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SENTINEL COMMENT

Liam Yon, SAMS

How are we in mid-November already? It was just Halloween two seconds ago! Time is sure flying and I'm wondering if that squirrel from Ice Age has something to do with this – his pursuit of that acorn has sped up the rotation of the Earth and there are now less hours in the day. That's my theory and I'm sticking by it!

Talking of pursuit, the Azamara Pursuit was in last Friday. The sun was out and the town was alive with people and buzz – it just made me feel excited about the festive season which is just around the corner now – some will say it already is, with Tony having already played the first Christmas song on SAMS during his Wednesday Northward Sounds show. Very soon Mariah Carey will be well and truly thawed.

Did you hear my interview with Ministers last week? That was just part one, part two is on this morning at 9am where my questions are focused on the upcoming JMC, the BIOT Migrant Agreement and the request that is yet to be actioned, the upcoming FAM/budget process, while we will also talk about the Ministry's renewed focus on Openness and Transparency. It was good to have the Ministerial Team sitting in the studio and chatting about what's been going on so far and some of their priorities, many of which have come as a result of views shared during the recent round of Constituency Meetings. Let's hope they continue to be open to talking to the public through the Island's number one station – SAMS Radio 1!

Whilst we're on this, I can tell you that your Councillors will also be bringing an informative and exciting show to SAMS Radio 1 very soon – watch this space, it's going to be good.

Anyways, enjoy your copy of The Sentinel today – there's a lot to read about as always.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

At the heart of every thriving society is a commitment to Education. In the recent Legislative Council session, I had the opportunity to share progress on several key initiatives that are shaping the future of education, training, and employment on St Helena.

In response to a question from Hon. Dr Corinda Essex, I reaffirmed our shared goal of establishing the long-awaited Student Scholarship Trust. With input from the Attorney General's Chambers now under review, we are laying the legal and structural foundations to make this vision a reality. I have been working with Dr Essex to collaborate further, recognising her longstanding advocacy and expertise in expanding student support. This initiative is about unlocking potential and ensuring that our young people are given the opportunity to succeed.

Hon. Robert Midwinter raised an important question about vocational students receiving below minimum wage for their 35-hour weekly placements. This arrangement is recognised as part of a structured training programme, and as such, does not constitute employment in the conventional sense. However, I acknowledged this issue and highlighted existing support mechanisms, such as the Youth Top-Up scheme through Income Related Benefits. More significantly, I announced a comprehensive review of all post-16 education, including vocational training and tertiary pathways. This review will help us understand the system that connects education to employment, ensuring every young person can see a future for themselves on this island.

In response to a question from Hon. Julie Thomas, I confirmed that Phase I of the Primary School Reorganisation is progressing on schedule.

The works have already begun at St Pauls Primary over the school holidays. Planning permissions and approvals are being finalised, and expressions of interest for contractors have been advertised.

As Harford Primary, building works are due to get underway, the preparations for relocating KS1 and KS2 students are being handled with care and creativity. Our youngest students, in particular, are at a formative stage of life, they are naturally more vulnerable and need to feel not only physically safe but emotionally secure.

For our students, staff and parents, we are prioritising wellbeing and continuity through:

- Relationship Building Week and Induction Days to ease transitions.
- Wellbeing strategies involving psychologists, therapists, and a new SENDCO.
- Legacy projects to honour school histories.
- Open communication with families and staff to build trust and reduce uncertainty.

This project is a renewal of our promise to every child on this island, a promise of opportunity, support, and a future worth striving for.

I want to say a big thank you to all the Staff in the portfolio, the parents for bearing with us during this change and of course to all our students whose resilience, adaptability, and enthusiasm have truly inspired us throughout this period of change.

Kind Regards

Hon. Andrew Turner,
Minister for Education, Skills & Employment

Supreme Court in Session



Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Monday of last week, selected members of the public gathered at the Court House in Jamestown for jury questioning. Following these procedures, a jury was duly selected on Tuesday.

Overseeing the November hearings of the St Helena Supreme Court is His Honour Judge Cooke, Acting Judge of the St Helena Supreme Court.

During these sessions, two criminal cases will be heard; 'The Crown' versus Alan Lawrence, and 'The Crown' versus Faron Gene Thomas.

According to the notice posted outside of the Court House, the Supreme Court hearings are likely to conclude tomorrow, Friday, 14 November.

A Matter of Urgency

Council question Chief Minister on what consideration is being given to raising the income tax threshold, with urgency requested



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

During the recent Formal Meeting of the Legislative Council, Councillor Ronald Coleman raised the issue of the current income tax threshold.

Can the Honourable Chief Minister advise this Council and the People of this island if this Government is giving consideration to raising the income tax threshold within the next financial year?

Chief Minister, Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, remarked that "yes" is the short answer to this question, adding that, "this government is considering the case of raising the income tax threshold in the financial year 2026-27." She did however seek to mention that "there are advantages and disadvantages to raising it."

"A higher threshold would give people more money to spend as it will increase their take-home pay," she said to the House, "however, a higher threshold would reduce tax revenue" which would in turn mean fewer funds for Government to spend on service provision such as health, roads and education. A number of factors are being considered, among others, the number of taxpayers that would cease to pay tax as well as likely wages to be received in the next financial year.

Issues related to the tax threshold will be discussed by the Tax and Revenue Working Group as part of the budgetary process. The Chief Minister also noted that the terms of reference for the Tax and Revenue Working Group are currently under review and feedback in this regard will be provided to the House. Councillor Coleman thanked the Chief Minister for her answer and expressed the hope that the public was reassured that the government are looking at raising the tax threshold.

In a follow-up question, Councillor Julie Thomas reminded the House that "there had been talk of a review of the tax regime and tax compliance" and asked for an update on the arrival of a tax consultant that could deal with these issues as it was assumed such a "person would be needed if we are going to do a review." Chief Minister replied that the current consultant is looking into the tax administration and is not involved with the review of the Tax and Revenue Working Group as such.

Councillor Robert Midwinter then rose to put the question whether "as an alternative to raising the income tax threshold, which will also benefit those who do not really need the increased allowance, in order to encourage population growth and to support low-income households, will consideration be given by the Chief Minister to either reinstating child tax credits or, alternatively, putting in place some other form of child benefit-related scheme?" The Chief Minister confirmed that these alternatives were already being considered and these considerations will be taken forward by the Tax and Revenue Working Group.

The fact that the current tax threshold has been in effect for more than ten years and based on the supposition that "it was done on a basis that it would be reviewed every three years with a view of increasing the threshold due to population growth" was brought to the attention of the Council by Councillor Derek Thomas. He continued to state that as mentioned by the Chief Minister, raising the threshold would result in a loss of revenue for the government as the expected growth in population had not materialised, but instead the opposite was true as the island is faced with the continued decline in the working age population. The question posed to the Chief Minister by Cllr Thomas was whether she would "discuss this issue at the Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) meeting" because it was through the British Government's involvement that this threshold was initially set with the understanding that there would be "uplifts in the following years through economic development and growth, which hasn't materialised. " Cllr Thomas questioned whether the Chief Minister will request additional funding during the JMC discussions to enable the government to raise this threshold to a "sensible level".

The Chief Minister reiterated the importance of bringing the challenges the island faces to the forefront during the JMC, with a focus on the rising cost of living experienced here. "The conversation needs to happen with putting forward the facts in terms of our situation, in terms of the island's population and the island's demography as well as the challenges we face," she stated. "The individual argument over tax thresholds is part of a much wider issue associated with costs of living and the challenges the island is facing." She continued to assure the Council that these points will be brought to the attention during the JMC, supported with "as much evidence as possible to support" the island's case. In a follow-up remark, Chief Minister also said to Councillor Essex that the lack of expected economic growth will form part of the evidence and discussions.

The final point discussed as part of this question was raised by Councillor Clint Beard, supported by Councillor Julie Thomas, where they reiterated the importance of completing the Tax and Revenue Working Group review as soon as possible to enable this group to commence with regular meetings to address this urgent matter as quickly as possible. The Chief Minister assured the Council that this would be addressed as soon as possible and that a member of the Legislative Council will form part of the Working Group as was the case in the past. She also supported the concerns raised by these two Councillors to schedule regular meetings of the Working Group and agreed that it is necessary to address this as well as looking into the issue of the tax threshold as a matter of urgency.

