely better for everyone. By focusing our resources on fixing these fundamentals now, we can break that cycle — creating an environment where people can plan for the future, businesses can invest and expand, and the island as a whole can shift from getting by to truly thriving.

This is not about lowering our ambition. It's about laying the groundwork so ambition has something solid to stand on.

Above all, fixing the foundations must be a shared effort. "Our Island, Our Say" means that if we, as a community, commit to building that strong, resilient foundation together, there will be no limit to what St Helena can achieve. A strong future isn't built on promises made in the Council Chamber; it's built on a foundation we all help lay.

When we fix the foundations together, we're not just building infrastructure—we're building trust, opportunity, and a future shaped by all of us. Our Island, Our Say.

VOTE ANDREW TURNER

YOUR VOICE IN DECISIONS

YOUR RIGHTS UPHELD

YOUR TRUST VALUED

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For the people of St. Helena



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Karl Thrower

For Councillor

Affordable Housing

Owning a home on St Helena should be a realistic goal, not an impossible dream. Yet for too many working families, the cost of land, building, or buying is far beyond reach. This forces many into long-term rentals or Government Landlord Housing, putting personal ambitions on hold, limiting wealth-building for families, and creating growing pressure on public finances. Without change, the gap between those who own and those who never can will only widen.

It's time for an **out-of-the-box approach** that delivers genuine affordability. That means:

- **Affordable land** released specifically for first-time buyers and commercial rental accommodation such as flats and apartments.
- **New housing types** such as apartments, duplexes, and starter homes to suit different budgets and life stages.
- **Smarter financing** with lower interest rates and longer-term mortgages, making monthly payments manageable for working households.

Our Island's future economy relies on a modern, often temporary, workforce in sectors such as healthcare, education, and tourism. Many of these workers struggle to find **affordable, good-quality rental accommodation.**

Affordable housing is about giving people the stability to raise families, keeping our young people here, stimulating the economy through construction and imports, and creating skilled local jobs. Every new home built—whether owned or rented—is an investment in our community's future.

As your representative, I will champion policies that remove barriers and open the door to home ownership for ordinary working people, while also ensuring rental accommodation meets the needs of today's workforce. This is not about handouts—it's about fairness, opportunity, and building a stronger St Helena for the next generation.

Clarity. Honesty. Accountability. Together, we can turn housing from a crisis into a cornerstone of our Island's success.



Karl Thrower

For Councillor

Better Communication

Open government. Informed people. Stronger democracy.

Good governance starts with good communication. Yet too often, people feel left in the dark—uninformed about decisions, disconnected from leadership, and unheard in public debates. That's unacceptable.

The transition to a ministerial system promised transparency and accountability. But in practice, communication has often become less open, not more. That must change.

We have the tools: radio, newspapers, websites, social media—and now, thanks to the fibre optic cable, faster internet. What we need is the political will to use them consistently and effectively. I will push for:

- Regular public updates from Ministers and Councillors including EXCO meeting
- More live Q&A sessions, interviews, and open forums
- Simple, jargon-free explanations of key policies and firmer KPI's
- Stronger public engagement through multiple digital platforms

