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Luke Bennett, SAMS

Hope everyone doing ok. Mental health awareness is a very high topic at this time on-island due to the recent tragic passing of our fellow Saint. In recent years, there have been a few suicides and possibly a leap in mental illness, which brings much concern to the community of St Helena. So what is going on here on the island? Well I don't have the answers, but I do have a lot of theories which I think is irresponsible of me to make public and can possibly lead to a negative effect; but what I will say is that we need a better understanding of it all, talking to people, some of their knowledge on the issue is pretty vague leading to confusion, anger, and sadness.

I think we all need to know more about it in a safe way, finding out about how can we identify or react to someone who's quietly reaching out for help and when do we start looking for help if we think we're struggling with the illness ourselves.

We do have a stigma around mental health here that I do believe we can break but we all have to try be open about how we feel and make it ok to talk about these things. Be a friend. We all have our personalities, but that shouldn't stop us from listening to someone or being caring for others. That, in my opinion, is a must! We may not have the tools to help this illness but we can be there for someone when they need it and possibly lead them to professional help.

And again, our understanding of it all needs to get better; so, seek advice from a professional whether you're feeling down or you're just curious. Be brave and check it out.

It will never be perfect and we may never be able to stop this completely, but having the right information may equip you or point you, or somebody else, to the help they need and that's all we can do.

The positive thing from this is that there is a lot of talk about mental health, which I feel is a giant step forward for St Helena!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

During the election campaign, Karl Thrower and I outlined our key standards for openness in Government.

Since taking office, the Chief Minister has moved deliberately to strengthen transparency: publishing an Executive Council Report after every meeting, redacting only genuinely confidential items, and using press releases and radio interviews to explain decisions in plain language. These steps reflect the commitment she made on the campaign trail to openness, fairness, and communication, and they demonstrate that our shared aspirations are already translating into action.

Karl's recent letter highlighted the positive change in tone and the early signs of improved public engagement—signs I've witnessed firsthand. Work is well underway to enhance access to ExCo information and re-establish regular briefings. I fully support the practical, stepwise approach the Chief Minister has set out: first understanding existing practices, then identifying which changes need formal Executive Council agreement, and finally ensuring we have the logistical capacity and resources to deliver new measures effectively.

A more open government cannot be achieved overnight, but by advancing these reforms in manageable stages, we build momentum and public confidence. I remain committed to open and honest Government, and I am satisfied that the Chief Minister and my fellow ministers, are united in strengthening accountability.

Andrew Turner
Minister for Education, Skills,
and Employment

Dear Editor,

During the recent election campaign, I shared a statement outlining four key principles that I believed any prospective Chief Minister should commit to — all aimed at restoring openness and transparency in the Executive Council's (ExCo) operations. These four questions focused on ensuring that:

1. Executive Council meetings are open to the public by default, with only sensitive items held in closed session.
2. All councillors, whether ministers or not, have access to ExCo agendas, minutes, and decisions.
3. Regular public briefings are held after ExCo meetings, so people know what decisions have been made and why; and
4. The principle of collective responsibility is used to promote accountability, not to block scrutiny.

Although the Chief Minister did not fully commit to all four points at the time, it became clear through early discussions that she shares and is dedicated to the same aspirations — to make decision-making more open, transparent, and inclusive.

The way forward regarding openness and transparency was discussed with the Governor at the earliest opportunity, when all newly elected members convened for their initial meetings. From that first moment, even before discussions about who would become the four Ministers began, it was clear to me that the newly elected members intended to move forward together in the right direction — united in purpose and committed to increasing public confidence in how the government and council operates.

Since then, the public should have already begun to notice a positive change in the tone and transparency of recent press releases and public updates from both elected members and the Executive Council. These are early but essential signs that the new Council is serious about communicating more openly and ensuring that islanders are kept informed about key decisions and developments.

A collective movement is underway to improve public engagement. Work has already started to enhance access to ExCo information, to re-establish regular public briefings following meetings, and to ensure that collective responsibility does not impair fair scrutiny.

Furthermore, elected members are working together with a shared goal — to strengthen communication, improve decision-making, and rebuild trust between the public and government. While we may not always agree on every detail, there is a genuine sense of teamwork and respect for the principles of openness and accountability.

Although the path is not quite as I envisioned before the election, the direction of travel is clear. If it continues, the results will be better than I initially thought possible.

I am sorry to say that I will miss the first round of constituency meetings as I will be representing St Helena at the Green Overseas (GO) Workshop on Utility-Scale Renewable Energy for Island Grids, held from 28–31 October 2025 in Sint Eustatius. I will attend alongside

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"It has been an honour"

Susan O'Bey retires after 45 years with SHG and over seven as Chief Secretary



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Government (SHG) announced on Tuesday that Chief Secretary, Susan O'Bey, has retired from her position as Head of the Public Service with effect from Friday, 17 October 2025.

Susan, according to SHG, served over 45 years with the government of St Helena. Many will recall that this included a number of years within the Education Directorate, where Susan worked all the way up to become Head Teacher for St Helena Secondary School (formally Prince Andrew School).

Since April 2018, Susan took on the high-profile role of Chief Secretary, Head of the Public Service, for SHG, replacing the outgoing Chief Secretary, Roy Burke, at the time. "The Government extends its deepest gratitude for her dedicated service and leadership," said SHG on Susan's time leading the public service.

Prior to leaving her office for the final time on Friday, Susan stated how she had been "reflecting on the extraordinary privilege it has been to serve the island these past seven and a half years."

"Together, with other colleagues and teams, we have weathered challenges and celebrated successes that few larger administrations would fully understand," she continued. "Through the COVID pandemic, budget pressures, and times of change, what has always stood out to me is our resilience and our determination to make things work, not because it is easy, but because it matters."

Susan's replacement, Ian Todd, has been appointed as the new Head of the Public Service, and will assume office on Monday, 3 November.

"As I hand over to new leadership, I do so with great confidence in the strength of the SHG Public Service and the people within it," said Susan. "Thank you for your dedication, your adaptability, and your belief in the value of public service. It has been an honour to lead you and to be part of this journey."

During the interim period following Susan's retirement and prior to Ian taking up post, Deputy Chief Secretary and Portfolio Director of Central Support Service, Gillian Francis, will step in to serve as Acting Chief Secretary, while Head of Administration Support Service, Carol Henry, will be appointed as Acting Deputy Chief Secretary.

The Sentinel congratulates Susan for her many years of dedicated service and wishes her well in retirement.



YOUR LETTERS

Geoffrey Augustus, Technical Manager – Electricity at Connect St Helena, and Paul Cherrett, Head of the Programme Management Office.
This workshop will bring together representatives from across the Overseas Territories to share knowledge and experiences. The workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of small islands to integrate large-scale renewable energy — such as solar and wind — into their power grids. For St Helena, the lessons learned will directly support our goal of achieving 80% renewable energy by 2028, helping to lower the cost of living, reduce reliance on imported fuel, and improve our long-term energy security.
When I return, I look forward to sharing insights from the workshop. Together, we can create a cleaner, fairer, and more self-reliant future for our island.

Kind regards,
Karl Thrower

Dear Editor,

Grateful if you can publish the below email reply I received from the Chief Minister as well as my response to her.

Many thanks, **Jeffrey Ellick**

Dear Mr Ellick,

I write in response to your email responding as Chief Minister and on behalf of the Ministers.
We share your view that transparent government is vital to maintaining public trust.
We will not comment on matters raised in your previously published letter that refer to the business of Legislative Council, and more particularly, for those matters that we hold collective responsibility.
This response is directed to your email, concerning the business of Executive Council.
The revocation of the Commencement Order date that was set at 01 October 2025 was a necessary step to avoid consequences arising from lack of clarity relating to the Permission to Stay and Work Permits, for example concerns that essential medical personnel, entering for a short period would not be able to work on the island as anticipated.
This decision, approved during a special meeting of the Executive Council on 23 September 2025, means that the existing Immigration Ordinance remains in full effect.
The delay in enactment will enable necessary refinements to be made to ensure that the legislation is fully aligned with the policy intent.
As stated in the press release of 24 September 2025, the amended legislation will be prioritised and we will provide further updates on the revised ordinance as this process moves forward.
During the adjournment debate in LegCo on 23 September, 2025, I stated "I want to clearly reaffirm that there has been no change to the priority to updating the Immigration law, nor any change to the policy behind the legislation".
We remain committed to increasing openness and transparency in Government, and as I stated formally in the house "I want to reaffirm the strong commitment to more open, transparent and accountable government." We will take progressive steps to increasing openness and we will keep the public informed about these as we take them.
Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Cairns-Wicks
Chief Minister

Dear Chief Minister,

Thank you for your response.
I must however express my disappointment, as your reply appears to have distanced Ministers from the Councillors. My original letter was addressed to yourself, Ministers, and Councillors collectively, and I had requested a comprehensive response to be published, addressing each of the questions and points raised that would reflect a sense of unity and shared responsibility. It now raises the question of whether the "one team" you referred to in a recent formal sitting of Legislative Council has become two distinct entities.
I refer to your email dated Tuesday, 30 September 2025, in which you undertook to provide a substantive response to my earlier correspondence. Regrettably, the reply received on Saturday, 4 October 2025 did not fulfil that commitment. Rather than engaging with the specific questions I raised on behalf of the public, your response declined to comment on the contents of my letter and instead reiterated elements of the press release concerning the Executive Council's decision to revoke the commencement date of the Immigration (Amendment) Ordinance 2025.
In light of this, I would appreciate clarity on whether the position taken in your response reflects a broader consensus among Councillors — namely, the decision not to offer a public explanation regarding this matter. Furthermore, while you affirmed the importance of transparency in maintaining public trust, the refusal to provide an explanation, appears inconsistent with that principle.
The tone and substance of your response raise concerns about the leadership and communication practices within your Ministerial team. A reluctance to engage directly to legitimate questions can create the impression of a reactive rather than proactive approach to governance. It also raises the perception that decisions may be overly influenced by others, rather than guided by decisive, informed leadership.
You also affirmed your commitment to delivering a "more open, transparent, and accountable government." I would appreciate a direct clarification as to whether this statement is intended to imply that the previous Government lacked these qualities. If so, I believe it is both reasonable and necessary to understand the basis for such an assertion, particularly given its implications for public perception and institutional integrity.
Terms such as teamwork, openness, and transparency are often used in public discourse, and rightly so—they are foundational to good governance. However, the public's expectation is not merely to hear these values affirmed, but to see them reflected in practice. I therefore ask, with respect: how and when, you and your Ministerial team intend to demonstrate these commitments through clear and meaningful action?
Promises have been made publicly; I am simply seeking assurance that they will be honoured. To date, I regret that there has been little evidence to suggest they are being translated into action.
Nonetheless, I continue to expect a more open, honest, and constructive engagement on the issues raised. These matters warrant direct and transparent dialogue, and I trust that such engagement will be forthcoming hence looking forward to your first ministerial constituency meeting.
Please note, I will be sharing your reply and my response with both local media outlets in the spirit of openness and transparency.
Yours sincerely,

Jeff Ellick
"Anybody can talk; not everybody can talk and deliver"

Calibration Complete

Successful calibration flight for St Helena Airport



Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Thursday afternoon last week, at around 2.50pm, St Helena Airport welcomed an annual visitor to the runway, namely the Beech B200 Super King Air; renowned on St Helena since the opening of St Helena Airport as the annual calibration flight.