"Contribute to the future"

Minister invites assistance from Councillors "to finally get this important piece of work over the line" as discussions are held on the progress in establishing a Student Scholarship Trust to support students with university studies



Former cohort of University Students from St Helena, some of whom have since returned to take up employment on-island

Liam Yon, SAMS

During the questions section of the last Formal Meeting of Legislative Council, attention turned to the establishment of a Student Scholarship Trust to provide financial support for students on St Helena to continue their studies at University, with Councillor Dr Corinda Essex posing the question to the Minister of Education, Andrew Turner.

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this House what remains to be done in order to get a student scholarship trust established and operational?

In response, Minister Turner first noted how "the establishment of a student scholarship trust is something that the Member and I are both extremely passionate about" before adding that he had "received a copy of the work done thus far from the Attorney General's Chambers with some comments."

According to the Minister, the AG's Chambers advised that "some work is needed still" and the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio are "now actively reviewing the documentation in order to define those next steps." Minister Turner then proposed that a meeting, in relation to this work, be held between himself and Cllr Essex due to "her vast experience in this area," adding that he would hope they could work together "to finally get this important piece of work over the line."

Cllr Essex followed up her initial question by asking Minister Turner to "elaborate on the key areas within the draft that require further extension or consideration." Prior to answering, the Minister sought advice from the Attorney General before revealing that the information requested "would technically still be covered under privileged legal advice" and that he "wouldn't be able to share."

He then reiterated his desire to "meet with the Member to go over the documentation as it stands and see how we can work together to get this thing over the line as soon as possible."

Cllr Essex, disappointed in the Minister's response to her follow-up question, then rose to clarify that she was "not seeking details of legal advice" and was simply asking "for the broad parameters of what aspects are deemed in need of further development and consideration."

Again, Minister Turner advised that while Cllr Essex had one opinion, he also had another opinion coming from the Attorney General, which put him "in a very difficult position" and he could only suggest that during the proposed meeting of the two Elected Members "we'll be able to go through the principles of the documentation so far in detail."

Cllr Essex rose again to state how she found it "disappointing that broad principles cannot be discussed and made more public" within the Formal Meeting, however expressed that she would be "very eager to meet" with the Minister "to move this issue forward."

Councillor Clint Beard then joined

the conversation questioning how long this piece of work to establish a scholarship trust has been going on for. In his response, Minister Turner admitted that he did not have an exact date, but was "aware that this has been in the pipeline since before even the last council's tenure and may well have been initiated during the Honourable Member's previous term."

Cllr Beard then switched his enquiry from time expended on this work to the amount of funds that have been spent thus far. The Minister however asserted that this was a question he could not answer. "I don't have any information as to the amount of funds that have been spent thus far," he explained, "but I do take the Honourable Member's point that this has taken far too long and I'm very keen to see that this will be, hopefully, the last council that has to deal with this issue."

Cllr Beard then continued with his line of questioning, where he asked if SHG would be "supporting the trust financially in some form" once established.

The Minister in his response talked about "the advantage of a scholarship trust as opposed to just a government-funded scheme," noting that it gives "an opportunity for more than just government to be a part of the really important work of ensuring that our young people have the best opportunities in life." He then added that "in terms of government's role and responsibility, that will obviously have to be defined in the work that's still to be done."

Cllr Beard then pushed again on whether SHG would be contributing financially to the trust alongside other parties. The Minister reiterated that "the advantage is that all parties can contribute" and again stated that "the role that government has to play in terms of those contributions will need to be defined in the work that's to be done."

Cllr Beard then asked if an SHG contribution to the trust could be included as an item to be looked at during the budgetary process. The Minister replied that "obviously, if there is going to be any funds attached, that will need to go through the budgetary process," before noting that discussions were "starting to stray a little bit from the work that needs to be done to get the Trust established in the first place, which is, of course, what will define how we move forward with all of these questions."

Moving on, Cllr Beard then spoke about "transparency and accountability" being "high on the agenda" and asked that the Minister "ensure that more transparency is given to this item of business and that the community knows what is happening." Minister Turner's response was "of course, the whole point of this work is that it's going to be something that is not just a government entity, but a community-led role."

He then elaborated, stating that "we are hoping that in the longer term of this, the private sector, the public at large, all will be able to contribute to this fund and contribute to the future of our young people. So, of course, we're going to want to bring the public along with us on the journey."

Councillor Julie Thomas then rose "to support the conversation that's gone around the table" where she reverted back to the question around Government's potential contribution to the fund, using the most recent level of financial support as a marker. "Will this government be putting forward at least the £10,000 that we've been putting towards scholarships for the past few years?" she questioned, "because that used to come out of payments on behalf of the Crown."

She continued by quizzing "whether that is being considered to remain in the budget, or are we looking at different avenues?"

Minister Turner recognised Cllr Thomas' contribution to the discussions as a "well made" point of information, however again admitted that "in prepping for this question" his focus was around progress in "the establishment of the Trust" and not on what support SHG would be giving following its establishment. "I don't have that level of information to hand because the original question wasn't necessarily relating to what is happening in terms of the current support for students looking to study overseas, and we are not really at that stage of the budgetary discussions yet, as I understand it," he responded.

During the discussions, Councillor Robert Midwinter sought to include himself and any others in any potential meeting that the Minister arranges on this piece of work. "Having shared my honourable colleague Dr Essex's interest in this scholarship trust, and having been on the Scholarship Awards Committee for many, many years, I have shared that interest," he revealed. "Would the Honourable Minister welcome others to have that discussion? Perhaps the Children's Champion (Cllr Julie Thomas) who was previously in the role of Minister for Education."

To avoid any misinterpretation of the meeting request by the Minister, Cllr Essx then clarified that "the reason why I was identified by the Minister as the key point of contact on this document is because I was the member of the former Education Committee, designated to lead in discussions with officials within the Directorate in the formulation of the documentation which has now been scrutinised by the Attorney General's Chambers. It was not with any intention to exclude anyone else."

Nevertheless, Minister Turner stood for one last time during these particular discussions, welcoming any and all support from Members. "I can safely say I'll happily tap into any advice and guidance that is to be offered from the Members opposite," he smiled.



A Focus on Capital Spending and Projects

Chief Minister lists ongoing and planned Capital Projects through the FCDO-funded Economic Development Investment Programme for 2025/26, as questions posed by Councillors around breakdown of costs and the limited funds that will be left through the programme for the next two years



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

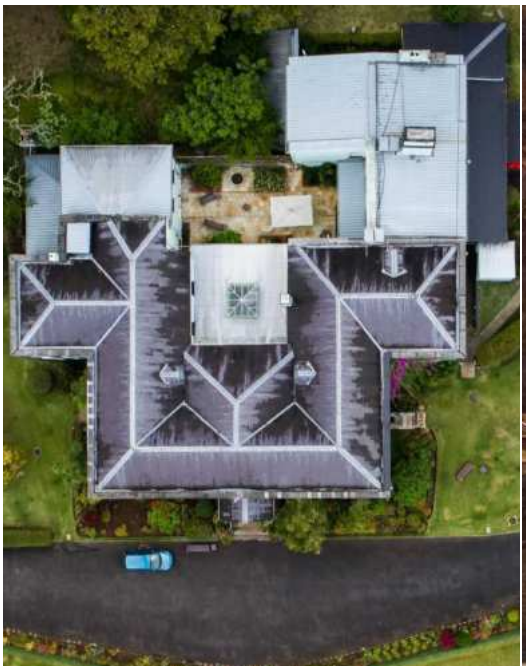
During the last Formal Meeting of the Legislative Council, Councillor Clint Beard asked the Chief Minister to provide a breakdown of the allocated £13.5 million for Capital Projects during the 2025/26 financial year.

Can the Honourable Chief Minister please provide a detailed breakdown of the £13.5 million capital spend that has been allocated for Financial Year 2025/26 including the specific projects and their cost, and what happens to the funds if not spent by 30 March 2026?

Chief Minister, Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, stated that the current Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) has a budget ceiling of £30 million with the spending deadline set for 31 March 2028. She continued to clarify that the Deputy Director of the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) confirmed on 1 May 2025 that the office will provide an amount of up to £13.5 million of capital spend for the 2025/26 financial year as part of this EDIP funding. "The capital allocation for this year reflects not only the EDIP projects, but also includes the airport fuel facility, essential equipment and the fuel infrastructure program," she explained, as she elaborated that "all project forecasts are calculated on a three-point estimate; best case, most likely and worst case." She then revealed that the projected spend for this financial year, based on the latest forecast, "is between £8 million and £14 million." Expenditure of £1.8 million to date is included in this forecast, but the Chief Minister noted that "most of these indicative budgets are dependent on the successful outcome of procurement." A table of 19 projects with their individual expenditure breakdowns form part of this indicative expenditure for 25/26, which the Chief Minister offered to share with members of the Council, but could not share at the meeting as she noted. "Given that procurements are still to be launched for a number of these projects, it would not be appropriate to disclose these budgets at this time as by doing so will jeopardise the procurement process."