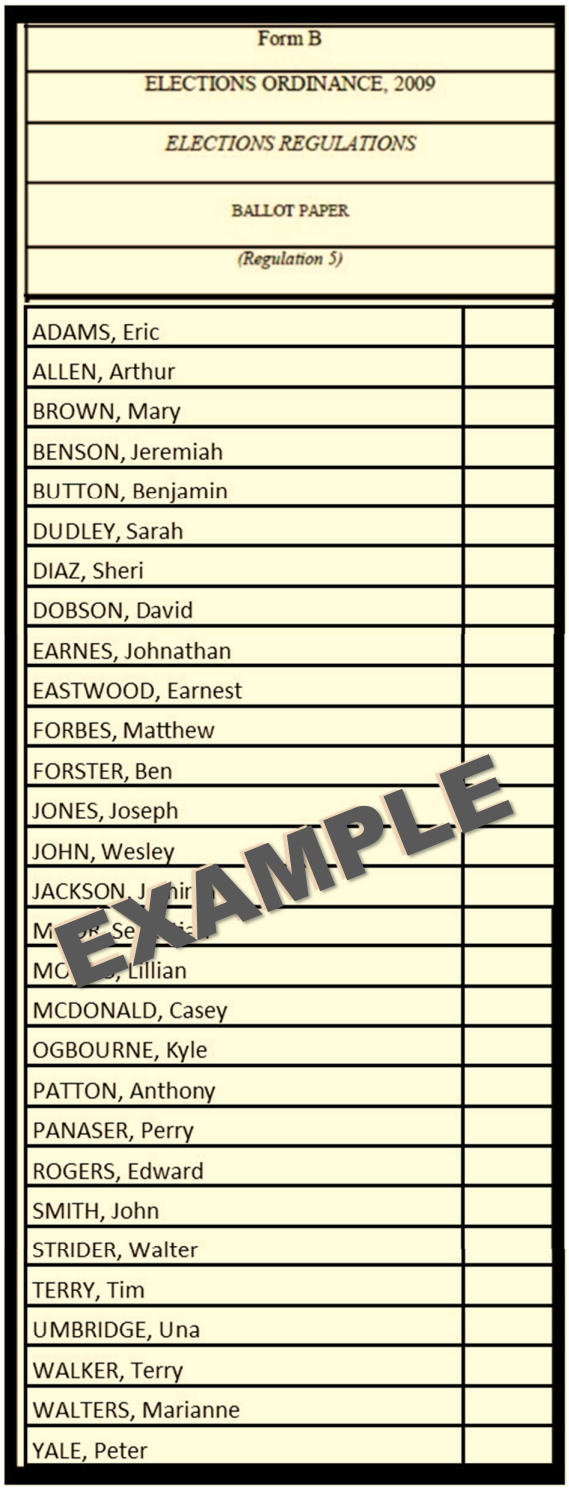
When people are informed, they feel empowered. When they're excluded, they lose faith in the system. I believe in a government that listens, responds, and speaks plainly. With clarity, honesty, and accountability, we can rebuild trust and make communication a pillar of good governance.

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General Election 2025

Voting: Your questions answered



Form B

ELECTIONS ORDINANCE, 2009

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EXAMPLE

Polling Day is on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, and in this paper we provide information on all you need to know about voting, along with an example of a ballot paper.

Polling Stations will be set up in each of the eight electoral districts. Each station will be manned by a Presiding Officer and an Assistant Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer will provide each voter with a ballot paper which will have a unique number printed on the back and an official mark on both sides.

You must put an **'X'** in the box alongside the names of **no more than 12 candidates** you want to vote for.

You don't have to vote for 12 candidates but if you vote for more than 12 then your votes **will not** be counted.

All you need to know about voting, including voting by proxy.

Questions and Answers

General Election 2025 - Questions & Answers

Q. I want to vote in the General Election this year but I am not registered. Is it too late to get my name on the Register?

A. Yes, unfortunately, it's too late to register to vote for the General Election on 3 September 2025.
While you can apply to be added to the register at any time, applications received after a Writ of Election has been issued cannot be processed until after the election. The official register for this election was published in the St Helena Government Extraordinary Gazette number 71 on 30 June 2025. If your name is not on that list, you won't be able to vote this time.

Q. I can't remember which polling district I am registered under. Where can I view this information?

A. This information is printed in the Register of Electors; this can be inspected at the office of the Registration Officer in the Castle or you can check with any of the Assistant Registration Officers. If you are unable to inspect the register in person, you can call the Registration Officers on tel no 22470 or 22590. Copies are also available at the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and on the SHG Website.

Q. Where can I cast my vote?

A. There will be one polling station in each electoral district. The venues are as follows: Blue Hill Community Centre, Sandy Bay Community Centre, Kingshurst Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, Jamestown Community Centre, Harford Community Centre, Levelwood Clinic and St Mary's Church, the Briars in Alarm Forest. You must vote in the electoral district you are registered under on the Register of Electors published on 30 June 2025.

Q. When will the Polling Stations open and close?

A. Polling Stations will open at 10am and will close at 7pm sharp on Wednesday, 3 September 2025.

Q. If I am working in Jamestown on Polling Day, can I vote at the Jamestown Community Centre?

A. You can only do so if you are registered in the Jamestown electoral district. If, for example, you are registered in Levelwood, you will have to vote at the Levelwood Clinic.