The aircraft arrived with three crew members onboard having travelled the 1000 nautical miles directly from Angola to St Helena to conduct the essential calibration procedures. The flight was in the air for most of the afternoon on Thursday to conduct this annual calibration.

This yearly calibration is a critical operation for St Helena Airport to ensure the accuracy and reliability of navigational and aviation systems, supporting safe and compliant airspace management.

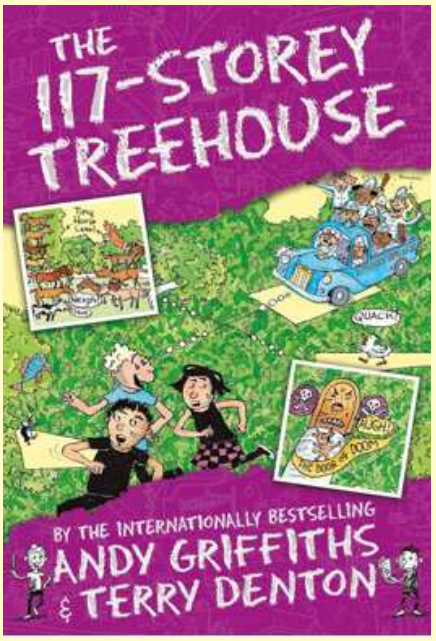
"Since 2016, St Helena Airport has consistently achieved 100% scores on all flight calibration checks," informed Gwyneth Howell, SHAL CEO and Accountable Manager, proudly. "This reflects the integrity and reliability of its navigational infrastructure, underscoring a well-maintained and resilient CNS/ATM environment."

Following a successful mission, the flight departed just before 8am on Friday morning to return back to South Africa.



Book of the Week

Public Library Service



The 117 – Storey Tree House by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

Andy and Terry have added another thirteen levels of crazy fun to their every-growing Treehouse! It used to be a 104-story Treehouse, but it just keeps growing!

They've got a tiny-horse level, a pyjama-party room and an Underpants Museum and Treehouse Information Centre!

But when Terry tries to prove that he can narrate as well as draw, the story goes completely out of control and the Story Police arrive to arrest the whole Treehouse team for crimes against storytelling! And the only way to escape is through the terrifying Door of Doom!

Andy, Terry and Jill go on the run, but how long can they evade the Story Police and stay out of Story Jail?

Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up!

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12 Months, Zero Migrants, £6.65m for St Helena

One year since SHG-UK BIOT Migrant Agreement, but did it end in May? SHG say nothing following the signed agreement by the UK and Mauritius on the sovereignty and future of the Chagos Islands in May as former Chief Minister reflects on past year and looks ahead to "final six months"



Liam Yon, SAMS

Thursday, 16 October, marks one year since the former Ministerial Team, led by inaugural Chief Minister, Julie Thomas, announced that St Helena Government (SHG) had entered into an agreement with His Majesty's Government in the UK to accept the transfer of any new migrants arriving to the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT). This agreement was set to last 18 months or until such time that the transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius from the UK was finalised; whichever came first.

This was a very controversial decision at the time, though Ministers defended their choice and saw the negotiation of a £6.65m one-off payment from the UKG, along with other avenues of committed support, including training by the UK Home Office and access to their Watch List, as a success for SHG and St Helena.

On 22 May 2025, as reported by The House of Commons, the governments of the UK and Mauritius signed an agreement on the sovereignty and future of the Chagos Archipelago. The agreement provides for Mauritius to exercise full sovereignty over the Chagos Islands, with the UK exercising rights on Diego Garcia.

With this sovereignty transfer between the UK and Mauritius having been signed, it would suggest, according to the terms of the SHG-UKG BIOT Agreement made last year, that this agreement has officially finished and that St Helena will no longer need to accept the transfer of migrants arriving to BIOT any longer.

The Sentinel did, four weeks ago, reach out to SHG through their Communications Hub, to confirm whether this BIOT Agreement is now void. Unfortunately, thus far, we have received no reply or even acknowledgement on our enquiry. A simple yes or no would have sufficed.

If however, this agreement was concluded in May following the signing of an agreement between the UK and Mauritius on the Chagos Islands sovereignty transfer, it would mean that Ministers secured £6.65 million along with training and increased border security for St Helena and, in return, did not have to accept the transfer of any migrants during the time that the BIOT Agreement was active.

Despite SHG having not responded to The Sentinel enquiries, Councillor Julie Thomas did take to Social Media to mark the one-year anniversary of the BIOT Agreement, which she led on as the Chief Minister for St Helena at the time.

"One Year On: Strengthening Partnership and Purpose; today, 16 October 2025, marks one year since St Helena signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Kingdom Government (UKG) — a significant step in strengthening our relationship and reaffirming our shared values of responsibility, compassion, and mutual respect," she posted.



UK Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, and Mauritius Prime Minister, Navinchandra Ramgoolam

"Through this arrangement, St Helena demonstrated its willingness to assist the UKG in supporting the welfare of persons who may arrive in the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) and are unable to return to their country of nationality — but only if it was deemed safe to do so, and always with the safety and security of our island community as our top priority," she continued.

The former Chief Minister then alluded to the "one-off investment of £6.65 million to advance key priorities that strengthen our community and support sustainable development," which was successfully negotiated by her Ministerial Team in discussion with the UKG.

She listed where this money was, and is, being used, including £1.65m in Health to reduce the overseas referral waiting list; £2.0m to progress the Education Review; £1.5m to initiate key actions of the Preventative Health Strategy; and £1.5m to implement a fit-for-purpose modern IT system.

"This arrangement was never taken lightly; every measure was put in place to ensure our community's welfare remained at the forefront of all decisions," concluded Councillor Thomas. "As we mark this milestone and look to the final six months of the agreement, we reflect with pride on what this partnership represents — a confident, capable St Helena, willing to engage globally while safeguarding the well-being of our people and future generations. Together, we continue building a resilient and respected St Helena."

Given the words of the former Chief Minister, it would seem the "final six months of the agreement" is still to be honoured, though this does seem to contradict what was said when the agreement was made back in October 2024; with the agreement said to be for 18 months or until such time that the transfer of sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius from the UK was finalised.

Some clarity around this by SHG would be welcome and The Sentinel will look to follow up again on this to ascertain whether the SHG-UK BIOT Agreement did end with the signing of the sovereignty transfer between the UK and Mauritius back in May.



"A common viral infection in children"



Health Directorate confirms Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease on St Helena

— **Liam Yon,** SAMS —

The Health Directorate have now confirmed, and is informing the public, that cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) have been identified among children on the Island.

"Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is a common viral infection in children," explained Dr Peter Moss, Chief Medical Officer and Infectious Disease Specialist. "It causes a rash on the palms, soles, and mouth, hence the name."

According to Dr Moss, HFMD "is not dangerous" and "does not cause serious illness" while he also though it necessary to assert that HFMD "has nothing to do with the animal disease 'Foot and Mouth'."

Dr Moss informed that HFMD is usually mild, with children normally able to recover within 7 to 10 days. Symptoms which may be experienced include a fever, sore throat, mouth ulcers, and small blisters or rashes on the hands, feet, or buttocks.

According to Dr Moss, the illness spreads through coughing, sneezing, close contact, and touching contaminated surfaces, therefore parents and caregivers can help limit its spread by keeping children with symptoms at home until they are well; encouraging frequent handwashing with soap and water; and teaching children to cover their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing.

"People with signs and symptoms of HFMD do not routinely have to be reviewed by a Health Care professional," he added. "Parents should seek medical advice however if their child is unable to drink fluids or develops a persistent high fever that does not respond to Paracetamol or Ibuprofen."

The Health Directorate of the Health and Social Care Portfolio confirmed that they are monitoring the situation closely and will provide updates if needed.

Project Progression on Proposed Prison



Executive Council approves New Prison development application subject to conditions as detailed by Acting Chief Planning Officer

Liam Yon, SAMS

An open session of Executive Council in Planning (ECiP) was held last Tuesday, 14 October, during which the ECiP approved the development application of the proposed new prison construction at Bottom Woods with a number of conditions.

In attendance for the meeting in the Council Chamber included Acting Chief Planning Officer, Shane Williams, members of the Project Management Office (PMO) and Alex Mitham, Portfolio Director for Safety Security and Home Affairs (SSHA), along with members of the public.

The key item considered was the development application for St Helena's proposed New Prison Build at Bottom Woods.

As such, Governor in Council were asked to consider and advise whether full development permission should be granted, with conditions as recommended, for the proposed construction of a new prison at Bottom Woods with ancillary dojo, service buildings, access road, parking area and sewerage treatment plant.

This application had previously been considered by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA) who recommended that the Governor in Council grant development permission subject to planning conditions set out by the Chief Planning Officer.

At the meeting, Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning and Economic Development, Karl Thrower, set out the context for the current application, before handing over to the Acting Chief Planning Officer to detail the key changes and conditions as outlined in published documentation. HE the Governor then opened the floor for questioning and discussion which centred on the recommended conditions.

St Helena Government (SHG) reports, within their recently reinstated EXCO Top Lines, that following deliberation, "ECiP unanimously approved the development application subject to recommended conditions, with amendments to reword condition 13 for the Lighting Scheme, and condition 11 for the Storm Water Management Plan and the confirmation of the fencing design and colour with the Chief Planning Officer."

Acting Chief Planning Officer, Shane Williams, joined Minister Thrower for a follow-up interview on SAMS Radio 1 where he provided further detail on the changes to the development application.