The Chief Minister did however give an update of which projects form part of the project table. Backlogged maintenance projects include refurbishment and enhancement of social care buildings at Deason's, Cape villa and Piccolo Hill, as well as Government Landlord housing; Old Boys School, St John's Flats, Parish Block, Harris' Flats and Botanical Gardens. Upgrades to St Helena Secondary School will entail the addition of toilet facilities, an inclusion suite and a VC room. Plumbing upgrades and exploratory roofing work to stop the leaking issue will also be undertaken at Plantation House.

Other projects include the fixing of leaks and redecoration of the Jamestown Swimming Pool, replacement of the Sawmill roof and the procurement of building maintenance safety equipment, the installation of new lights on Jacob's Ladder, enhancement work at High Knoll Fort and improvement of the Half Tree Hollow and Longwood Green play areas. Micro-projects will be undertaken to secure St Helena Secondary School (SHSS) by erecting perimeter fencing and relocating the reception area, while an additional SEND space will also be set up. With regard to tourism facilities, a deck and bird hides will be constructed at Millennium Forest. The repair of New Bridge (carried over from 2024/25) will be also be completed as part of the projects. The repair works on the tanks at Rupert's bulk fuel installation, as part of the fuel program, includes







the consultancy and main contractor works related to the commissioning of the BFI system constructed under the airport project as well as the commissioning of the airside airport fuel facility.

The Chief Minister concluded that, "the current £30 million overall programme ceiling will be unaffected by any underspend of EDIP funds during the 2025-26 financial year."

To a follow-up question by Cllr Beard, the Chief Minister confirmed that the project list was still compiled by the previous Ministerial Team, while the backlog projects was selected under the direction from the project board's Steering Committee comprised of members from EDIP as well as Ministers. "The project board is the operational side of delivering the steer from the steering group, so it is informed by the Ministers," she elaborated.

Cllr Clint Beard then followed through with another question enquiring whether "these capital spends has maintenance costs" included, to which the Chief Minister replied that "whole life costing is part of the business case development" that Portfolios and the Steering Committee have to sign off on and that "maintenance costs are part of whole life project costing in the development of business cases. The funding also includes backlog maintenance, which also includes an element of maintenance."

The Chief Minister addressed another related question by Councillor Derek Thomas concerning the completion time-frame for the projects and whether these will be implemented before the deadline of 31 March 2026. "I can confirm, firstly, that some of the projects are for more than one year, so there's a continuing cost element to those. Projects in the backlog maintenance programme are for one year and other projects are being advanced so that they can be completed or rolled over by 31 March," relayed the Chief Minister as she ended off by assuring the Council that projects due at the end of March are on target for completion.

Councillor Julie Thomas posed a question related to how much EDIP funding would be left over from the initial £30 million after the current forecasted spend. "So the answer is about £1 million," Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks replied as she continued, "conversations are already being held with the FCDO to increase and give an uplift and extend the EDIP programme given that some of the projects being delivered within the project are new to the EDIP programme that weren't originally within it." Cllr Julie Thomas ended off by expressing her concern at this small amount that would be available for the next two-year period to address the multiple important projects essential to improving the island's infrastructure moving forward. "Just having £1 million would put us behind quite a lot if it doesn't get extended or indeed uplifted," she remarked with concern.

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Upgrade of Hot and Cold Water Plumbing – Plantation House

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

CS-1964-SHG – Proposed Upgrade of Hot and Cold Water Plumbing – Plantation House

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2025, at 10:00, meeting at Plantation House.

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

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, on telephone no: 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh .

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Tuesday, 02 December 2025, clearly marked **"Tender CS-1964-SHG"**.

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

SHG
12 November 2025

"An improved understanding of recent fishing data"

Catch limits for Grouper increased and temporary ban on Deepwater Bullseye lifted



Liam Yon, SAMS

In positive news to fishermen on the Island, the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio (ENRP) have announced the making of "key management decisions regarding the fishing of Grouper, Deepwater Bullseye, and Moray Eel for the remainder of the 2025 fishing year," effective from Friday 31 October. This, according to St Helena Government (SHG), came about following an Advisory Board meeting held on 24 October with the Minister for Economic Development and ENRP, Karl Thrower, present virtually.

One of these decisions relate to a "precautionary increase" in grouper catch limits. SHG explained how "the updated management measures for Grouper reflect positive results from continued data collection and targeted monitoring," with work having been undertaken by the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section in collaboration with the UK's Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS).

When giving background, they explained how "a significant decline in abundance of Grouper required a reduction in the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) from 25 tonnes (equating to 20 tonnes commercial and 5 tonnes recreational) to 1.65 metric tonnes in 2024" adding that "this 1.65 tonnes was distributed equally between recreational fishers, with each licensee being able to catch 30 fish." However, this is now set to increase for the remainder of 2025.

"Further data collection over the past two years supports a precautionary increase of the TAC from 1.65 tonnes to 2.0 metric tonnes," announced Government last week. "ENRP has implemented a new, licence-neutral allocation system. Under this system, all previous Grouper landings are void, and each fishing vessel licence holder will receive an equal share of the remaining TAC, equivalent to 22 Grouper per licence."

Under the new conditions, "licence holders have the flexibility to land these fish under either their commercial or recreational licence," state SHG. In addition, "transfers of Grouper allocations between licence holders will be permitted, subject to mutual consent and pending approval from the Chief Fisheries Officer."

It was, however, made clear that "this adjustment applies only for the remainder of 2025." Looking ahead, SHG anticipates that "a comprehensive review of Grouper management options" will be held in December ahead of potential revisions being implemented in 2026.

In addition to these changes for Grouper fishing, a decision has also made to remove the temporary ban in place for the commercial fishing of Deepwater Bullseye which was announced back in July this year.

Again, effective from 31 October, SHG's Chief Fisheries Officer has revoked the Fisheries Control Notice for Deepwater Bullseye, thus "allowing commercial fishing for the species to immediately resume." They add that, "whilst no formal Total Allowable Catches will apply for Deepwater Bullseye or Moray Eel (Conger) for the remainder of 2025, ENRP strongly encourage all fishers to maintain sustainable fishing practices."

According to Government, "this interim approach reflects an improved understanding of recent fishing data and actual landings." Looking forward, they advise that "revised, evidence-based TACs for both species are expected to be introduced in 2026, following updated scientific advice from CEFAS."

With these decisions made, SHG informed that "all fishing vessel licence holders have received formal documentation concerning these changes," which includes a variation to their fishing licences along with a Grouper transfer form for allocation exchanges, if necessary.

"ENRP expresses its appreciation to the fishing associations and individual licence holders for their continued co-operation, patience, and engagement throughout this review process," they concluded. "The constructive dialogue and feedback received has been invaluable in ensuring that these management measures support both environmental sustainability and the livelihoods and interests of local fishers."







We Will Remember Them

Traditional Divine Service held on Remembrance Sunday



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Sunday, 9 November, the traditional Remembrance Sunday service was held at the Cenotaph in Jamestown, where the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena Dale Bowers conducted a divine service to honour those who have lost their lives or have been injured during active duty.

His Excellency Governor Nigel Phillips arrived shortly after the procession marched down and took up their position at the Cenotaph. A two-minute silence was observed with the signalling of the Last Post.

The laying of wreaths were conducted from His Excellency The Governor, representatives from the French Republic, the Army, the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, the Merchant Navy, the Royal St Helena Police Service and the St Helena Fire & Sea Rescue Service along with Island schools who also made their contribution to the wreath laying via members of their respective student councils.

Dive St Helena also laid biodegradable wreaths at the wreck of the RFA Darkdale in James Bay, which has also become an annual tradition on the Island on Remembrance Sunday each year.

Back at the Cenotaph, prayers were given and a number of hymns were sung during the service. The Act of Commitment was made and acts of peace were then offered. The service concluded with the National Anthem and Blessing, followed by the traditional March-Past outside of the Court House.

As usual, Remembrance Sunday on St Helena was well attended by members of the community.













Shoot for the Starlink

Falkland Islands Government grant license for Starlink use on Falklands and agrees to compensate SURE, who have an exclusive telecommunications license, for any proven loss of revenue from their broadband services



Liam Yon, SAMS

After years of advocacy from the Falklands local community for better internet connectivity, the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) have recently issued a VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) Broadband Connectivity Licence to SpaceX to provide Starlink satellite internet to residents and businesses on the Falklands.