Q. Will I be allowed to have time off work to cast my vote?

A. Polling Stations will be open until 7pm. However, the Elections Ordinance states that employers **must** allow their employees reasonable time to vote on Polling Day. The employer cannot deduct this time from the employee's pay. If an employer refuses to grant a reasonable period for the employee to vote, then the employer will commit an offence (maximum penalty fine of £1,000, six months imprisonment or both). This applies to all employers, including the private sector.

Q. If there's more than 12 candidates, can I vote for all of them?

A. No. You can only vote for a maximum of 12 candidates to fill the seats on Legislative Council.

Q. Can I vote for fewer than 12 candidates?

A. Yes. If you don't wish to vote for 12 candidates, you can vote for fewer than 12 that decision is entirely up to you.

Q. Will candidates be allowed to vote?

A. Yes, candidates can vote in the electoral district in which they are registered.

Q. Who will I find at the Polling Station?

A. At the Polling Station you will find a Presiding Officer and an Assistant Presiding Officer. You may also find candidates and their Polling Agents since they are allowed to be at the Polling Stations. The Returning Officer or one of the Assistant Returning Officers and a Police Officer might also be present. This year the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK is organising an Election Observation Mission to oversee the General Election and two members of that team may also be present at the Polling Station when you vote.

Q. How will the names of the candidates be listed on my ballot paper?

A. Names will be listed alphabetically with the surname appearing first. When there are a number of candidates with the same surname, those candidates will be listed in alphabetical order of their surname, followed by their first and any other names. It is important to take time to read the ballot paper carefully and ensure you mark an 'X' in the box alongside the name of the candidate you wish to vote for.

Q. Why will my ballot paper be numbered?

A. Each ballot paper has a unique number. In addition, the Presiding Officer will write your serial number as in the Register of Electors effective from 1 July 2025 on your ballot paper counterfoil before you vote. This is needed in case anyone challenges the election before the Supreme Court. The election papers are sealed up in separate packages in such a way that an individual ballot paper cannot be linked to its voter unless the Supreme Court orders the opening of the packages; this would only be done if there was good reason to suspect some kind of electoral fraud.

Q. When I select my candidates, should I use a tick or an 'X'?

A. You should put an 'X' in the box alongside the name of the candidates you want to represent you on Legislative Council.

More Q&As on the next page

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General Election 2025 - Questions & Answers Continued

Q. What should I do if I mark the wrong box on my ballot paper by mistake?
A. If you mark the wrong box, take your ballot paper to the Presiding Officer, explain your mistake and if the Presiding Officer is content that you made a mistake they will take your ballot paper and will provide you with a new one.

Q. What happens if I vote for more than 12 candidates?
A. If you vote for more than 12 candidates, none of your votes will be counted. If you notice you have marked an 'X' against more than 12 candidates before you place your ballot paper into the ballot box, explain this to the Presiding Officer who will give you a new ballot paper.

Q. Can I take a photo of my ballot paper?
A. No. Under no circumstances should you take a photo of your ballot paper, whether before or after it has been completed. This is to protect the secrecy and integrity of the voting process.

Q. If I am incapacitated, can I arrange for someone to accompany me to the Polling Station?
A. Yes, this is allowed but they cannot help you to vote. Your helper can take you to the Presiding Officer who will help you to cast your vote if necessary. As an alternative, you can choose to vote by Proxy.

Q. Are candidates allowed inside of the Polling Station?
A. Yes, candidates are allowed inside, along with one of their Polling Agents. However, they are not allowed to communicate with voters. Candidates must inform the Returning Officer of the names and addresses of their Polling Agents at least 48 hours before the poll opens.

Q. Will I be allowed to witness the counting of votes on Polling Day?
A. No, the law restricts access to the count, so that the count can proceed efficiently without unnecessary distraction. However, the candidates and their Counting Agents are entitled to attend and the count will be broadcast live on local radio.

Q. When the votes have been counted, can a **Candidate or a Counting Agent demand a recount?**
A. Candidates and Counting Agents, who are present when the count is complete, can ask for a recount. The Returning Officer can refuse if she considers the request to be unreasonable.