"A number of changes were carried out to this development application, mainly comprising a change of roof colour," he explained. "Then of course we had a change to the facade of the building; so, the building was originally rendered block work to be painted, and now they want to have an all stone elevation to the building, which would utilise materials from our quarries here on-island."

Shane continued by explaining how "there was also a change to the parking area" proposed in the application. "So, bringing the parking area closer to the building for ease of traversing through the site for members of the public, staff and visitors," he detailed. "We also had a change to the sewage treatment plant; that was to be relocated to the lowest part of the site as well as some additional auxiliary buildings."

It was additionally noted how there was also "a change of use" for the proposed custody suite, with a new permanent custody suite having been constructed already within the confines of Coleman House, Jamestown. "That would now be converted into a dojo building," explained Shane on the custody suite proposed at the new prison. "So that could be utilised for both training officers as well as could be open to members of the public."

He also detailed how there was "a change to the roof; so the overhang would now be increased to one metre to comply with MOJ standards, and then also some other alterations."

The Acting Chief Planning Officer noted how Ministers agreed with the LDCA recommendations while adding some additional amendments to conditions, including to the external lighting plan; this was "to be able to determine the impact on the wider area because, of course,









this is within a Wirebird important area. We also had an additional condition for the stormwater management plan; again, how they will be managing stormwater in terms of siting of water storage tanks and also managing the overflow from the site."

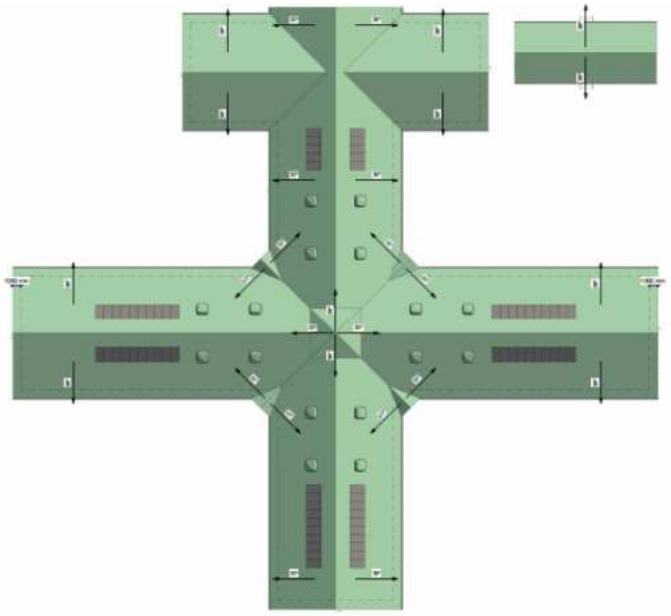
Lastly, Shane alluded to the "additional condition with regards to the fence" of the new prison. "Of course, there will be security perimeter fencing around the site," he stated. "Again, we wanted to see details in terms of the design and also the colour. That kind of wraps up the decision that was made by Ministers."

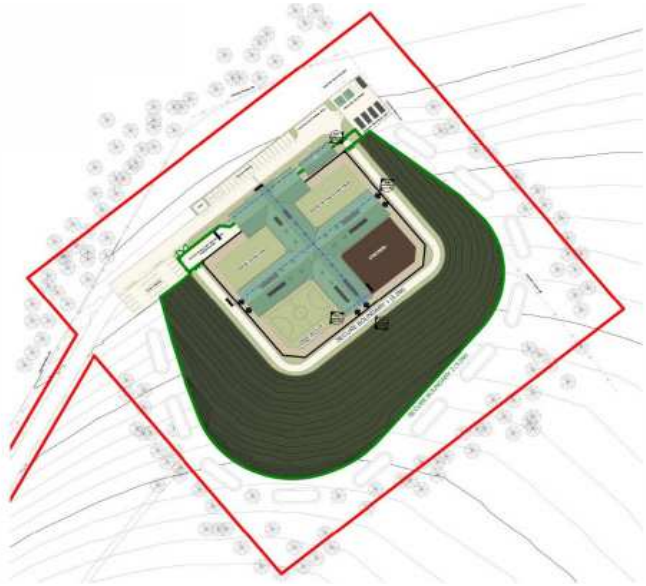
Minister Thrower then chipped in to explain how the recommendations made by ECiP are important, but also how they are not planned to slow down the start of works to the new prison.

"I think it's important to mention that because of the way that we requested the conditions being acted, we ensured that it shouldn't hold up the development of the building or the site," he made clear. "There are different ways that conditions can be applied. Some of them are so that the work has to be done before you start work on anything and other ones are saying that, during the project, those conditions must be met. So, when you're designing a lighting plan of course you realistically have towards the end when you're actually installing the lighting, because it's one of the later features, so there's nothing stopping you from laying the slabs; it doesn't affect foundations or slabs or anything like that. So, it was important in this case we felt that these things weren't core to starting the project but they were very important and core to finishing of the project. They needed to be in place before it was finished, so that's why we went with those suggestions. Hopefully this will allow work to start on the new prison as soon as possible."

To conclude the discussion on SAMS, Shane gave a brief on where the project is at currently. "The access road has been cleared, though no formal excavation works have commenced," he explained. "Of course that cannot commence until they have building regulations approval. I believe the goat pen has been removed though, also on site, so that's the latest at the moment."

With the approval having now been given by Executive Council on the development application, more progressive and visible works to the new prison project should finally get underway at Bottom Woods soon.





Tenders Invited

Liam Yon, SAMS

Following approval of the New Prison Build development by Executive Council in Planning, and as the next step after the 'Expression of Interest' invitation issued by St Helena Government, SHG are now inviting "suitably qualified contractors to submit tenders for site excavation and haulage for the new prison site within the Longwood area – Bottom Woods."

Those interested in undertaking these excavation and haulage works are advised that a site visit to gain a better understanding of the work required is scheduled to take place on Monday, 10 November, at 9am; with those wanting to attend being asked to meet at "Reggies" in Bottom Woods.

As always, full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system, with user guides available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective contractors registering on the system.

Alternatively, if contractors are interested in viewing a hard copy of the tender documentation, they should contact Project Manager, James Hayton, on 22270 or via email to James.Hayton@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Tenders must be submitted via the e-procurement system, with the deadline being Wednesday, 26 November at 12 noon.

SHG sought to make it clear that "this tender is not being advertised overseas."

The prison project, which has been in the works for a number of years and is finally set to get underway with construction soon, has been approved for funding under the UK-funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

5 Chatty Mynah Birds

New Island-inspired children's book by The Saint Cooks



— **The Saint Cooks,** Contributed —

A new St Helenian-inspired children's book has been announced by The Saint Cooks.

The book, entitled '5 Chatty Mynah Birds', is a playful, rhythmic counting book written and beautifully illustrated by Emma-Jane Richards (nee Yon). Originally created as a lullaby for her daughter, Emma-Jane says that it was a fun way to talk about the Island with her daughter, who was just two at the time and loved lullabies.

"I naturally fell into a rhythm of creating songs and stories that reflected St Helena and my own childhood growing up playing in Half Tree Hollow," Emma-Jane explained. "It is important to me to build a connection with St Helena for my daughter, who was born in the UK, so she has pride in our shared heritage; and this book is a small part of that."

The idea of turning the lullaby into a book came during the start of the 2020 pandemic. Emma-Jane says she started sketching out the idea for the book during the pandemic quarantine, and what began as a distraction and creative challenge during this time quickly turned into a passion project. "We all have passion projects that never see the light of day, but I was determined to have a record of my daughter's first visit to St Helena, and when she absolutely loved songs about the island," recalled Emma-Jane. "Turning it into a physical book helps keep the memory of that time and the lullaby I created alive."

Six years after Emma-Jane first started singing the lullaby, the book version of '5 Chatty Mynah birds' has finally become a reality this year.

The book is filled with charming, original hand-drawn illustrations created by Emma-Jane herself showing a number of commonly found island birds including the Mynah bird (as the inspiration for the title), a Sparrow, a Fairy tern, a Turtle dove and, of course, the Wirebird; each beautifully depicted in various trees and places around the Island, like HTH, Sandy Bay, Heart-Shaped Waterfall and Deadwood. Accompanying each illustration are the original words of the lullaby created by Emma-Jane.

Consisting of 28 pages and designed with her husband Robin, '5 Chatty Mynah Birds' is a delightful and fun rhyming book aimed at 0-6 year olds that hopefully will become a traditional lullaby for Saint children everywhere.

Born and raised in Half Tree Hollow, after attending Prince Andrew School, Emma-Jane began her creative journey working for the St Helena Media Services in 2000, before helping with the establishment of Saint FM and the St Helena Independent in 2005 as one of the founding presenters and journalists. She has previously published a book on Island music, called 'For the love of Music,' in collaboration with the St Helena National Trust. Today, most readers will likely know Emma-Jane as part of The Saint Cooks, who, along with her husband Robin, celebrate and showcase St Helenian food and community online and across their social media channels via saintcooks.com.

"The response from other Saints and non-St Helenians around the world has been so heart-warming and inspiring; thank you all," said Emma-Jane on the announcement of '5 Chatty Mynah Birds'. "We quickly realised that this little love letter to the Island and gift for our daughter was something other families might also enjoy; especially for St Helenians raising children off island, looking for a fun, accessible way of connection to their home."

Emma-Jane went on to name-drop two local authors and express her pride in being another name to this list. "There have been many wonderful children's books written by St Helenians such as Mr Basil George and Mr Garron Yon, that I'm so proud to say that I'm a part of this growing group of writers celebrating the Island."

Robin and Emma-Jane are currently in the process of producing a limited print run of the book under their newly created publishing imprint Wirebird Press, for anyone who would like to purchase it. You can get a copy from the saintcooks.com shop or directly at saintcooks.com/product/5-chatty-mynah-birds.



"We welcome all constructive feedback"

Public invited to review Jamestown Seafront Redevelopment options



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

In a recent press release, St Helena Government (SHG) invited the public to review and provide feedback on the options paper that was made available through the SHG website regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Jamestown Seafront.

In the document, various strategies are being outlined that will inform the future development and revitalisation of the seafront area in Jamestown. This is a significant step to progress this project and move towards making final decisions before implementing the project.

"On behalf of the Economic Development team we would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to the process thus far," commented Minister Karl Thrower. "Your input has been invaluable in shaping the options presented in this paper and we now welcome all constructive feedback on the options presented as we move forward in the decision-making process."

Feedback can be communicated to the team from now and until 30 November.







ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

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

This week the "Green" bingo sheet will be used – the last sheet. Numbers to be read across, from left to right

Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner. Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 25 October at 6 pm.

Prize - £20 per week

Last week's winners:
Mrs Joycelyn Constantine & Ms Gay Marr.

43	61	1	51	29	86	41	56	37	10
69	13	57	24	47	70	89	35	59	5
71	84	58	32	16	21	9	12	67	54
68	30	44	7	82	72	39	88	40	23
77	15	62	83	49	80	38	8	26	53
48	22	64	81	73	17	20	36	42	60
76	85	28	14	6	34	78	11	55	65

Reaching for New Horizons

A look at the New Horizons Youth Club under the management of Scott Crowie



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Scott Crowie, Manager of the New Horizons Youth Club, recently had an interview with Tony Leo on the Northward Sounds show, where Tony followed up on the progress Scott has made since starting as the new manager of the club almost two and a half years ago on 1 April 2023.

The New Horizons Youth Club attracts young members from all over the island and was established by Michael Stevens as the first manager a number of years ago as a club specifically aimed at providing activities and a safe social space for the youth of the island. Under the new management by Scott, this non-government organisation has gone from strength to strength, providing weekly events and activities for the youth but also generating funds to supplement the expenses needed to run the club efficiently.



The organisation receives an annual government grant of £56,700 to contribute to the running of this NGO, but this is not nearly sufficient funds to provide the comprehensive service that Scott wants to provide for the island's youth. "We run of a grant of just over £56,000 per year," he explained. "That is not enough for our kids on St Helena, but I also realised that we didn't want to bombard the kids with raffle and sponsor papers because we know the schools are heavily reliant on that method of fundraising. This would also place more strain on parents." Scott told Tony that they needed in the region of £120,000 to cover all the costs of the services they provide. To cover the deficit in funds, Scott and his team have explored and implemented several initiatives to raise additional funds to be able to provide all the services and activities they envision for the kids as well as maintain the facilities and equipment to a high standard.

As one of these initiatives, the club have recently started 'The Kitchen'. This a threefold aim as Scott informed. "One is serving food to the public to generate funds to put back into the club for the benefit of the kids and to upgrade facilities," Scott explained. "The next part is for the kids to actually learn different skills in 'The Kitchen' during the holidays and over weekends." The third goal that Scott envisions for 'The Kitchen' still needs to be realised and this is "to work with the secondary school to utilise 'The Kitchen' to provide experience for kids doing GCSE Food and Nutrition to run a kitchen, where they would have to buy products, price food and deliver food of a good standard to the community; these are the main goals of establishing 'The Kitchen'."

With regards to developing kitchen skills of interested youth members, Scott said that they are looking into undertaking some online courses themselves and then offer these to the youth members as well. This could, in turn, spark an interest in someone to pursue catering and relative careers in the future. "The whole idea is to prepare them for the future," confided Scott. The area where 'The Kitchen' is operated from is part of the premises where the youth club operates from and was installed with the help of local contractors, MJ Limited. The equipment available to provide the food service includes two ovens, two hot plates, a commercial grill and a deep fryer, with food being served at the purpose-built counter.

Another initiative that Scott developed to raise funds for the club as well as provide transport for youth members to the facilities is a bus service. Initially the centre only had one bus, but has since purchased another bus to enable them to provide transport to the youth members on both sides of the island - Longwood as well as St Pauls and Half Tree Hollow. This service is provided to youth members at a small fee to recover some of the costs of operating it. In addition, the buses are utilised to create another stream of revenue for the club by providing transport for tourists and by providing airport transfers.

Other smaller funding streams include afternoon activities that are provided at a small fee to the public like volleyball, basketball and boot camp. The team also offer a car wash service to the public twice a week to generate more




Newly renovated room

funds. Another area where they have been working with the Tourism Office to create revenue for the Youth club is a kayak rental business. The kayaks were supplied by the Tourism Office and is to be operated and stored by the youth club. All funds generated will go towards the club and it is hoped that this initiative will take off in all earnest during the summer and peak tourism season from November to February. An added advantage is that the use of the kayaks will also be available to club members for use in activities at no additional cost.

Although youth members pay a small fee when attending the centre (50p over weekends and £1 during school holidays) it is the goal of the club management to continually look into areas to generate funds for the kids and "to try and keep the cost to them at a bare minimum."

The age group that New Horizons Youth Club caters for has, under Scott's management, been extended from the previous 11-17 years to accommodate kids from the age of 5 up to 17. Scott explained the reasoning behind this change. "We lowered the age group down to five-year-olds in the hope that these youth members will want to be part of New Horizons for a long time," he said. "It is hoped that they will stay here after turning 14, 15 and 16 years old as they will feel valued and that this place is still theirs. Hopefully this will also encourage them to make the right choices in life by providing them with a safe place to enjoy themselves as well as cut down on anti-social behaviour. So hopefully we will be able to keep the five, six and seven year olds until they are 16 or 17, so we can nurture them in the right way."


Bean bag Chill corner

To accommodate the number of kids attending the youth centre, New Horizons have three permanent staff members assisted by a dedicated group of part-time team members. This group brings with them a wealth of different skills and abilities enabling the centre to provide a variety of activities and programs to fit all needs and age groups. During the school holidays, Scott and his team have the difficult and complex task of putting together a program that will appeal to all age groups and keep them occupied, engaged and interested throughout the break. Activities are differentiated to cater to teenagers as well as the younger ones to attract them all to come to New Horizons during the school holidays.



To ensure every youth member feels safe and comfortable, the staff maintains a zero-tolerance policy for bad behaviour. "We are just here to make sure the kids are safe," explained Scott. "Our maintenance program is also aimed at creating a safe environment and to encourage ownership from youth members. If they love it here they will treat it as if it is their own. So that is the goal of all our full-time staff members."

As part of the maintenance and upgrading initiatives by the management team, one of the rooms has recently been renovated. "It all boils down to funding and as I said with regards to 'The Kitchen', we try to generate our own funds to put it back into our facilities for the kids to enjoy," commented Scott. The room that was renovated housed a number of couches before, but these had become quite run down and were difficult to keep clean and tidy. As an alternative, and again with the help of contractors, MJ Limited, benches were installed against the wall with storage containers underneath them. This provided much needed space to store equipment and activity material, ensuring easy access to youth members as well as ample seating space that can easily be kept clean and tidy. A corner with some bean bags was also created to provide members with a comfortable and private space to socialise. The room also houses the 75 inch television



that is available to the members for use as well as a craft table. The room and floor was also painted to complete the renovations to provide an area fit to house various activities in addition to the sports activities facilitated outside on the hard court area.

When asked if they have experienced any big obstacles or challenges, Scott replied that there is "nothing worth mentioning" so far. "When you are dealing with kids, there are always little challenges; they're meant to be overcome," he detailed. "It is sometimes nice to deal with these challenges as it keeps you on your toes, even if it challenges you to sometimes press the reset button and rethink something."

Tony ended off the interview by congratulating Scott and his team for the great work they have done so far and wished them all the best with their future endeavours.


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SAMS Radio 1

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FRI. Oct 24

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

SAT. Oct 25

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

SUN. Oct 26

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Oct 27

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

TUE. Oct 28

- 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. Oct 29

- 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. Oct 30

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

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Do you like some toe tapping, hip swinging country music?

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Make sure tune in on Monday afternoon's at 5:30pm or catch the repeat on Friday evenings at 7:30pm

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Local news and notices:
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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Hard'

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Throwback Thursday



23rd October 1992:

25th Anniversary of Radio St Helena is celebrated (two months early) with a Shortwave Broadcast - Radio St Helena Day.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

It's the season for pumpkins, while Saturday is also known as World Pasta Day; so, why not try this recipe that brings pumpkins and pasta together in one dish!

Creamy Pumpkin Pasta



Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion (finely chopped)
- 2 garlic cloves crushed
- 500g pumpkin or squash, peeled and cut into roughly 3cm cubes
- 50-100ml whole milk
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 2 tbsp cream cheese
- 350g short pasta (rigatoni or penne work well)
- 40g grated parmesan or vegetarian alternative, plus extra to serve

Method

1. Heat the oil in a large, shallow, flame-proof casserole or frying pan over a low-medium heat and fry the onion with a pinch of salt for 10-15 mins until softened and translucent. Add the garlic and fry for 1 min more. Remove from the heat and leave to cool slightly.
2. Meanwhile, cook the pumpkin in a pan of boiling salted water for 10-15 mins until tender when pierced with a cutlery knife. Drain and tip into a blender (or use a hand blender). Blitz with 50ml milk and the onions until completely smooth, gradually adding more milk until the mixture is thick enough to just coat the back of a spoon (you may not need all the milk). Tip into a large frying pan with the tomato purée and Cream Cheese, and bring to a simmer over a low heat.
3. Cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling, salted water following pack instructions. Drain, reserving a cupful of the cooking water. Toss the pasta with the pumpkin sauce, parmesan and 50-100ml of the reserved water to loosen. Season and scatter with extra parmesan.

"Giving Praise in Song" fills St Paul's Cathedral



— **Johnny Clingham,** Contributed —

An evening of heartfelt musical celebration filled St Paul's Cathedral on Friday evening as members of the congregation and community came together for an uplifting event, "Giving Praise in Song."

The Cathedral was nearly packed to full capacity, with parishioners attending from all of the Island's parishes across the diocese as they waited for the much-anticipated concert

Organised and produced by Tony Leo, the event lasted just over an hour and a half but left a lasting impression on everyone present. The programme featured a range of talented performers, including Bishop Dale, The St. Paul's Gospel Group, Mrs Gay Marr, Mrs Joy George, Mrs Cheryl Anthony, Mrs Marilyn Joshua, Mrs Winnie Bagley and Miss Prudence Joshua, St Paul's Choir, and the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade.

The evening opened with Tony Leo's warm welcome, followed by Gay Marr's moving organ performance of "The Heavens Resound." The St Paul's Choir then lifted voices in Psalm 150's "Praise the Lord" unaccompanied, and the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade charmed the audience with "If I Were a Butterfly," accompanied by Bishop Dale on keyboard.