According to 'ISP review' – a website which offers independent reviews and daily news on broadband services in the UK and beyond – "locals (of the Falklands) have long been campaigning for the FIG to work with SpaceX in order to approve the use of its Starlink based broadband service."

Before doing so however, FIG needed to find a way around the exclusive telecommunications license held by Sure SA Ltd on the Falklands; the same arrangement that Sure enjoys here on St Helena. Attention also needed to be given to the annual VSAT fees, described as "hefty" at £5,400, imposed on anyone seeking to officially take Starlink's service on the Islands.

ISP Review then reports that, "the first real positive development came in June 2025, after the FIG bowed to pressure from residents and revised the VSAT policy and fee level." The new revised VSAT fee is significantly reduced at £180 per year; seen as more affordable for customers on the Falklands. With this having been looked at, the next step was for the Communications Regulator to negotiate a solution to Sure's exclusive telecommunications licence.

According to an FIG Press Statement issued on 30 October, they revealed how, through negotiations with Sure, they "reached an agreement to allow Sure to continue to discharge its universal service obligations under its exclusive telecommunications licence, alongside the more permissive VSAT licensing scheme approved by Executive Council in June."

However, the agreement comes at a potential and likely cost to the Government.

"The agreement involves FIG paying money to Sure to compensate for the loss of broadband revenues it can demonstrate it was making before the introduction of widespread Starlink usage," revealed FIG. "The basis for these payments is that Sure's exclusive licence, combined with the previous more restrictive and expensive VSAT licensing regime, meant that whilst previously there was limited threat to Sure's business from VSAT usage, this position has now fundamentally changed as a result of the new VSAT regime."

This commercial agreement also avoids the FIG having to fight Sure's judicial review proceedings, with the Executive Council said to be "alive to the fact that Sure had brought judicial review proceedings against the Government," when they approved the new scheme. They reveal how, "although FIG is confident in the lawfulness of its actions on VSAT licensing, a commercial settlement is considered preferable to a potentially long and resource-intensive legal route" and, therefore, "this agreement means that the judicial review will not proceed."

Having agreed to pay compensation to Sure for proven loss of revenue, FIG saw it relevant to reveal the potential sums associated with this agreement, with a figure of over £6million mooted.

"Although the detailed workings of the scheme are commercially confi-



dential, Executive Council determined it was right to inform the public of the potential sums involved, as this is taxpayer money," they informed. "Over the remainder of the exclusive licence period, Sure will be eligible to claim up to £6.167m. However, the actual amount claimed will be dependent on Sure evidencing losses against a pre-Starlink baseline."

The FIG added that, "as such, the more people retain or take up Sure broadband packages, the less will be claimed."

In further related news, alongside this new agreement, it was revealed that Sure will be launching two unlimited residential broadband packages on the Falklands. These new packages will be priced at a monthly rate of £50 (for up 5mbps download speeds) and £115 (for up to 15mbps). These, it was reported, "will be available from 1 December 2025 and will replace all existing broadband packages for new customers."

It was added that "existing customers on packages sized 'medium' and above will be able to retain their existing arrangements if they wish," however the "existing 'extra small' and 'small' broadband packages will be phased out by 31 January 2026, with customers on these packages being given a two-month transitional period from 1 December 2025 to move to a Sure unlimited package or to VSAT services with a licence."

FIG did however recognise that customers currently on the 'extra small' or 'small' Sure package "may not be in a position to afford the new unlimited broadband rates," and therefore announced "a broadband support scheme," approved by the Executive Council, which will "allow a small number of households to receive the lower-level unlimited Sure broadband package at a subsidised rate of £20 a month." FIG anticipates dealing with all initial applications for this scheme before the launch of Sure's new packages.

With the costings associated with Sure's broadband services, now and going forward, known to customers, "the big question" as termed by ISP Review, "is what sort of packages and prices will Starlink come out with now that they've finally been granted a VSAT licence and can officially serve residents at an affordable level." It was said that SpaceX was expected to reveal that information "very soon."



Through the Lens

Building St. Helena's Future: The Triple Challenge of Skills, People, and Connectivity - Written By *Ed Oyewo*

The path to a self-sustaining skills sector on St. Helena isn't just about training more people. It's about fundamentally transforming how we develop our human capital, connect to the world, and learn from the successes and failures of our fellow British Overseas Territories. With a workforce of just 2,539 people as of 2016, and many Saints continuing to seek employment in Ascension, the Falklands, and the UK, our island faces a challenge that's both urgent and familiar to small island territories across the globe. The question isn't whether we need to act, but how quickly we can move from planning to real transformation.

The Human Capital Challenge: The numbers tell a sobering story. According to government statistics, 60% of our economy depends on the public sector, with Public Administration being our largest industrial sector. While this provides stability, it also means our private sector remains limited and heavily dependent on imports that totalled £30.7 million in 2024/25. Our situation mirrors challenges faced by other British Overseas Territories, but the comparisons also show what's possible. Take the Cayman Islands, where a 2022 Labour Market Assessment revealed that 46% of future job growth is predicted to be in IT-related fields, yet only 8% of qualified Caymanians showed genuine interest in pursuing these careers. This mismatch between opportunity and interest is something we're beginning to see here too, particularly as our fibre optic connection opens new possibilities in digital services. The Falkland Islands, with a population similar to ours, has tackled workforce development head-on with a comprehensive strategy that recognises a fundamental truth: *you can't build a skilled workforce without first making your territory an attractive place to stay.* Their approach focuses on housing, connectivity, and career development as an integrated package, not separate initiatives.



In October 2023, St. Helena finally connected to the Equiano submarine fibre optic cable, a £21.5 million project funded by the European Union. This should have been transformational. But here's where we must learn from painful lessons. The collapse of the Maestro Fibre Optic Project in mid-2024 means that despite having a multi-terabyte undersea cable landed on our shores, we still don't have the terrestrial fibre-to-the-home network to connect businesses and residents properly. It's like having a motorway that stops at the edge of town.

When Montserrat, with a population of just 4,399 (mid-year 2024 estimates) and facing similar challenges to ours, needed to strengthen its nursing workforce, it didn't try to build everything from scratch. Instead, it partnered with Keele University and NHS trusts for a comprehensive three-phase training programme covering everything from online learning to evidence-based practice. This model of strategic partnerships is something St. Helena must embrace more aggressively.

The Path Forward: First, we must urgently resolve the terrestrial fibre network situation. Second, we need a comprehensive digital literacy programme. Not just computer skills, but AI literacy, data analysis, cybersecurity basics, and project management. Third, we must create formal partnerships with institutions in other BOTs and the UK for skills development. Fourth, we need honest conversations about immigration policy and wage levels. Finally, we need accountability. A formal Skills Assessment Council, learning from the Falklands model, would ensure that our limited resources go toward training that actually meets economic needs, not just available courses.

The Stakes: St. Helena has historically depended on UK financial aid, as do Montserrat and Pitcairn among the BOTs. Our Sustainable Economic Development Plan rightly focuses on reducing this dependency by growing exports and substituting imports. But this won't happen through wishful thinking. The good news is that we're not alone in facing these challenges, and we don't have to invent solutions from scratch. The Cayman Islands, Bermuda, the Falklands, and Montserrat have all wrestled with workforce development, connectivity, and economic diversification. Some have succeeded, some have struggled, but all offer lessons we can learn from.

Till Next Time, Keep Well!

"Plan ahead with confidence"



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Airlink, St Helena's only commercial air service provider since 2017, together with St Helena Government (SHG), have released a further 18-month commercial flight schedule to March 2027.

For over eight years, Airlink have provided weekly flights between Johannesburg and St Helena and a monthly flight to Ascension Island. During the peak season, from December to March, services are extended with a weekly flight to Cape Town and extra flights to Ascension Island.

Chief Commercial Officer of Airlink, Katherine Whelan, commented following the release of the forward flight schedule. "We are proud to continue connecting St Helena to the world through our Johannesburg and seasonal Cape Town services," she expressed. "The release of this extended schedule gives travellers the confidence to plan well in advance and supports the island's ongoing tourism and economic development."

Katherine then described St Helena as "a remarkable destination" adding that "Airlink is delighted to play a role in opening it up to more visitors."

Minister of Economic Development, Karl Thrower, also spoke on the release of the forward flight schedule. "This 18-month schedule demonstrates our continued collaboration with Airlink, and our shared commitment to making St Helena more accessible for everyone," he said. "This predictability is vital, especially for our community. We hope this extended view will be helpful for the local population, diaspora and visitors in their forward planning."