Q. How can Assistant Registration Officers help me?
A. Assistant Registration Officers hold copies of the current Register of Electors so if you want to check whether you are entitled to vote, Assistant Registration Officers can let you look at the Register.

Q. How can I get additional information?
A. If you need more information, please contact the Returning Officer, Carol Henry, on tel: 22470 or via email: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or Assistant Returning Officers:

- Anita Legg on tel: 22590 or email anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
- Gillian Francis, on tel: 22314 or via email: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh
- Connie Johnson on tel: 22470 or via email: connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

Voting By Proxy

Q. If I can't make it to the Polling Station, can someone else vote on my behalf?
A. Yes. Those on the Register of Electors effective from 1 July 2025 should know that if they are ill, physically incapacitated, or off-Island and cannot make it to the Polling Station on Polling Day, there is provision to vote by Proxy. **This includes Saints overseas whose names are included on this Register.**
However, you must get permission from the Returning Officer before this can happen. To get permission, you need to complete the relevant form and this must be handed in by **no later than 10am GMT on Monday, 1 September 2025.**
Forms are available from the office of the Returning Officer, the Public Library, Customer Services Centre, the SHG website and from Assistant Returning Officers, Anita Legg, Gillian Francis and Connie Johnson who can be contacted on tel no 22470.

Q. Can I ask anyone to be my Proxy?
A. No. Your Proxy must be registered in the same electoral district that you are registered in. An elector can only act as a Proxy for one person and should vote for the candidates requested by the person, which should be no more than 12.

Q. How will my Proxy prove to the Presiding Officer that they are my Proxy?
A. The Returning Officer will have informed the Presiding Officer in advance. In addition, the Returning Officer will provide your Proxy with a form certifying that they can vote on your behalf. **Your Proxy must present this form to the Presiding Officer on polling day and will need to sign it in the presence of the Presiding Officer.**

Job Vacancy: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Equality & Human Rights Commission

Are you a seasoned leader with a commitment to fairness, inclusion, and human rights?

The EHRC is seeking an exceptional individual to join its leadership team in this newly created role. As Deputy Chief Executive Officer, you will support the CEO in guiding the Commission's vision and serve as a key representative across St Helena and beyond.

This post carries responsibility for:

- Strategic planning and regulatory oversight
- Policy development and stakeholder engagement
- Team leadership and staff development
- Financial and legal compliance in line with international standards

Qualifications & Experience We seek candidates with:

- Proven senior leadership in equality, human rights, or regulatory settings
- Legal qualifications (degree or master's) in Human Rights Law
- Outstanding communication and decision-making skills
- A firm grasp of governance, advocacy, and budget management

This is a rare opportunity to make a lasting impact on St Helena's future. If you are ready to lead with purpose, we welcome your application.

For further details about the role, please contact Catherine Turner, Chief Executive Officer on telephone 22133 or email catherine@humanrightssthelena.org

CV's and a motivational letter to Carol Thompson, Executive Manager on email carol@humanrightssthelena.org or addressed to Coles House, Napoleon Street, Jamestown, St Helena Island.

Closing Date: 9 September 2025

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We're Hiring:

Mantis St Helena

Front Of House / Admin Assistant

We're looking for an organised, professional, and guest-focused individual to support our front office and admin team.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Welcome guests and provide excellent customer service
- Handle basic administrative tasks
- Use Excel, Word, PDFs, and general computer skills

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Basic computer literacy with Excel, Word, and PDFs
- Strong organisational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work flexible hours
- Previous admin or hospitality experience preferred

DETAILS: Casual basis · £5.50 per hour

Chef De Partie (CDP)

We're looking for a talented and reliable Chef de Partie to join our kitchen team.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Prepare and present dishes to a high standard
- Support the Head Chef in daily kitchen operations
- Maintain kitchen hygiene and safety standards

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Ability to work flexible hours
- Strong attention to detail and quality
- A passion for cooking and teamwork

DETAILS: Casual basis · £5.50 per hour

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

EQUIPMENT RETURN INITIATIVE

The Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services request that patients please return loaned Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy equipment that is no longer being used (either at home or in residential care)

This could be equipment such as:

- Walking frames
- Walking sticks
- Crutches
- Wheelchairs
- Bath chairs/boards
- Bath lifts
- Over Bed tables
- Commodes
- Toilet Frames
- Chair raisers
- Grab rails

These types of equipment can be reused for new clients that are in need of them. By returning the equipment when it is no longer needed it will help make sure that people who need it, receive it quicker which may result in preventing falls. This equipment should always be returned when it is no longer in use/ needed by clients or patients.