Other highlights included Marilyn Joshua's heartfelt "Shine Jesus Shine," Prudie Joshua and Winnie Bagley's tender duet "Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean," and Cheryl Anthony's stirring "One Day at a Time." The St Paul's Gospel Group, led by Lyn Leo on the keyboard, delivered powerful numbers such as "The Goodness of God" and "Holy Mother," while "Tears in Heaven" was sung by Tony Leo. Noleen Stevens portrayed a lovely rendition of "I Don't know How to Love Him," from Jesus Christ Superstar. Johnny Green sung the closing song, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," and the Choir came in with the Chorus. The St Paul's Choir also performed three popular contemporary gospel songs in harmony; "Praise is Rising," "The Power of Your Love," and "What a Beautiful Name" by Hillsong - their repertoire showcased a variety of musical styles, ranging from rock and roll to ballads.

The evening also featured a congregational favourite "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" before Gay Marr sounded the Cathedral with the rousing, "Hallelujah Chorus."

Final remarks were given by Bishop Dale before closing. "Tonight, we have shown that as a parish we have performed all different varieties of music, which included classical, country, rock and roll, pop as we give praise to God in song," he said.

Behind the scenes, the sound impressed the attendees, with many microphones, two keyboards, a guitar, bass guitar, and a carefully balanced amplification system ensured everything could be heard for a seamless performance.

Performers ranged across vocal sections five sopranos, two altos, one tenor, and one bass singer, including 95-year-old Norman Williams, who started in the choir at just 18 years old; his continued presence as a chorister was warmly received.

A light-hearted moment came midway through the evening when Tony announced that one of the printed programmes bore a small letter "B." The lucky holder, Daniel Leo, received a Bible as a gift.

The Bank of St Helena was thanked for sponsoring the printed programmes, and appreciation was extended to the St Helena Fire and Rescue Service who helped move the Cathedral pews in preparation for the event.

'Giving Praise in Song' was suggested as an idea some time ago with a final decision made on the 26 August that the concert date was set for the evening of 17 October; with just seven weeks to select the songs, learn and practice them with the desire to include all musicians within the parish of St Paul's to be a part of the concert.

Tony Leo had taken responsibility as the producer of the event; kicking into overdrive to effectively plan and organise the concert. He dedicated much of his time putting together the program, contacting the musicians and singers, organising all of the logistics with equipment and the PA system, whilst working around the normal Sunday Services. Tony had spent so much time at the Cathedral; it was thought that he had moved in!

There was no entrance fee for the event, but the audience was asked to make a retiring donation and, altogether, £403.24 was duly raised for the St Paul's Parish. Church Wardens, Joy George and Jeremy Roberts, would like to thank all for their generous donations and support to the work of God's mission in the parish.

As part of the growing the Church Mission, the parish is planning to have more gospel events in the future.

The Bishop of St Helena (Bishop Dale) would like to thank all involved with the concert.

May God bless you all.

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The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section (MFCS) team, in line with the vision of the Marine Management Plan 2023-27, aim to conserve, protect and restore the rich biodiversity and unique natural ecosystems of St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA) with use of its natural resources managed in accordance with its International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Category 6 sustainable use principles now and for future generations. **It's been a busy and fulfilling quarter for MFCS, with key projects and scientific work going well and some highlights along the way:**

MFCS Hosts Marine Training to Support Sustainable Tourism



Recently, MFCS delivered an accredited marine tour operator training session for members of the St Helena National Trust's marine team and the island's tourism marketing team. The session focused on strengthening participants' understanding of the policies, legislation, and best practices that guide sustainable marine tourism on St Helena.

The training highlighted the importance of compliance, awareness, and clear communication in ensuring that visitors experience the island's natural heritage in a way that is both enjoyable and environmentally responsible. By building this knowledge, the teams are now better equipped to promote St Helena's commitment to sustainable marine tourism, ensuring that the island's rich ocean environment remains healthy and well-managed for the future.

iRecord St Helena: Supporting Conservation Through Citizen Science

St Helena has recently transitioned to a new online platform that brings together wildlife records from across the island, making it easier than ever to record, manage, and share biodiversity information in one place. Designed to support research and conservation efforts, iRecord St Helena allows users to submit their wildlife sightings, which are then verified by experts and added to a growing database.

By joining the iRecord community, individuals can contribute valuable data, explore interactive maps and graphs of their records, and play an active role in protecting St Helena's unique biodiversity.

The website is managed by the St Helena Research Institute, and the initiative aligns with the objectives of the BEST 2.0 Plus programme. This EU funded programme promotes biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of ecosystem services in Overseas Countries and Territories, helping to advance climate change adaptation and sustainable development goals.

Marine Fisheries and Conservation Section: Laboratory Facilities



The Marine Fisheries and Conservation section houses a fully equipped laboratory with dedicated wet and dry lab spaces, supporting a wide range of scientific and technical tasks. The wet lab features sinks with retractable taps for easy washing, drying racks, and ample bench space for handling samples and equipment. The dry lab is equipped with a fume cupboard, high quality microscopes, a laboratory oven, and controlled storage for specimens and materials, including both fridge and freezer space. Additional outdoor washing facilities are available separately from the main wet and dry lab areas, helping to maintain cleanliness and efficiency within the lab. Both spaces are well organised and designed to support safe and efficient workflows, providing a professional environment for conducting a diverse range of scientific work. These facilities are also available for use by visiting researchers and scientists.

Understanding Community Engagement in Marine Conservation: Results from Socioeconomic Survey

As part of the long-term monitoring of St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA), a

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recent community questionnaire was carried out to better understand how people use the MPA and what value it brings to the island. This survey supports the St Helena Marine Management Plan 2023-27, which sets out how the island's unique marine environment will be conserved and managed for current and future generations. The responses provide important insights into the social, cultural, and economic importance of the MPA, helping to assess whether the plan is achieving its goals. Encouragingly, the results show an overall increase in public knowledge and awareness of the MPA compared to a similar survey conducted in the past. This is a positive sign that community engagement and outreach are making a difference. A summary of the findings has been compiled in a dedicated report, which will help guide future planning and support continued improvement in marine management.

St Helena Featured in Global Effort to Track and Protect Marine Megafauna



A major international study involving nearly 400 scientists under the MegaMove project has revealed that a third of the ocean's largest animals, such as sharks, sea turtles, and whales, are at risk of extinction. Using over 12,000 movement records collected over 30 years, the study tracked more than 110 species across nearly 72% of the ocean, making it one of the most comprehensive efforts to understand marine megafauna behaviour. St Helena was one of the locations included in this global study, with its surrounding waters playing an important role for several marine megafauna species. Many of the animals highlighted in the research, including whale sharks, humpback whales, and various species of sharks and turtles, are known to frequent the island's waters.
The research shows that these animals rely on about two thirds of the ocean for critical behaviours such as migration, feeding, and breeding. However, more than 75% of these key areas overlap with harmful human activities, including fishing, shipping, pollution, and climate change.
Scientists emphasise that alongside marine protected areas, additional actions such as regulating fishing practices, reducing pollution, and improving international cooperation will be key to giving these ocean giants a better chance of survival. Protecting marine megafauna is not just about conservation targets. It is about making informed, practical decisions that reduce harm and help ocean life thrive for generations to come.
To read more visit: www.science.org/stoken/author-tokens/ST-2660/full

St Helena's MPA: A Natural Laboratory for Scientific Study



Here on St Helena, we are fortunate to be part of a truly special marine environment, recognised for its unique isolation and rich biodiversity. Along with Ascension and St Peter and St Paul Rocks, St Helena sits proudly on the Mid Atlantic Ridge, serving as a natural laboratory where scientists study how marine life moves, lives, and evolves in some of the most remote ocean habitats on Earth.
Because of this unique environment, St Helena, together with Ascension and St Paul's Rocks, was chosen to be part of an international study that highlights the important role our waters play in supporting marine life. Our long period of isolation has helped shape a distinctive marine community around our shores. While Ascension and St Paul's Rocks have their own unique marine life, St Helena supports numerous species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world.
What makes our marine environment even more remarkable is how ocean currents and natural factors influence the variety of species that visit and inhabit our waters. Though Atlantic currents generally flow east to west, many fish species travel from the western Atlantic to our islands, creating vital underwater links across vast distances. Some species may also arrive from the Indian Ocean via southern Africa. Whether species reach us depends on many factors including their size, swimming behaviour, development, and local water conditions such as temperature and habitat.
Studying marine life around St Helena, Ascension, and St Peter St Paul Rocks has helped the scientific community better understand how

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species spread, adapt, and sometimes become unique to specific islands. This knowledge is essential for appreciating our ocean's richness and protecting these precious ecosystems as they face global challenges. Our island's marine environment is something to be proud of, and through ongoing research and conservation, we remain committed to safeguarding it for generations to come.

St Helena to Participate in EU Horizon 2020 Mission Atlantic Symposium on Integrated Ecosystem Assessment



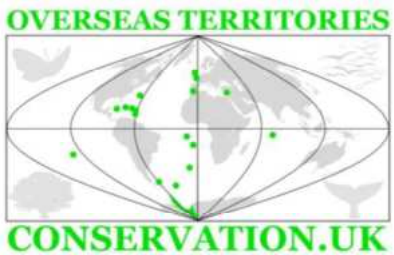
The symposium "Integrated Ecosystem Assessment for a Sustainable Future," part of the EU Horizon 2020 Mission Atlantic project, will take place on 17th and 18th November 2025 in Copenhagen, Denmark and St Helena will be proudly represented at this important event. The gathering brings together scientists, marine stakeholders, resource managers, and policymakers to advance the use of Integrated Ecosystem Assessments (IEAs) across the Atlantic.

The symposium aims to review progress, share lessons learned, and discuss challenges in implementing IEAs. Key topics include integrating fisheries into ecosystem based models and improving engagement with users of these assessments, helping to enhance tools and strategies for sustainable ocean governance.

Mission Atlantic, the broader initiative behind the symposium, focuses on assessing risks to Atlantic ecosystems from climate change, human activities, and natural hazards. IEAs provide a holistic approach to managing marine environments by combining biological, physical, and human data to inform policy and conservation efforts.

With Atlantic ecosystems facing growing threats like warming, pollution, and overfishing, IEAs are crucial for prioritising conservation actions and supporting sustainable resource use. This symposium reinforces international commitments to ocean health while highlighting St Helena's significant contribution to these global efforts.

St Helena contributes to International Conservation Forum for UK Overseas Territories 2025



St Helena will be proudly taking part in the upcoming UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum (UKOTCF) conference, which will be held online from 13th to 16th October 2025. This international event brings together participants from across the UK's Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to share experiences, ideas, and practical solutions for protecting our unique natural environments. The conference is organised by the UKOTCF, a UK based non-profit organisation that supports conservation in all UK Overseas Territories, including St Helena. With many of these places home to rare and irreplaceable biodiversity, the forum provides an important opportunity for communities, conservationists, government staff, and organisations to come together and work towards shared environmental goals.