It was also noted that, "flights can only be booked up to 360 days in advance, in line with Airlink's booking system" with SHG stating that "travellers and tourism operators can therefore plan ahead with confidence, knowing flight timings and service frequencies beyond the current booking window."

The new full flight schedule from November 2026 to March 2027 can be found on the SHG website.



4Z131	20-Feb-27	JNB-HLE	4Z132	20-Feb-27	HLE-JNB
4Z338	23-Feb-27	CPT-HLE	4Z339	23-Feb-27	HLE-CPT
4Z131	27-Feb-27	JNB-HLE	4Z132	27-Feb-27	HLE-JNB
4Z338	02-Mar-27	CPT-HLE	4Z339	02-Mar-27	HLE-CPT
4Z131	06-Mar-27	JNB-HLE	4Z132	06-Mar-27	HLE-JNB
4Z338	09-Mar-27	CPT-HLE	4Z339	09-Mar-27	HLE-CPT
4Z131	13-Mar-27	JNB-HLE	4Z3135	13-Mar-27	HLE-ASI
4Z3136	14-Mar-27	ASI-HLE	4Z132	14-Mar-27	HLE-JNB
4Z131	20-Mar-27	JNB-HLE	4Z132	20-Mar-27	HLE-JNB
4Z131	27-Mar-27	JNB-HLE	4Z132	27-Mar-27	HLE-JNB

The Bowl Maker

Bowls and unique original pieces carved from local and exotic woods at BROADway



Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

Situated in the heart of Half Tree Hollow, not too far from the Community Centre along Lantana Drive, is BROADway, The Woodshop; a workshop specialising in making, displaying and selling good quality attractive bowls in various sizes, all crafted from exotic and locally grown woods, which all started 20 years ago.

The business has satisfied customers with off the shelf or specially made items from across the Island for some time; therefore, it is amazing that many residents from the district have never even heard of the services provided.

The proprietor, Dion Phillips, is happy to be called "The Bowl Maker". He told The Sentinel how he worked for five years on the Falkland Islands and returned to St Helena in 2014 intent on setting up his own business. Dion believes that having your own business should be an ultimate goal in life. He also contends that having a skill is better than being highly educated. His skills are self-taught; a fine carving of a reindeer head with antlers is testament to how far his skills have come.

As Dion is passionate about carving original pieces on the lathe, turning out wooden bowls for sale was an obvious choice to start, but the carpentry business has grown over the years to include repairing furniture and making any wood products on-demand. Quotes can be provided on request.

Equipment and general tools for the workshop, including a lathe, bench saw, thicknesser planer and bandsaw, were all acquired over a two-year period.

Concerning the manufacture of bowls, Dion explained the processes the local wood goes through before it can be used after being received in log form from the Forestry Section of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division at Scotland, St Pauls.

Firstly, the wood has to rest for two months. Next, it is cut into measured pieces. The pieces are then cut into circular shapes to become bowl blanks, which have to rest for two further weeks before they can be ready for carving on the lathe. Exotic woods for turning into bowls, vases etc. are imported.

Dion would like to explore potential for exporting some of his woodwork and is having branding irons made for embossing "Made on St Helena Island."

The craftwork produced at BROADway Workshop is displayed in the shop adjacent. Dion feels the site is not conducive to realising best possible sales and, in the New Year, he aims to seek alternative accommodation, probably in Jamestown, for selling his wares.













SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

102.7 (Jamestown) • 90.5 (High Knoll) • 105.1 (Sunberry) • 105.3 (Blue Hill)

Streaming live via www.sams.sh/radio.html

FRI. Nov 14

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

SAT. Nov 15

- 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. Nov 16

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Donna
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Salvation Army Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Nov 17

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

TUE. Nov 18

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

WED. Nov 19

- 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 Anita

THU. Nov 20

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

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Featured this Week





Join Luke and Liam on the Feel Good Thursday show where they will be bringing you all the feel-good tunes to help get you in the mood. We'll be bringing you little updates on the English Premier league and local sports, a little look into the latest in the charts, and, of course, some good old yarn and banter! So, tune in to SAMS Radio One on Thursdays for the Feel Good Thursday show!

Local news and notices:
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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Medium'

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Throwback Thursday



2002 - Eminem releases the single 'Lose Yourself' from the soundtrack of "8 Mile", the first rap song to win the Academy Award for Best Original Song

November is also known as Gluten-Free Awareness Month. There are people on-Island who live with Coeliac Disease, are gluten intolerant, or just choose to eat a gluten-free diet. So, this week, we're sharing a tasty gluten-free recipe; a traditional Jewish staple made from grated potatoes, onion, eggs, and oil!

Kugel



Ingredients

- 6 tbsp sunflower oil
- 2 medium onions
- 900g starchy potatoes
- 1 egg (lightly beaten)
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- small handful of parsley (finely chopped)

Method

1. Lightly oil a roughly 20cm square or circular oven dish or tin. Halve the onions through the stem and root, then peel them. Trim the tops, then grate coarsely using the large holes of a box grater or the grater insert of a food processor.

2. Heat 2 tbsp of the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat and fry the grated onions until lightly golden and soft. Transfer to a large bowl along with the fat you cooked them in, if there's any left in the pan.

3. Grate the potatoes using the box grater, then tip onto a clean tea towel. Squeeze out as much water as you can into a large bowl or jug. If any of the white starch has sunk to the bottom of the bowl or jug liquid, drain off the water, reserving the starch.

4. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Put the potatoes and starch in the bowl with the cooked onions along with 3 tbsp oil, the egg, 2 tsp salt and the garlic powder. Season well with black pepper. Stir well to combine, then spoon into the dish. Press down lightly to compact the mixture, then brush the surface with the remaining oil.

5. Bake for 45-60 mins until the top is golden brown and crisp, and the centre soft when pierced with a knife. Serve hot with the parsley scattered over the top.

Dew Pond Run 2025



Over eighty participants for Ascension's annual Dew Pond Run

— **Catherine Jones,** Contributed —

Once the go-ahead was given, the Dew Pond Run 2025 took place on Sunday, 26 October, on Ascension Island - though took on a slightly altered route at the top of the mountain due to the path to the Dew Pond currently being closed.

However, this did not deter participants, as an eager group gathered at the Turtle Ponds to register. The weather could be considered fairly kind for the challenge ahead, although it was definitely cold and wet on the mountain. Sixty walkers set off at 7:30am, accompanied by Poppy the dog, who was participating in her second Dew Pond challenge. Twenty-one runners followed at 8.15am. Congratulations to everyone who took part, with a special shoutout to Matthew Kimber, our youngest contestant this year, and also the guy with his dinosaur costume!

Due to the dismal weather, everyone gathered at Garden Cottage after the race to enjoy a sandwich and a soft drink. Unfortunately, because participants were feeling cold and damp, many quickly rushed off to warm up with showers, and there was no presentation of certificates or medals, nor any photos taken. As you'll notice from the numbers, the turnout was far greater than anticipated; therefore, a second batch of medals and certificates have been ordered and is expected to arrive soon.

The organisers extend thanks to everyone involved including the Scouts for managing the water stations; Herby for checking on participants en route; Dion for providing transport back down the mountain; David Beard from the Marine Team for the kegs; the Community Centre for supplying the tables; Two Boats Club for ice; our timekeepers Matt, Aaron, and Brittani; Sam and the RAF for checking in and offering assistance; Helen from Air Tanker for helping with purchases; and special appreciation to Ben for delivering tables and water (despite having a lie-in) and for helping with sandwich preparation alongside TG.

Additionally, gratitude is expressed to Air Tanker for their sponsorship with the funds having gone toward the logos for the t-shirts, but also for giveaways at the event. The USAF, who will be kindly providing the t-shirts, are also thanked.

Final thanks were extended to the Ascension Island Government and the Conservation Department for making it possible to hold the event, and the team of conservation officers who came out on the day to make sure everything went smoothly on the mountain.

The support of everyone is truly appreciated and that includes the participants doing the real hard bit – hopefully we'll see you again next year!







Aint Over till it's Over

Gavin George and Dax Richards to represent St Helena in Rest of the World XI's at International Masters Cricket World Cup



Luke Bennett, SAMS

St Helenian cricketers, Dax Richards and Gavin George, have been invited to take part in an 'Over 40s' and 'Over 70s' International Masters Cricket World Cup tournament in Christchurch, New Zealand, and Karachi, Pakistan, respectively, with both representing the Rest of the World teams.