If possible please return the equipment directly to the Hospital reception or to Saint John's Villa where the Occupational Therapy Service is located.

On the Hospital reception there is currently a book that we kindly ask if people who are returning any equipment pleases full inproviding information on who the equipment is from.

If you are not able to return the equipment to the hospital please contact the Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy Departments on the telephone number 22500 ex 2055 or 23222 to arrange collection. Please be aware that in this instance it may not be collected immediately.

If you have any of the above or similar equipment that you have purchased privately that is no longer needed and you wish to donate it to the Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy Departments this would be received with thanks.

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Property For Sale

DPS
PROPERTY MADE EASY





Property Alarm Forest £185,000.00

▶This is an Exceptionally well finished house inside and out

▶3 Bedroom House with garage and off-road car parking

▶Good size kitchen and lounge as well as a modern bathroom

▶The property is not overlooked and offers a mature garden with ocean views





Property in Longwood £125,000

- Well finished and well-presented inside and out
- 3 Bedroom detached house with large garden and off-road parking
- Modern Lounge and kitchen
- This property offers the buyer good development opportunities subject to planning permission

Further details available at DPS, The Market, Jamestown, St. Helena, STHL 1ZZ or email derek@dps.co.sh or Telephone 00 290 67022/25836

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FREE VIDEOGRAPHY MASTERCLASS

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

Monday 25th August
Saint Helena Secondary School

CALLING ALL ASPIRING CONTENT CREATORS
Are you passionate about creating compelling visual content? Want to learn professional videography techniques from a sports industry expert? This is your chance to develop your skills with hands-on training right here on St Helena.

Derek Alberts is a SuperSport presenter with over 17 years in sports media. He has covered two Cricket World Cups in the Caribbean and England, the Proteas tour to India in 2010, and was part of The Road to London/London Calling series for the Olympic Games in London.

Derek has been the face of All Out Rugby, Inside Edge, and SuperFan during the 2011 Rugby World Cup. His work spans rugby, cricket, golf, Olympic sports, and various international sporting events. Derek specializes in sports videography and content creation, working across television and digital platforms in locations worldwide. Join Derek on Monday 25th August to learn professional videography techniques and take your content creation skills to the next level.

PROGRAMME:
9:00am - 12:00pm | Theory Session
Join Derek Alberts from SuperSport for an exclusive Sports Videography Masterclass. Learn the fundamentals of sports content creation from a professional.
LUNCH
1:00pm - 3:00pm | Practical Session
Learn from industry expert Derek Alberts alongside the Titans cricket session - capture live sports action while learning professional techniques.
Hands-on experience putting new skills into practice.

COMPLETELY FREE Open to ALL aspiring content creators on St Helena
For more information and to register, contact: visit@sainthelena.gov.sh
Or call the Tourism Office on: 22158

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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Join us!

We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Health & Safety Officer
(£15,373 per annum)

The Health & Safety Officer contributes to the prosperity of the island by serving as a diligent Safety Officer who implements and ensures adherence to SHG occupational health and safety (OHS) guidelines. The main responsibility involves providing advice on strategies to reduce hazards and uphold a secure working environment throughout SHG, while meeting legal safety requirements and nurturing a culture that prioritizes health and safety.