Key topics at the forum will include how to build capacity in small and remote territories, how to secure long term funding for conservation, and how to make better use of technology and data to monitor and protect wildlife. Sessions will also explore how local conservation efforts contribute to wider international targets.

Unlike a traditional conference, this event is designed to be practical and forward looking. Rather than a series of stand-alone presentations, it will focus on generating useful recommendations and actions that can directly support conservation work in the territories. It will also be accompanied by a new publication reviewing nearly 40 years of conservation across the territories, featuring contributions from experts and practitioners, including those from St Helena.

This is an important opportunity for the island to be part of a wider network of conservation work and to ensure that St Helena's voice is included in discussions shaping the future of environmental protection across the UK's Overseas Territories.

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Introducing the St Helena Built Heritage Grant Scheme

St Helena Heritage Society

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

St Helena Government

What is the St Helena Built Heritage Grant Scheme?

The scheme is funded by the Tourism Development Programme, the aim is to provide financial assistance towards the conservation of buildings in the Jamestown Conservation area. Grant awards give particular attention to buildings of historic and architectural merit and applications where urgent and important conservation work is judged to be necessary, emphasis is placed on increasing the visual appeal of buildings.

Who is eligible and how much can you apply for?

Applications for funding are welcome from owners of heritage property in the Jamestown Conservation Area; this usually means, but is not limited to, listed buildings as catalogued in the Crallan Report.

The funding pot is limited at £50,000, so the grants are capped at £5,000 per application and must be match funded.

How to apply?

For an application form, list of criteria and information required for an application, contact **museum@helanta.co.sh** or call us on **22845**.

If you are unsure of your eligibility or whether your project will meet our criteria for funding then you can still contact us for a consultation.

Applications will close on the 1st of November.

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Appointment of Member of the Land Development Appeal Tribunal

The Land Development Appeal Tribunal invites expression of interests from individuals who wish to be considered for appointment as a member of the tribunal. Public Officers, members of the Legislative Council or members of the Land Development Control Authority are not eligible for appointment.

The Tribunal hears appeals against decisions made by the Land Development Control Authority and plays a vital role in the island's planning process. It currently comprises the Chief Magistrate and three appointed members. His Excellency the Governor now intends to appoint a fourth member to the tribunal.

This is an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the development of St Helena by ensuring transparency and fairness in planning decisions of the Land Development Control Authority may appeal to the Tribunal, making it's work essential to upholding public confidence in the planning system.

An attendance allowance of £35 per meeting is payable, along with a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for use of personal vehicles when attending Tribunal meetings.

Further information can be obtained by Chief Magistrate, Yvonne Williams at the Judicial Services Office by tel: 22340 or via email through: Yvonne.Williams@judicialservices.sh

For the relevant form to register, please contact Information & Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, by telephone on 22470 or via email through linda.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or it can be found on the SHG Website: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/EOI-Form-Land-Development-Appeal-Tribunal-1.doc

Completed forms should be returned to the Information & Research Support Officer by Monday, 17 November 2025.

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

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.

Pensions & Payroll Manager

(£16,248 per annum)

Plus Market Enhancement of £2,000 per annum (pro-rata)

Do you possess strong interpersonal skills and have experience in working in an accounting or finance related role? If so, Treasury has an opportunity to join their Central Finance team as the Pensions & Payroll Manager. Duties include responsibility for administering all pensions-related work and overseeing the efficient day to day operations of the Payroll section. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Nicholas Yon on Tel No. 22470 or Email: nicholas.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 November 2025
Shortlisting date: 12 November 2025
Interview date: 25 November 2025

Land Registry Officer

(£13,569 per annum)

Do you possess strong interpersonal skills and have experience in working in a customer focused environment and the ability to understand complex legal documents? If so, the Economic Development Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their team. You will be responsible for the management of Land Registry functions which include: preparation of Land Registry documents in respect of Private Transfers, Statutory Declarations and Easements. Main duties and responsibilities also include preparation of Residential and Commercial Leases, Licences and Transfer documents for Crown Land.

Enquiries Mike Durnford on Tel No. 22270 or Email: mike.durnford@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 10 November 2025
Shortlisting date: 13 November 2025
Interview date: 25 November 2025

Postal Officer

(£10,088 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual with good teamwork and interpersonal skills? If so, the Post & Customer Services Centre has an opportunity for you to join their team. Duties of the post include responsibility for the receipt and delivery of all international mail to and from vessels and aircraft and assisting with the sorting and issuing of local and international mail; including preparation of relevant documentation correctly, deliver mail posted for recorded delivery, responsible for providing statistical data, maintain the condition of post boxes and vehicles. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries Naomi Young on Tel No. 22008 or Email: naomi.young@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 November 2025
Shortlisting date: 12 November 2025
Interview date: 26 November 2025

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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Fuel Infrastructure Project (FIP) Maintenance Worker

(£11,341 per annum) (Fixed Term Contract until October 2026)

The Fuel Infrastructure Project within the Programme Management Office is seeking a Maintenance Worker. In this role, the Maintenance Worker will be required to work to the FIP's fuel facilities preservation and maintenance programme and keep accurate records of all preservation maintenance work. You will also be required to take responsibility for site maintenance, particularly relating to the SHAP fuel systems in Rupert's and at the Airport. From time to time this may involve work in other parts of the Airport Development Area.
Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Darrell Clingham on Tel No 22289 or Email darrell.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 31 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 05 November 2025
Interview date: 13 November 2025

1:1 Teaching Assistant (St Helena Secondary School)

(£10,714 - £10,966 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Carolyn Yon on Tel No 24290 or Email carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 31 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 05 November 2025
Interview date: 13 November 2025

Trainee Dental Technician

(£11,604 - £12,267 per annum)

The Dental team is seeking a Trainee Dental Technician to join their team who will work closely with the Senior Dental Technician and Dentist. This role involves working on prescriptions or directly with patients to provide or repair dental prosthetics and devices, thereby improving patients' oral health, appearance, speech, and overall wellbeing. The trainee will acquire practical skills necessary to perform key duties and responsibilities while engaging in a structured modular and self-directed learning platform. Upon successfully completing all modular and end-of-training assessments, the trainee will progress to a Grade C5. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Buckley-Thomas on Tel No 25387 or Email charmaine.buckley-thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 13 November 2025
Interview date: 20 November 2025

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ENCOMPASS

VACANCY NOTICE

General Maintenance Assistant – Facilities Maintenance

Job Description

Encompass has a vacancy for a General Maintenance Assistant – Facilities Maintenance at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the team that is primarily responsible for the Building Maintenance aspect of Accommodation, Technical Buildings and other Facilities under the BBC Atlantic Relay Station's portfolio. Specifically painting and refurbishment, fencing installations and carrying out minor repairs to fittings including windows and doors.

Requirements

- Competent in painting, decorating and corrosion control and able to work with concrete and plastering
- Experience in carpentry, joinery, basic plumbing tasks and general building maintenance
- Adequate understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices, particularly in the Facilities Maintenance areas, including Risk Assessments and Method Statements
- Adequate knowledge of working with hazardous substances used as part of function
- Trained in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery within the facilities maintenance area
- Ability to work at height
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Manual handling training and other statutory safety training specific to role
- Possession of current driving licence up to B2 category.
- Use of Email, Internet, Microsoft Word and Excel at Basic Level

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Building industry apprenticeship or equivalent craft certificate.
- Willing to work unsociable hours if required.
- IOSH Working Safely or Level 2 Health and Safety Qualification

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two year contract with single status and the salary, dependant on experience, starts at £11,474.00 (taxable on Ascension). You will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A single food allowance of £4,350.00 per annum
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period
- Utilities (Water and Electricity) Allowance

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory criminal and professional vetting, valid travel documents as well as satisfactory medical clearance.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administrative Assistant, Jodi Joshua at JJoshua@encompass.tv

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 31st October 2025**

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

SAFETY, SECURITY AND HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Volunteers Needed for Major Incident Exercise at St Helena Airport

St Helena Airport and Emergency Planning are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to participate in a major incident exercise to simulate an aircraft emergency.

The outdoor exercise will take place on Wednesday, 12 November 2025, from 08:00 to 13:30 at the St Helena Airport.

Volunteers are needed for the following roles:

- Role playing of injured passengers
- Distraught family members and other bystanders

Please be aware that this event may be emotionally and psychologically demanding for volunteers.

Lunch will be provided and transport on request.

Volunteers interested in this unique opportunity can contact Marc Fowler by telephone on 25180, or via email at marc.fowler@sthelenaairport.aero by **31 October 2025**. Alternatively, contact Anel O'Bey on 25052 or email anel.obey@helanta.co.sh

Advice relating to entry of the St Helena Airport and clothing requirements will be discussed when volunteers make contact.

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20 October 2025

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

SAFETY SECURITY & HOME AFFAIRS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Road Closures – Ladder Hill and Napoleon Street

The Roads Section will be carrying out slurry works using a micro paver on the top of Ladder Hill Road to the junction near the Police Club from 07:00 to 16:00 on Sunday, 26 October 2025.

During this time, access to and from the Colonnade, and the road near the RE Yard will be closed to vehicular traffic via Ladder Hill Road. Pedestrians must follow the directions of the banksmen. These works will also affect emergency services and public transport, and usual diversions will apply.

Napoleon Street Closure

Further works will take place on Napoleon Street from Monday, 3 November to Wednesday, 5 November, between 09:00 to 15:00. Side Path Road and the junction at the Guide Hall on the Brow will also be closed during this period. Signage will be in place, and the diversion route will be via Constitution Road.

The public are thanked for their cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

SHG, 21 October 2025

PRESS RELEASE

ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Councillor Champions Announced

Date: 21 October 2025

The Legislative Council is pleased to announce the appointment of a new group of **Councillor Champions**, each dedicated to advancing key areas of community life and public interest on St Helena.

New Areas of Focus:
This year's appointments introduce **five new Champion roles:**

- **Charities Champion**
- **Disabilities Champion**
- **Communications Champion**
- **Diaspora Champion**
- **Sports & Culture Champion** (an expansion of the former Culture Champion role)

Each Champions will work with stakeholders, organisations, and the wider community to **raise awareness**, **influence policy**, and **promote positive change** within their areas of focus.