The 'Over 40s' T20 World Cup, featuring St Helena's very own, Dax, will be held in Pakistan. After a few online calls with his teammates overseas, Dax will leave this weekend to meet up with the Rest of the World team in Karachi, where he will have a short training session before beginning the tournament. Gavin, on the other hand, will leave in February next year and join the 'Over 70s' Rest of the World team in Christchurch, New Zealand, to participate in their T20 World Cup tournament.

Both of these tournaments are expected to be competed at a high-level, evidenced by the calibre of players taking part; including none other than legendary Pakistan all-rounder, Shahid Afridi, in the 'Over 40s' tournament.

During the visit of South African professional cricket team, Titans, earlier this year, Dutch international, Van Der Merwe, approached Dax to enquire if anyone on-Island would be interested in participating in an Over 40's international tournament. Dax, being over forty himself, saw this as an amazing opportunity and seized the chance to play at the tournament for the Rest of the World team.

Dax was also asked if there was anyone willing to participate in an Over 70s tournament. Knowing an active cricketer at the age of 70, he approached local legend, Gavin George, who, despite joking that he thought that his international career was over, gratefully took the invite and accepted the opportunity to represent St Helena in the rest of the world team at Christchurch, New Zealand.

The pairs eagerness to grasp the opportunity shouldn't come as a surprise with both Dax and Gavin developing a passion for cricket at a very young age. Starting off playing "street cricket" in Jamestown, Gavin found a love for the game, playing his first senior match at the age of 14 for Jamestown B. In 1976, Gavin went on to play village cricket in England which helped him improve his game where he went on to be renowned for making big scores in St Helena cricket. With a mentality of always wanting to improve, Gavin has gone on to be one of the most decorated cricketers in St Helena winning numerous titles and accolades and was part of the first international team to represent the Island.

From eight years old, Dax would do the scoring over at Francis Plain. This was until he was 13 and played in his first senior game. At the age of 14, along with school friends, Dax entered the renewed Jamestown Z side into the league and took off from there, winning titles and going on to captain the first international team for St Helena. "My aim now is to help others improve and help develop the youngsters coming through," he told The Sentinel.

Both Dax and Gavin expressed their gratitude to those who contributed to help fund this trip, and will go to these tournaments with the intention to represent and promote St Helena to the best of their abilities; hoping to come away with an experience that will last a life time!



'Pursuit' of Happiness

Successful Visit of Cruise Ship, Azamara Pursuit



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Friday, 7 November, the Island came alive with the arrival of Cruise Ship, Azamara Pursuit, bringing with her over 750 passengers and 300 crew.

Jamestown, as always, was flooded with visitors enjoying a beautiful Spring day as they admired the Georgian-style buildings lining Main Street and took in all of the historic sites within the Island's Capital, including the oldest Anglican Church in the Southern hemisphere and, of course, the 699 steps of our iconic Jacob's Ladder; with many brave souls taking on the arduous but symbolic Jacob's Ladder Challenge.

Many visitors were either pre-booked on Island tours, or jumped in with local tour operators and taxis once they disembarked, to get out and see more of what St Helena has to offer, heading inland toward the lush green center of the Island to view landmarks such as the Napoleonic sites, Plantation House and Jonathan the Tortoise, St Helena's most famous resident.

Local businesses were also greeted by paying tourists purchasing souvenirs among other goods, while food vendors and restaurants were busy serving up some fresh local cuisine and cool drinks, much to visitors' delight.

After a successful day, there was however an incident on the vessel in the late afternoon which required St Helena's Emergency Services to assist. This delayed the Azamara Pursuit's departure time slightly; however, she was soon on her way to Cape Town the finish her 21-day cruise.

"The arrival and successful visit of the Azamara Pursuit reflects the outstanding teamwork and dedication of everyone involved, from our maritime and port authority teams to tourism and Solomon's staff, local businesses, and the wider St Helena community," commented Head of Tourism, Jono Passaportis. "We extend our sincere thanks to the emergency services, who responded with professionalism and care when needed and to the Roads Department and Royal St Helena Police service for their much-needed assistance. Together, you have all helped to make this visit a success and shown the world the capacity, strength and spirit of St Helena."



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Shortlisting date: 21 November 2025
Interview date: 27 November 2025

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

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

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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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AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY
FRANCIS PLAIN
15 NOVEMBER 2025

Open to the Public from 12noon to 5pm

Entrance Fee: Adults £1 Children under 12years 50p

PROGRAMME

9am - 10am Entries to be submitted for the Horticulture & Homebaking Competition
8am - 10am Entries to be submitted to for the Art and Crafts Competition
11am Judging starts for all competitions
11am Football match - Jamestown vs Half Tree Hollow
12pm Official Opening
1pm District Stalls, Horticulture, Homebaking and Arts and Crafts marquees open to the public and other fun activities
3pm Prize Presentation
5pm Event finishes

TRANSPORT £2 one way

Buses to Francis Plain:
Isaac's Contractors departing 11:30
Levelwood
Longwood
Jamestown
Dougie departing 11:30am
New Ground via Rosemary
Ian Williams departing 11am
Sandy Bay Chapel
Return journey departs 5pm

Parking will be along the Ring Road.
No parking permitted on Francis Plain

WHAT TO EXPECT

Exhibitions:

District Stalls
Arts & Crafts
Horticulture & Homebaking
Information stalls
Hot Food, Tuck Shop, Tea and Cakes, Bars
Miscellaneous stalls
Petting Zoo
Bouncy Castle and lots more
DJ Colin Peters

Volunteers needed to set up on Friday, on the day and to clean up!

Please get in touch with Susan on 53062

Join our community for a great day!

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OBITUARY and THANK YOU

Greg Shavon Coleman



Ronald and Bridget and the family and friends would like to thank everyone for their support and love they showed and given to them during the passing of Greg so suddenly.

Although Greg's life was short it was overwhelming to know and see he touched so many people's lives through his character, whether it was sports, cricket and football or through his construction projects or whether socializing. Greg is no longer with us, but his legacy will live on in our hearts. Believing in the resurrection hope has helped to keep us stronger, to meet again soon.

Thanks to Johnny Isaac for the use of his transport, Roy and his teams for arranging the burial, Solomon's Secretariat for putting the funeral sheets together, Derek Richards of the Cricket Association for Greg's wonderful tribute, also all the people who attended the funeral, those who sent cards and messages of condolences and sympathy not forgetting all the hugs and the visits we had. Thanks also to the friends on Ascension for their tributes.

Thanks to all the family and friends both here and overseas for their continued support, which we will never forget and those who gave such wonderful floral arrangements both fresh and artificial and Kurt for making the wreaths. Special thanks also go to Greg's cousin Tiffany-Paige for helping in every way possible with the arrangements, also Peter Leo for conducting the short service and a brief story of Greg's life. Thanks also to those who brought their PA systems along on the day of his funeral.

Thank you all once again and God's blessings

Tribute from one of Greg's Employers

To Ronald, Bridget and family

We would like to let you know that we are thinking of you all and are including you in our prayers. We all need Jehovah's holy spirit to help us cope during this difficult time.

Greg's character and presence always bring a smile to us as he would be singing and dancing. A few songs will remind us of him. He was a hard-working person for which we are grateful for each day as we look at his fine workmanship and work that he produced. His manner of greeting us is to be admired.

He was fond of Cooper the cat who also enjoyed his company. Look forward to the words of Acts 24:15 – "Although it is not easy but have faith and endurance until the new world comes."

Tribute from Greg's uncle

Dear Ronald and Bridget

There are no words that can truly ease the pain of losing your son. We wish we could be there with you and share in the sorrow. Please know that even from afar, our hearts are with you and Bridget.

Greg was a bright light in all our lives. My first memory of him is when I gave him a soft toy—a gorilla! He adored it. Even as he grew older, that larger-than-life spirit, laughter, and love remained with him.

We will always remember his passion for cricket and football, his easy smile, and the joy he brought to every room. He was also a gifted craftsman. His masonry skills were immaculate. He built my storeroom with such care and precision, and in all my years in the building trade, Greg stood proudly among the very best. He was deeply loved—not just by his friends, but by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We know how much he adored you both, especially his mum. That love was clear in everything he did, and we know how proud you were of him.

Though we may never understand why he left us so soon, we hope you can find comfort in the memories you shared, the love that surrounded him, and the legacy he leaves behind.

You are not alone. We are all here for you, always.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."