Health and safety professionals are essential in safeguarding employees within the workplace. You will be instrumental in fostering a safe working environment by offering guidance on safety protocols, performing risk assessments, and enforcing preventive measures. The primary objective is to create a secure workplace in compliance with legal standards and to promote a culture that emphasizes health and safety. Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Anel O'Bey on Tel No 25052 or Email anel.obey@helanta.co.sh**
Closing date: **27 August 2025**
Shortlisting date: **29 August 2025**
Interview date: **11 September 2025**

Forest Worker
(£9,698 per annum)

The Forestry Section is looking to recruit a Forest Worker to provide support for a labour service under the supervision of the Nursery Chargehand, Silviculture Officer, or Forestry Officer. The role involves primarily all aspects of tree seedling production but does include performing manual forestry tasks, which encompass land clearing, control of invasive and alien plant species, ground preparation, planting, thinning, pruning, fencing, cleaning, and the harvesting of sawlogs, firewood, and fence posts, as specified by the relevant line manager. Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **27 August 2025**
Shortlisting date: **29 August 2025**
Interview date: **11 September 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

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 through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) 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.

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you.

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, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

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Judicial Services Officer
(£13,569 per annum)

The Judicial Services Officer will contribute to the prosperity of the island by assisting the Judicial Services Manager with all issues related to the St Helena Judicial System. This role includes serving as the Clerk to the Coroner, Clerk to the Labour Regulating Authority, Clerk to the Land Development Appeals Tribunal and occasionally Clerk of the Peace. You will also maintain the Companies Registry, process wills and probate and maintain the accounts for Judicial Services and the Legal Assistance Fund. Responsibilities also encompass the drafting of legal and court-related documents, such as summonses, letters, and writs. The officer is accountable for covering the Judicial Services Manager during all court hearings and must possess the ability to deliver proficient court clerking services in both public and private courts.

Contact us for information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Amelia Gough on Tel No 22340 or Email** amelia.gough@judicialservices.sh
Closing date: **27 August 2025**
Shortlisting date: **29 August 2025**
Interview date: **16 September 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

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Hello everyone

My name is **Ronald Coleman** and I am letting you all know that I am making myself available again as a Candidate for Legislative Council to represent you the people of St Helena to be your Councillor.

I would like to continue to be your spokesperson, speaking up for you and your island on all the issues that we are going to face in the years ahead.

St Helena is going to be facing many challenges and many people will have many ideas but without a good debate and consultation with the people some of the ideas may not be of any benefit to St Helena or more importantly of any benefit to our people and if we are not careful can make things worse and our people will continue to suffer.

Yes many people on St Helena are suffering and many find it hard to make end meet as they say. And this is true about the cost of living as for some, money is so hard to come by and for some there is no assistance. In today's world everything is about money and for St Helena it's no exception, the prices of things are always going up – prices of food items like our daily bread, fresh meat and fish, local grown fresh vegetables, fuel, transport, a drop of fresh water, electricity and the internet to name but a few but very essential for living and leading a basic life.

It would seem that nothing much is getting better but I will always be there looking out and speaking on the peoples behalf ensuring that what the Government of the day want to introduce will be for the good of the island and more importantly improve the quality of life for our people and where there is need support for the vulnerable and those really in need and making sure no one is left behind.

Here are some other important areas:

Improvement in the **Health and Social Care** must continue and people cannot wait years to get the professional help from overseas.

Education Standards need to continue for our children and young people.

Additional Affordable Houses is also needed for those who cannot afford to build their own and we need to look after those houses that we have.

What about **local produce** – more support is need for **Farmers** – we have the lands so we can't continue to run out of potatoes and onions.

Another thing close to my heart is the **local fishing industry** – we need to get this moving again and have a viable fishing economy.

So there is so much to be done; and there are quite a few people running in this election but it is you the people that have to come out and **VOTE** and pick who you think will take the island forward, improving your quality of life and ensure no one is left behind. We are also looking for those who will keep our people out of poverty and keep the people in their heart in whatever they do.

I am always keen to get more money into people's pockets so that they can make their own choices, so one of the things I will be championing if elected, is to get the **Income Tax Threshold Raised** from the £7000 which we have had for the last decade which should help everyone including those in the **Private Sector**.

So put your trust in me if you need a voice and **VOTE** for **Ronald Coleman X** on Polling Day championing a better future for all. Thank you.

St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICE TO ASSIST THE ROADS SECTION WITH MAINTENANCE OF ADOPTED ROADS

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

SSHA-1932-SHG–Road Maintenance Service to assist the Roads Section with maintenance of adopted roads

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 through tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Roads and Building Maintenance Manager, Deon Robbertse by telephone on 23765 or via email through roads.manager@helanta.co.sh .