New **Terms of Reference (TOR)** will be developed by the respective Champions and made public, when finalised.

Appointed Champions are:

Business & Innovations Champion –
Cllr. Dr. Corinda Essex +290 22038
corinda.essex@parliament.sh

Charities Champion & Disabilities Champion
Cllr. Ronald Coleman +290 24250
ronald.coleman@parliament.sh

Children's Champion & Communications Champion –
Cllr. Julie Thomas Mobile +290 61920
julie.thomas@parliament.sh

Diaspora Champion –
Cllr. Clint Beard Mobile + 290 64837
clint.beard@parliament.sh

Elderly Persons Champion –
Cllr. Derek Thomas +290 23647 or Mobile + 290 66907
derek.thomas@parliament.sh

Sports & Culture Champion –
Cllr. Dennis Leo Mobile +290 67109
dennis.leo@parliament.sh

Communications Champion, Cllr Julie Thomas said:

"Council Champions play an essential role in strengthening the connection between the Legislative Council and the people of our island. It is anticipated that each Champion will bring passion, insight, and commitment to their chosen area of focus. Through our advocacy and engagement, we aim to ensure that community voices are heard and that positive practical outcomes can be achieved. I encourage all members of the public to reach out, to share your views, and support your Champions as we begin this important work."

For more information, please contact the relevant Champion using the details provided, or reach out to the Legislative Council Office for further assistance.

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MOONSHINES

Ronald and Diana Williams; proprietors of Moonshines would like to thank all of those who kindly donated prizes for the raffle towards the Cancer Support & Awareness Charity, those who sold tickets and to those who supported us on the night. Below is the results from the raffle:

Prize	Description	Ticket number	Winner
1	Pair of locally made coffee tables	530	Jayden Scipio, Blackfield
2	Food hamper	209	Ivan Gough, Sea View
3	Vegetable Hamper	247	Brenda Stevens, Alarm Hill
4	Iced Fruit Cake	866	Linda Williams, Blackfield
5	Bathroom Hamper	539	Janette Francis, Longwood Road
6	Bottle Chamdor	935	Jordi Henry, Levelwood
7	Lemon Bundt Cake	177	Audrey Piek-Williams, Alarm Hill
8	Cleaning Hamper	84	Gavin 'Jack' Thomas, Nr High Knoll
9	Double Duvet Set	393	Jason Benjamin, Alarm Forest
10	Men's Gift Set	633	Diana Roberts, Sapper Way
11	Table Mat Set & Picture Frame	858	Alex Williams, New Ground
12	Food Processor	464	Shane Williams, Two Gun Saddle
13	Pumpkin	683	Irie Ellick, Deadwood
14	Bottle Amarula	526	Jolene Benjamin, Longwood Road
15	Cutlery Set	729	Rayvon Peters, Deadwood
16	Mug, magnet and Key Ring Set	472	Lucas Benjamin, Ruperts Valley
17	Bottle White Wine	929	Nico Ellick, Half Tree Hollow
18	Bottle Vodka	977	Travis Samuel-Yon, Trapp Cott
19	Dessert Glasses and Magnetic Notebook	995	Ivan Gough, Sea View
20	Bottle Chamdor	835	Harley Ray Hercules, Pledges
21	Bottle Rose Wine	757	Linda Thomas, Hutt's Gate
22	Frozen Food Hamper	691	Callum Scott, Jamestown
Raffle Tickets sold			£1,000.00
Donations from Meals sold (£2 per meal)			£144.00
Donations and tips from the Bar			£80.00
Total transferred to Cancer Support & Awareness Charity			**£1224.00**

St Helena Government

Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness on St Helena

Suicide is a tragedy that affects families, friends, and entire communities. Around 18 people in the UK take their own lives every day, and studies show that 1 in 4 people will think about suicide at some point in their lives.

On St Helena, we know that life can feel overwhelming at times. Problems such as relationship breakdowns, financial stress, unemployment, isolation, chronic illness, or alcohol/drug misuse can all increase risk. But suicidal thoughts are often temporary. Most people do not want to die, they want their pain or situation to end. With the right support, recovery is possible.

Signs someone may be struggling:

- Withdrawal from friends, family, or usual activities
- Talking about hopelessness or feeling trapped
- Sudden changes in sleep, eating, or mood
- Using alcohol or drugs to cope
- Expressing feelings of being a burden
- Engaging in risky behaviour

Support on St Helena:

- Mental Health Services - Contact the Mental Health team at Jamestown Hospital on 22500 or 22593 for confidential support.
- Social Care Team - Available 24/7 to provide guidance and link people with the right services.
- Faith and Church Groups - Local leaders can offer spiritual and emotional support.
- Private Therapy - Local private therapists can be contacted directly.
- Samaritans (UK) - Available anytime, free, confidential: Call 22000 or email jo@samaritans.org.

How you can help:

- **Start a conversation:** Ask how they are, listen without judgment.
- **Offer support:** Encourage them to talk to someone they trust, seek professional help, or connect with community and faith leaders.
- **Stay connected:** Check in again, even after the first conversation. Small gestures of care can save lives.

Suicide is not inevitable. Talking about it openly, offering compassion, and showing that help is available can save lives. Whatever you are going through, you are not alone.

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JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE SHCC ST HELENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Are you passionate about sharing knowledge and inspiring others?

Do you want to make a difference in our community while growing your own skills?

We're looking for expressions of interests for Tutors who would like to join our team at the St Helena Community College

WHY TEACH WITH US:

- Flexible opportunities across Funtional Skills, GCSE, IT, Vocational Training & more within Adult Learning.
- Help shape the future of learning on St Helena
- Inspire Adult Learning
- Be part of a friendly, supportive learning community

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST, YOU CAN CONTACT US ON THE DETAILS BELOW:

+290 22607 www.sainthelena.edu.sh/community-college

Carley.Peters@sainthelena.gov.sh
Angela.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Vacancy

Packaging Assistant/Relief Driver

Since 1790

Salary for the post will be £5,819 per annum (£112 per week) – 21 hours per week (Mon, Wed, Fri)

Job Outline:
To carry out the general day to day duties related to the packaging of bakery products, as well as delivery of bakery products as and when required, whilst providing an excellent standard of customer service and ensuring an effective cleaning program of the equipment and facilities.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge Food & Hygiene, HACCP and Health & Safety Awareness
- Have basic numeracy and literacy understanding
- Be in possession of a clean and valid Class D drivers licence
- Be able to carry out manual handling and repetitive tasks; have good time management, organisational and observational skills
- Be competent with operating production equipment as required
- Be able to undertake cash handling duties during deliveries
- Be able to perform cleaning duties in accordance with operational requirements
- Be willing to assist with production processes as and when required
- Be energetic and able to communicate and work well within a team

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

Miss Daryl Legg, General Manager (Production) via 22380 gm-productions@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 Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **30 October 2025.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

NOTICE BOARD

VACANCY - MARINE PROJECT MANAGER (COASTAL)

Full-time, £13,395 per annum

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a conservation enthusiast/professional to join the St Helena National Trust as Marine Project Manager (Coastal).

The postholder will lead the Darwin Plus project *Integrated Coastal Monitoring and Habitat Management Programme*, a three-year initiative aimed at establishing long-term coastal monitoring and strengthening habitat management across St Helena's coastline. This position is directly tied to the project's delivery.

Working in partnership with the RSPB, St Helena Government, and other key stakeholders, the successful candidate will coordinate and manage project activities through to 2028. Applicants should be well organised, highly motivated, and experienced in project delivery, ideally at a management level. Strong communication skills and the ability to build positive relationships within the community and with partner organisations are essential.

The St Helena National Trust is an independent NGO committed to protecting the island's natural, cultural, and built heritage. We value teamwork, innovation, and a shared passion for conservation.

To apply, request an official application form by emailing amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh, or collecting it from the Trust Office, Broadway House, Jamestown. A full job description is also available. For more information, contact neil.thorp@trust.org.sh

Please note that closing date for this post has now been extended until Midnight on 30 October 2025

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES

PRESS RELEASE Call for Nominations for UK State (2026 Birthday Honours) and St Helena National Awards

Nominations are now being invited for the following awards:

- 2026 Birthday Honours

To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit: www.gov.uk/honours.

- Certificate and Badge of Honour
- Acts of Bravery Award
- Badge of St Helena
- Freedom of the City of Jamestown.

Information on the above awards can be found on the SHG website at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/2025/press-releases/call-for-nominations-for-uk-state-2026-birthday-honours-and-st-helena-national-awards/. Alternatively are available, together with nomination forms from Central Support Service at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee', by Friday, 31 October 2025.

SHG, 1 October 2025

NOTICE BOARD

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 26th October 2025– 30th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist/Harvest Festival	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Harvest Festival	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Harvest Festival	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	**Praise and Worship**	**Cathedral**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 26th October 2025 – 30th Sunday of the Year		
10.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade/Harvest Festival/Back to Church	St James
	Thursday 30th October	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 26th October 2025 – 30th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 28th October	
7.p.m.	**Praise and Worship**	**St Mark**

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

ENVIRONMENT NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

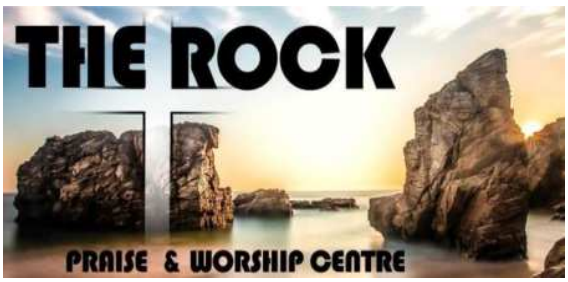
Renewal of ENRP Agriculture Assets

The Environmental Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio wishes to advise Tenants that licences for their agriculture assets for the period 2025-2026 will be available for signing from Monday 6 October to Friday 31 October 2025 from 09:00 – 15:30.

No licenses will be sent out, therefore all tenants must visit the ENRP Office at Scotland to sign their licence.