NOTICE BOARD

THIS DECEMBER THE EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF ST HELENA PROUDLY MARKS A DECADE OF

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THIS MILESTONE IS NOT JUST A CELEBRATION OF THE PAST—IT IS A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE

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TOGETHER WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD RESILIENT INSTITUTIONS, EMPOWER

INDIVIDUALS & UPHOLD THE VALUES THAT DEFINE US

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PRESS RELEASE

Governor and Chief Minister to Attend Joint Ministerial Council

Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks MBE, is due to depart St Helena on Saturday 15 November 2025, to travel to the UK to attend the annual Overseas Territories (OTs) Joint Ministerial Council (JMC).

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

The JMC is due to begin on 24 November 2025, with the main formal discussion meetings taking place between 26 and 27 November. The Chief Minister will also have a number of official engagements before and after the event itself. These engagements will include a bilateral meeting with Stephen Doughty, Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories and meetings with other UK Government Ministers, OT leaders and other representatives.

The Chief Minister will be joined by His Excellency the Governor Nigel Philips CBE and SHG UK Representative, Kedell Worboys MBE.

The Governor and the Chief Minister are due to arrive back on St Helena on Saturday 6 December. Whilst they are off-island, Tasha Harris, Head of the Governor's Office, will be sworn in as Acting Governor and Minister Martin Henry will be appointed Deputy Chief Minister.

In speaking about her attendance at the JMC, the Chief Minister said:

"I am honoured to represent St Helena at my first UK Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council. This is the most important annual political event in the calendar for St Helena and all UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs). Bringing together UK Ministers and elected leaders from each Territory to discuss key issues, agree priorities, progress action and strengthen the partnership between the Territories and the UK Government. This is an important opportunity for our new Government to raise St Helena's voice directly in the UK, to showcase St Helena's progress and achievements over the last year, highlight our challenges, set out our plans for development and advocate for the support needed to build a more sustainable and resilient future for our island."

SHG
11 November 2025

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PRESS RELEASE

Have Your Say: Securing St Helena's Water Future

Looking Ahead – Protecting St Helena

The St Helena Government (SHG), in partnership with Connect Saint Helena Ltd and JBA Consulting, invites all residents to take part in the public consultation for the island's new Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP).
This important plan will guide how St Helena can secure reliable and sustainable water supplies for our homes, agriculture, businesses, and natural environment over the coming decades. It will explore:

- How water is currently supplied and used across the island;
- Options for improving storage, sourcing, and efficiency;
- Ways to strengthen our resilience to climate change and drought and
- Opportunities to protect our environment while meeting community needs.

Why Your Voice Matters
Water affects everyone on St Helena. Your local knowledge, ideas, and feedback are vital to shaping a plan that reflects our island's priorities and requirements. By getting involved, you'll help guide how water is managed and invested in to meet our current needs and the needs of future generations. Please hit the QR code below to complete our questionnaire and be part of securing water for St Helena.

How to Take Part
Join one of our community consultation events:

St Pauls: Kingshurst Community Centre– Tuesday 18th November 7pm -8pm
Longwood: Harford Community Centre – Wednesday 19th November 7pm – 8pm
Jamestown: Saint Helena Community College Hall – Thursday 20th November 7pm – 8pm

Consultation materials will also be available online and at key public venues, with opportunities to submit feedback in writing. Your input will help refine and evaluate the resourcing options being proposed before the plan is finalised later this year.

This project forms part of the £30 million Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), funded by the UK Government, supporting a sustainable future for St Helena.

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SAFETY SECURITY & HOME AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO TENDER

New Prison Project

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified contractors to submit tenders for site excavation and haulage for the new Prison site within the Longwood area – Bottom Woods:

CS-1946-SHG – Site Excavation & Haulage

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 10 November 2025, at 09:00, meeting at "Reggies" in Bottom Woods

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena/aspx/Home following registration on the system. User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective contractors registering on the e-procurement system.

If contractors would like a hard copy of the tender documentation, they should contact the Project Manager, James Hayton, on tel no: 22270 or email: James.Hayton@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system, with the tender deadline being Wednesday, 26 November at 12:00.

Contractors should note that this tender is not being advertised overseas.

NOTE TO EDITOR:
This project has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with FCDO.

SHG, 22 October 2025

Vacancy

Freight Agent

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £10,968 per annum (£914 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is seeking a motivated and detail-driven Freight Agent to join our Shipping & Travel Department.

In this dynamic position, you will be responsible for coordinating both sea and air freight operations, ensuring the smooth and efficient movement of cargo. You will handle all aspects of freight management—from documentation and cargo handling to responding to customer enquiries—while providing outstanding service and supporting the daily operations of the Shipping & Travel Department.

Interested Persons Should:

- Hold GCSE Maths & English at Grade C or above (or equivalent), and be confident using IT systems
- Have strong customer service skills with a friendly, professional approach
- Demonstrate excellent organisational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Be analytical with strong attention to detail
- Have experience in cash handling and general administrative duties
- Be committed to learning and professional development, including the ability to undertake overseas training when required
- Thrive in a fast-paced environment—able to multitask, prioritise, and meet tight deadlines
- Be driven to achieve targets and deliver exceptional service
- Work well independently, using initiative to solve problems proactively
- Be flexible and willing to work weekends or outside normal business hours when needed.

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

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via 22523 asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 27 November 2025.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Pink Walk 2025 went ahead on Sunday the 26th of October in the district of Longwood and the community of St Helena came out in full 'pink force' making it yet another inspiring and successful event.

Together, we raised the significant amount of **£2521.50** for the Cancer Support & Awareness Charity. These funds will allow the charity to continue to support those affected by cancer and back initiatives around greater awareness, early detection and the overall goal of ending cancer.

The Cancer Support & Awareness Working Group members would like to shout a huge thank you to everyone who supported, donated and walked for a great cause.

- **Thank you to the valued sponsors, amazing volunteers and helpers:**

  Johnny Isaac and team Isaac Contractors, BOSH Community Projects, SURE South Atlantic, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, Queen Mary Stores, Rose & Crown, Brian Davies, Thorpe Stores, Peaks Enterprise, Connect St Helena, Richard James International, Zedcore and Bus providers – Raymond Henry and Ian Williams

  Paramedics, Royal St Helena Police service, Longwood Community Centre, Smudge Dog Media, Marshalls, Registrars, Colin Peters for the entertainment, Tara Wortley for the invigorating and fun warm-up and the many helpers before and on the day.

- **Thank you to everyone who baked and provided delicious treats – your cakes, snacks and refreshments certainly helped to make the day a 'sweet' success!**

- **Thank you to every participant – Your true warrior spirit shone through and ensured another successful event!**

Together, we proved that not even the rain and wind could dampen the spirit of the Pink Walk!

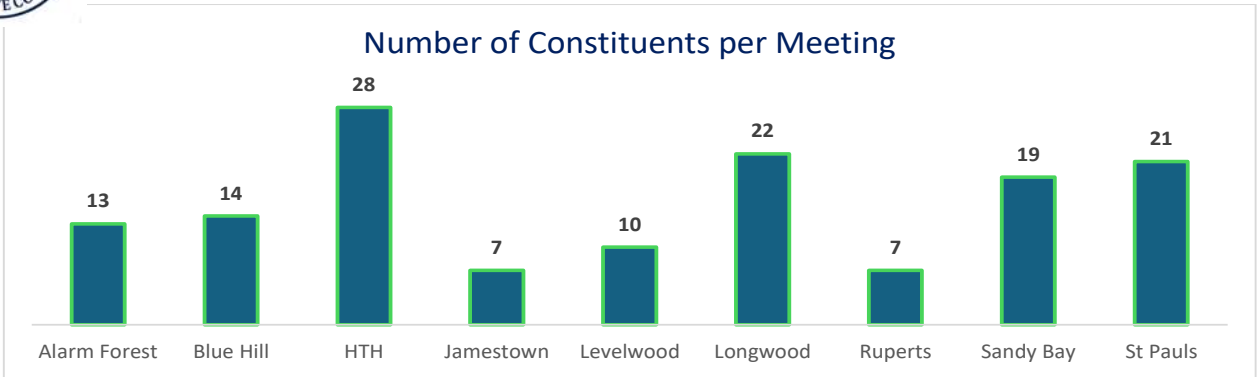
Prizes were awarded as follows for the first to cross the line in the different age categories:

Age Category	Female	Male
Long Route:		
11 yrs and under	Mila Passaportis	Theo Passaportis
12 – 16 yrs	Georgia Bennett	Joel Henry- Williams
17 + yrs	Michelle Yon	Blane Bennett
Special mention	3 yr old Aaminah Mohammed	
Short Route:		
11 yrs and under	Jamelia Furniss	Morgan Young
12 – 16 yrs	Melissa Menezes	Matteo Augustus
17 + yrs	Chloe Jade Thomas	Peter Thomas
Special mention	Heather Cranfield & Val Reynolds who set their own personal best	

Prizes were also awarded to Jenny Rainbow for collecting the most amount of sponsorship and Brian Henry for the highest number of sponsors.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT TIME FOR ANOTHER PINK WALK FILLED WITH THAT SPECIAL ST HELENA COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

Community Engagement Reflected in Constituency Meeting Attendance



Recent constituency meetings drew **140 residents**, showing good public engagement. Half Tree Hollow had the highest turnout (28), followed by Longwood (22) and St Paul's (21). Sandy Bay (19) and Blue Hill (14) also saw good participation. These sessions provided valuable dialogue, and the Elected Members thanks all attendees.