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on theTop Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 29August2025, clearly marked: **"Tender SSHA-1932-SHG"**.

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

SHG, 18 August 2025

NOTICE BOARD

St Helena Government

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

UPDATING SELECT TENDER LIST FOR DIVE WORK

St Helena Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to assist in a range of scuba diving focused work to be added to select tender list.

The requirements in order to be added to the list are, PADI Dive Master certification (or equivalent/above), own a boat with it being able to hold 4 marine and fisheries conservation staff, minimum and equipment; access to serviced tanks and ability to rent scuba equipment to the marine and fisheries conservation section if needed, and in date EFR certificate and emergency oxygen certificate.

If you are already on the select tender list then you do not need to re-apply.

For further information, please contact the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer, Adam Riggs,on tel: 25966 or via email: adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest to be submitted is 12:00 on Friday, 29 August 2025, and should be addressed toProcurement Officer,Tiffany Lawrence, at Top Floor of the Post Office Building, Jamestown.

SHG, 19August 2025

Expression of interest - Content Creators

St Helena Island



We are compiling a list of on-island content creators who are interested in being contacted for potential collaboration to create fresh, engaging, and inspiring content.

If you're passionate about St Helena, creativity, and storytelling, we want to hear from you. Please complete the form at the following link: https://forms.gle/o31oSJMhERU6j5K66

You'll be asked to provide:

- Your name and contact information
- A short introduction about yourself and why you would like to create content about St Helena
- Links to your portfolio or past work
- Any specific areas of interest or expertise

We look forward to connecting with individuals who are keen to collaborate.

For further information, contact tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

It's starting to feel a bit more comfortable as the weather seems to be recovering. Only three youth members attended shooting; likely due to school holidays and children taking advantage of exploring different activities. Nevertheless, those who turned up were ready for action. In order, settling in on the firing point aiming on target, Gilby started blasting and scored 91.2 + 90.2, Josie D made 83, shooting one card only, and Daniel was happy with 97.2 & 98.6. They were happy with their results and enjoyed it; good shooting from these young people.

Another exciting shooting event then took place with members and visitors, as always, interacting and sharing each other's daily events. An amazingly healthy number of eighteen (18) people came to the club, this was exciting for us to welcome everyone and encourage them to have a go at shooting. For those who haven't shot before, having a go and hitting their target gives them a boost of excitement and achievement. The scores calculated from each individual showed some very good shooting that demonstrates one's skills and ability. Tinika, finding her way with coaching from Simon H, neatly shot 97.3 + 93.4, Cherliee 83, Donna a good 97.4, Lebron 91.4 + 89.3, first-time shooters, Toby 90.2, 84.1, 81 & 88, Leo 81.1, 82.2, Malcolm 95.5, Morag 89.2 & 97.4, Nina, who is the one to watch, shot 93.3, Elli popped by for her shoot having a go on one of the oldest rifles and shot 94.2, well done you, Kyle was consistent with 99.7 & 99.8, Helena showing her brother how it's done shot 96.5, 96.4 & 99.3 while brother Joey did well with 85 & 91.1. On top of the house for the night, who normally doesn't get a chance to shoot, reminding these guys that you're never too young or too old to perform, Pat H shot 100.6 & 100.4. Thank you and well done everyone, thanks for supporting the club, you guys encourage our team to do what we do.

Next Tuesday, members are invited to take part in our competition; £3.00 to enter, £6.00 for shooting to win an amazing prize. A meal will be supplied, remember to bring your shooting skills, see you all at the club. Enjoy the rest of the week with a long weekend.

Golf Report



SHGC, Contributed

The St Helena Golf Club hosted a Gruesome choose your partner 18-hole stroke play competition on Sunday, 17 August, with 18 enthusiastic golfers participating. The event was generously sponsored by Douglas Augustus and featured a unique handicap calculation, utilising three-eighths of the combined handicap for each pair. Despite slightly cool temperatures, the weather conditions were ideal, with no rain throughout the round, ensuring a pleasant day for golf.