For further information, please contact the Farmers Support staff on telephone 24724 or email martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh or frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh

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06 October 2024



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 25th October 2025 at 8:30am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 26th October 2025
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 28th October 2025
Cape Villa at 5.00pm, (Contact Priscilla:51919)
Wednesday 29th October 2025
Combined Cell
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm
(Contact: Tav 51727 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.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Combined Service:
(Induction of Pastor Nathan Oakes)
Sunday, 26th October,
Jamestown Chapel, 2.00 pm

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

Bible Studies

Tuesday, 28th October
Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm

Thursday, 30th October
Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

MAIL NOTICE

The Post and Customer Services Centre (P&CSC) would like to advise all customers of the opportunity to send surface mail to **Ascension, UK and the Falklands** when the MV Karoline arrives from Cape Town on **20th November 2025**. The closing date for acceptance of mail will be on Wednesday, 5th November at 3 pm, and collections from sub Post Offices will commence at 10 am on the same day. Customers will observe that the mail closing time is two weeks in advance of the MV Karoline arrival. The reason for the early closure is to ensure that the P&CSC meets requirements for submission of documentation with freight service providers.

This will be the last opportunity to send surface mail before Christmas.

Please post early to avoid long queues at the counter.

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

We often find, from time-to-time, that there's an unexpected issue(s) that arises and affects your planned events; apologies are extended to our youth group cancellation again this week, we will however set a date when convenient for you all and have a surprise shooting event with prizes to be won.

The late evening event got started with a good vibe sharing our greetings and friendliness with thirteen of us. One thing that could not go without mentioning was 'All You Need is Love' - congratulations to Tom and Danae – for when he popped the question and she said 'Yes' to their engagement; what a special moment at one of the historic sites on St Helena. Congratulations again to Tom and Danae and thanks to The Sentinel for sharing.

Some very interesting shooting scores were recorded this week. Tinika was more relaxed as she settled in with 92.2 & 94.5; well done to this young lady. Cherilee stepped back this week with 89.1, speedy Rachael shot 88, 91.2 & 90.2, Danae did well with 95.4 then dropped to 86.1, Tom gave himself a 85 & 88.1, Jude shot consistently 87.2 & 87.1, Ellie shot 91.2 & 96.5, good seeing Elli back this week, she shot 98.7, we also welcomed back Nina from holiday, she did good with 93.3 & 92.2, however Kyle still hungry for his 100 shot 99.7, 96.6 & 99.5; good shooting!

Thanks everyone for attending and supporting our club. Next week we are planning to have a different prize-winning event, it's a blind competition, shooters get to decide what score card they will discard or use, this will be an exciting night, hoping to see you all there for this confusing but exciting night. Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

SPORTS ARENA

Incredible Rounders Action



WSA, Contributed

In an exhilarating rounders match this weekend, Battitude delivered an emphatic victory over Thunderbats, clinching the game with a score of 25-6.

Battitudes's ace batters, Bethany and Georgia, shone brightly with a twintastic batting effort; contributing the majority of their team's rounders. Their remarkable skills at the plate were instrumental in driving the team to a crushing win and showcasing their development since last week's defeat. Despite the loss, the Thunderbats displayed unwavering spirit and determination. Kerrylyn Leo, a standout performer for her side, was awarded the Lady of the Match (LOM) title. Her impressive team communication proved vital, as she rallied her teammates to keep the game competitive.

Battitude's resurgence this weekend serves as a testament to their hard work and dedication on the field, while Thunderbats' resilience hints at their potential for future matches.

In a thrilling encounter, the Fireballs took to the field against Fusion, both teams seeking their first win of the season. The match showcased high-energy performances, particularly from the Fireballs, who demonstrated an unwavering hunger as they batted first. The Fireballs launched their offense with remarkable intensity, capitalising on every opportunity and displaying a strong desire for victory. Meanwhile, the Fusion team fought valiantly in the field, delivering some impressive catches that kept the game competitive. Ultimately, the Fireballs emerged triumphant, sealing their first win of the season with a final score of 17.5-8.5 rounders. A standout performance was delivered by Captain Shalana Clingham, whose leadership on the field was instrumental in her team's success. She earned the Lady of the Match (LOM) title for her exceptional contributions in both batting and fielding, guiding her team to victory.

In the final game of the day, the Ballbusters took on the Incredibles in an exciting rounders clash. Both teams demonstrated impressive skills in the field, making it challenging to score runs in the early innings. The match came down to the second innings, with the Incredibles batting last. Under pressure to beat the Ballbusters' run total, the Incredibles stepped up with a strong batting performance, finishing with a final score of 15-8 rounders. Despite the defeat, the Ballbusters impressed with their fielding, securing some great catches. Rhiann Joshua was awarded the Young Lady of the Match (YLOM) for her exceptional bowling and fielding performance. Overall, it was a thrilling game that showcased talent and determination from both sides, leaving spectators eager for more action ahead.



Golf Report

2025 Annual Solomon's Challenge Cup Report



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The Annual Solomon's Challenge Cup 2025 was played on 18/19 October at the St Helena Golf Club. A total of 19 players took part in this prestigious 36-hole strokeplay event. The skies held up and didn't release any cold showers on the golfers, allowing for a smooth and competitive weekend.

After Day 1, five players finished in the 60s, led by Peter Bagley with a net score of 64, followed by Larry Legg (66), Fred Thomas (68), Keith Joshua and Reuben Oliphant (69).

The two-ball pool for Saturday was shared by Arthur Francis (birdie on the 5th), Neil Joshua and Fred Thomas (both birdied the 7th), and Peter Bagley (birdie on the 16th).

The final round was played on Sunday. Topping the leaderboard to win first prize was Peter Bagley with a total score of 130, followed by Larry Legg in second place with 136. Jeffrey Stevens and Arthur Francis tied for third place and headed out to the 18th tee box for a play-off, which was won by Jeffrey Stevens.

Special prizes were awarded as follows: Longest Drive (Gents) – Captain Bramwell Bushuru; Longest Drive (Ladies) and Nearest to Pin (Ladies) – Laura Buckley; Nearest to Pin (Gents) – Larry Legg.

There were four twos recorded on Sunday; an eagle 2 on the 9th by Bramwell Bushuru, Arthur Francis birdied the 16th, and Peter Bagley birdied both the 11th and 16th to win 10 balls.

Prizes were presented by Solomons COO Mr Paul Gasteen, who thanked the members for participating in the event. The club is grateful to Solomons for their continued support and we look forward to a continuation of this partnership.

The next competition will be the Monthly Medal Strokeplay competition, scheduled for Sunday 26 October. See below the competitions calendar for the rest of the year.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 18 October 2025

Wirebirds 19 — **Inter Galactic 0**
K Shoesmith (6) S Thomas (4)
K Minto (2) E Harris (2)
J Cairns-Wicks, A Osborne,
B Harris, E Constantine, OG
MoM: Not Listed

Sunday 19 October 2025

Fugees 3 — **La Verde 2**
L Williams (2) A Buckley — T Anthony, R Stevens
MoM: Alistair Buckley
YPoM: Jay-Te Thomas

Bellboys 4 — **Rovers 0**
J Thomas (3) R Benjamin
MoM: Scott Henry

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday 26 October 2025

11.30am	**Rovers**	**vs**	**Fugees**
1.30pm	**Bellboys**	**vs**	**Wirebirds**
3.30pm	**La Verde**	**vs**	**Inter Galactic**

**Fixtures subject to weather conditions*

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 25 October 2025 - 3rd Playoffs (RR)

1pm	**New Horizons FC**	**vs**	**Dabbling Devils**
1pm	**Vikings**	**vs**	**Golden Gladiators**
1.15pm	**NH Stars**	**vs**	**New Horizons FC**
1.15pm	**Flix**	**vs**	**Golden Gladiators**
1.30pm	**NH Stars**	**vs**	**Dabbling Devils**
1.30pm	**Flix**	**vs**	**Vikings**

Knockout Finals

1.45pm	**Young Gunners**	**vs**	**Rumblers**
1.45pm	**Monarchs**	**vs**	**Black Mambas**

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Monday 20 October 2025

7pm	**Leeds**	**vs**	**West Ham**

Saturday 18 October 2025

2pm	**Chelsea**	**vs**	**Sunderland**
2pm	**Newcastle**	**vs**	**Fulham**
4.30pm	**Man Utd**	**vs**	**Brighton**
7pm	**Brentford**	**vs**	**Liverpool**

Sunday 19 October 2025

2pm	**B'mouth**	**vs**	**Nott'm Forest**
2pm	**Arsenal**	**vs**	**Crystal Palace**
2pm	**Aston Villa**	**vs**	**Man City**
2pm	**Wolves**	**vs**	**Burnley**
4.30pm	**Everton**	**vs**	**Spurs**



SPORTS ARENA



Fu-La-La-Laaaa

Fugees beat La Verde in entertaining match as SHFA League continues

Liam Yon, SAMS

The SHFA League 2025 continued over the weekend with Bellboys remaining undefeated after a third meeting with Rovers after Fugees pick up an incredible win versus La Verde in the weekend's most entertaining matchup and Wirebirds' dominate against Inter Galactic.

It was the 'Birds who were first in action in Saturday's only matchup, running out as 19-0 winners in a destructive performance against the Inter Galactics. Kyle Shoesmith, Wirebirds top scorer this season, was back among the goals with a double hat-trick while Sean-Lee Thomas found the back of the net on four occasions. Korben Minto and Ethan Harris both bagged a brace, with other goals coming from Brandon Harris, James Cairns-Wicks, Evan Constantine, Alex Osborne and an own goal. Unfortunately, the match official failed to list a Man of the Match for this game.

Onto Sunday, when Fugees and La Verde played out the most entertaining match of the weekend and one of the standout games of the season. The action was fast-paced and end-to-end from the get-go, providing plenty of entertainment for the fans in attendance. Young star, Tyler Anthony, put La Verde a goal to the good after 26 minutes before Lars Williams levelled the score at the end of the first half. Lars carried this momentum into the second half, scoring early after the restart to put Fugees 2-1 up. La Verde then fought their way back into the match with another young star in Ryan Stevens striking from distance to even the score line. Fugees would however get the last laugh when veteran and Man of the Match, Alistair Buckley, would score the deciding goal in the 75th minute, with Fugees holding out for a 3-2 win. Their young right-back, Jay-Te Thomas, was named as the Young Player of the Match.

Finally, in the last and most anticipated match of the weekend, Bellboys proved their status as title favourites after beating reigning champs, Rovers, with a resounding four nil victory – making it three out of three against Rovers this season. Rovers were hit early after star player, Tyler Benjamin, was given his marching orders after a handball, allowing Bellboys to take full control of the proceedings. Bellboys' Joey Thomas continued his fine goalscoring form with another hat-trick, while Ryan Benjamin was also on target for the league leaders. Despite not getting on the scoresheet, a solid performance from Bellboys midfield maestro, Scott Henry, saw him awarded Man of the Match honours.