The competition saw some impressive performances. Douglas Augustus and Eddy Bowers emerged victorious, securing first place with a net score of 75. Close behind, Larry Legg and Neil Joshua claimed second place with a net score of 76. Rounding out the podium, Bramwell Bushuru and Reuben Oliphant finished in third place with a net score of 79. Congratulations are extended to all prize winners for their excellent play. There was no two-ball pool winner for this event. The club extends a big thank you to the sponsor, Douglas Augustus, for his continued support.

Looking ahead, the St Helena Golf Club has a busy schedule. On Sunday, 24 August, the club will host an 18-hole Monthly Medal competition, which will be sponsored by the club itself. Members are also reminded of the upcoming Half-Yearly General Meeting on 30 August; this important meeting will be preceded by a Texas Scramble competition with a shotgun start teeing off at 11:30am. Members are strongly encouraged to participate in both the competition and the meeting to ensure enough members for the general meeting to proceed smoothly. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Happy swinging!

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 23 August 2025

1.30pm	**Inter Galactic**	**vs**	**Bellboys**

Sunday 24 August 2025

1.30pm	**Rovers**	**vs**	**La Verde**
3.30pm	**Fugees**	**vs**	**Wirebirds**

**Fixtures subject to weather conditions*

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday 17 August 2025

9am	**NH Stars**	**vs**	**Young Gunners**
9am	**Rumblers**	**vs**	**Dabbling Devils**
9.45am	**Monarchs**	**vs**	**Flix**
9.45am	**Gladiators**	**vs**	**Black Mambas**

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Friday 22 August 2025

7pm	**West Ham**	**vs**	**Chelsea**

Saturday 23 August 2025

11.30am	**Man City**	**vs**	**Spurs**
2pm	**Bournemouth**	**vs**	**Wolves**
2pm	**Brentford**	**vs**	**Aston Villa**
2pm	**Burnley**	**vs**	**Sunderland**
4.30pm	**Arsenal**	**vs**	**Leeds**

Sunday 24 August 2025

1pm	**Crystal Palace**	**vs**	**Nott'm Forest**
1pm	**Everton**	**vs**	**Brighton**
3.30pm	**Fulham**	**vs**	**Man Utd**

Monday 25 August 2025

7pm	**Newcastle**	**vs**	**Liverpool**

SPORTS ARENA



Visit of the Titans

South African cricket team to visit St Helena as part of preseason tour

Luke Bennett, SAMS

On Monday, via SAMS Radio One, President of the St Helena Cricket Association, Derek Richards, and Head of Tourism, Jonathan Passaportis, gave the exciting news that domestic South African cricket team, Titans, will be visiting St Helena for a week from Saturday, 23 August.

The Titans boast a total of 20 domestic trophies, and includes in their ranks, household names such as former South African International, Albie Morkel, as a coach, alongside top players including current South African International, Andile Phehlukwayo.

Titans have chosen St Helena as part their preseason tour which allows them to enjoy some team building while exploring the island and interacting with the locals, particularly St Helena's international cricket team.

With the team arriving on Saturday, they will kick off the activities on Sunday with a friendly fishing competition accompanied by the Island's cricket team. Following a day at sea, they will be in attendance at the Annual Scouts Sports Day event in Jamestown in the evening.

On Monday, the team will have a training session with the St Helena Cricket Team followed by a friendly match where the teams are set to mix. Head of Tourism, Jono, says that everyone on the Island is encouraged to head over to Francis Plain to enjoy, what is hoped, will be an entertaining match.

Then on Tuesday morning, some of the players will be at the New Horizons Youth Centre where they will be giving training sessions to Island kids, offering their expertise to our younger generation. There will also be an open training session at Francis Plain on Thursday.

"As a cricketing perspective, we would like our players to rub shoulders with these professionals," commented Derek, which, in hope, gives valuable insight to St Helena's team on how these professionals operate on a day to day basis, ultimately helping our local players to grow.

Excitingly, a film crew from popular TV channel, Super Sport, will also accompany the team to document their visit to the Island and the film crew will also be offering training on filming and photography.

"Anytime we have access to international skills we want to make sure we as an island can benefit from these skills," explained Jono. "So, we negotiated with Super Sport to make sure they pass their skills on."

It's going to be a jam-packed itinerary for the team that includes snorkelling, hikes, the Ladder Challenge and much more, all to ensure that the Titans enjoy their a true St Helena experience.