Top 5 Themes Raised:

1. **Roads, Transport & Infrastructure**
2. **Utilities, Energy & Cost of Living**
3. **Policing & Community Confidence**
4. **Employment, HR and Public Service**
5. **Fishing and farming**

If you'd like to read more about constituency meetings, they are available on the SHG Website or at the public library .

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'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

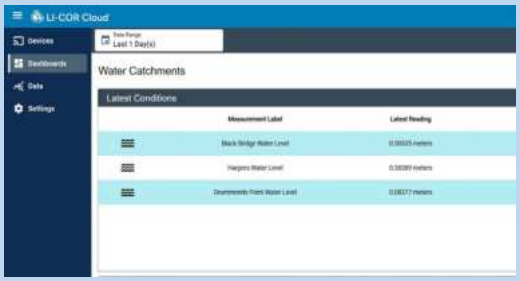
News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project

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

Our innovative telemetered water monitoring network is expanding thanks to the work of our partners in Connect Saint Helena and the local Met Station.



Previously, surface water levels within our water catchments were read manually on-site via a stage board, however this information can now be accessed remotely in real-time from three monitoring sites, thanks to the expansion of the telemetry network using Hobo MicroRX Stations. This builds on the network that Connect has in place to monitor mist and rainfall within the Cloud Forest.



These stations allow water level data at the catchments to be available via the LI-COR Cloud portal in real-time. While they also have the capability to alert when water levels become critically low so mitigation measures can be put in place more efficiently. Catchments at Harpers, Drummond's Point and Black Bridge have already been upgraded, Wells Gut, Osbornes and Gents Bath are set to be upgraded next.

Great work by our Water Resources Monitoring Technician, Joey Thomas, from Connect St Helena with valuable support from the Met Station's Murray Henry!



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

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

Website Facebook Twitter/X

RSPB UK Government St Helena National Trust Connect Saint Helena Ltd St Helena Island UBC Darwin Initiative Kew the species recovery trust Arctium UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

ST HELENA AUTISM AWARENESS AND SUPPORT GROUP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 5.30PM

VENUE: CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE OFFICE

We believe in building a stronger, more inclusive community and WE NEED YOU!

Events at the Godfathers Rock Club

The Godfathers Rock Club will be holding their 'Old Time Dance' with music by the one and only Bobby Goose on Friday, 14 November.

If you have not received an invite then just come along and pay at the door. Why not dress for the occasion and make it a night to remember!

Tickets cost £2.50 - Hope to see you all there!

On Saturday, 15 November, the Rock Club will be at Francis Plain selling food. There will be fish meals, BBQ meals and chicken meals.

Also, don't forget:

Friday 28th there will be a Fish Fry and on the menu will be Fish n batter, fish and gravy, boned conger, pumpkin stew, and rice. There will also be Pork chop and chicken meals, all with coleslaw and salads and fries and dessert. call Melvin on 23395 to place your orders.

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Corona Society

The Corona Society would like for all those that have or who will be receiving invites for the Christmas Party on the 6 December, if they can kindly confirm with Phyllis Coleman or Patsy Flagg their attendance and for transport arrangements **by Friday, 21 November**

Phyllis on 24656 &
Patsy on 23727

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 16th November 2025– 33rd Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m..	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Thursday 20th November	
7.00 p.m.	**Praise and Worship**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 16th November 2025 – 33rd Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 20th November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 16th November 2025 – 33rd Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 18th November	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark



BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday 16th November
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

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

Bible Studies
Tuesday 18th November
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 20th November
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 19th November
Baptist School Hall/J Town10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

SPORTS ARENA

Bringing the Thunder



WSA, Contributed

In a high-octane showdown that kicked off Match Week 5, top-tier teams Incredibles and Ballzy Ladies delivered a spectacle of skill, grit, and determination, culminating in a nail-biting 12.5–12.5 draw. Ballzy Ladies won the toss and opted to field first, showcasing razor-sharp fielding that restricted the Incredibles to just 4.5 rounders in their opening innings. But the Incredibles weren't fazed. They responded with equally fierce defense, holding Ballzy to a modest 5 rounders. With the match hanging in the balance, the final 30 balls became the ultimate decider. Despite being one player down, the Incredibles surged back in the second innings, racking up an impressive 8 rounders. Ballzy Ladies, under pressure, took bold risks and managed 7.5 rounders—just enough to level the score. The match ended in a well-earned draw, with both teams walking away with heads held high. The standout performance came from Barbara Osborne of the Incredibles, who was named Lady of the Match. At 55, Osborne's energy and agility on the field wereas nothing short of remarkable—making 55 look like 25. A match to remember, and a testament to the fierce spirit of women's rounders.

In the second match of the day, Fireballs delivered a commanding performance against Thunderbats, securing a decisive 22–8 win and cementing their place as a team to watch. Fireballs set the tone early, building a strong lead in the first innings and never looked back. Their momentum carried through the entire match, with consistent scoring and tight fielding that kept Thunderbats on the back foot. Tina Brady emerged as the standout player, leading the scoreboard and earning the well-deserved title of Lady of the Match. Her powerful play and strategic hitting were instrumental in Fireball's triumph. With this victory, Fireballs continue to build momentum, while Thunderbats will look to regroup ahead of their next game.





Musical Evening

St James Parish will be holding an evening of musical entertainment, presenting a variety show with Johnny Carter, Bobby Goose, Mickey Yon, Tony Brooks and Guest Singers.

This will all take place on Friday 28th November at the Mule Yard starting from 7:30pm

Tickets will be sold on the gate at £2 each – See you there!

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR UTILITY SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2025

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to inform the public that applications for the following services should be submitted by Monday, 17 November 2025:

- New electrical installations
- Reconnections/disconnections
- Hire of power boxes
- Electrical testing and inspections

Applications received after this date will be processed in the New Year, starting from Friday, 2 January 2026.

For further information, please contact the Connect enquiry line at Seales Corner: 22255.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 8 November 2025

Rovers 32
R Benjamin (8) B Baldwin (8)
R Legg (8) J Letori (4)
B Isaac (2) T Osborne
S Benjamin
MoM: Rico Benjamin
YPoM: Blaze Baldwin

Inter Galactic 0

Sunday 9 November 2025

Bellboys 7
T Phillips (2) T Brady (2)
R Benjamin, W Clingham,
S Henry
MoM: Scott Henry

Fugees 1
L Williams

La Verde 2
T Anthony, P Tyang
YPoM: Ephrem Stroud

Wirebirds 3
S Thomas, E Stevens,
OG
MoM: Shane Stroud

DISTRICT FIXTURES

Saturday 15 November 2025

11am **HTH** vs **Jamestown**

Sunday 16 November 2025

2pm **St Pauls** vs **Longwood**





SPORTS ARENA

The Curtain Call

District Tournament next as SHFA League 2025 concludes



Liam Yon, SAMS

The final matchweek of the SHFA League 2025 was played out last weekend over at Francis Plain, bringing to an end three rounds of league action, with Bellboys as your League Champions 2025.

In Saturday's only fixture, Rovers ran riot on the Inter Galactics, finishing as winners by 32 goals to nil. Captain Rico Benjamin's eight-goal contribution saw him named as the Player of the Match, while Blaze Baldwin also scored eight to pick up Young Player honours. Good things come in threes they say, and Ronan Legg proved that statement, as he also bagged eight goals during the ninety minutes. Rovers other goals were scored by Jake Letori with four, Brett Isaac with two, and a goal each for Toure Osborne and Shaquille Benjamin.

Rovers will be disappointed not to have put up more fight in retaining their League Title this season and will no doubt be out for vengeance in the Knockout Tournament, with an eye on retunring stronger to take back the title next season.

Onto Sunday, when in the early 1.30pm kick off, Bellboys finished their undefeated campaign with another dominating victory, beating the Fugees by seven goals to one. Scott Henry's impressive performance for the champions, topped off by a second half goal, saw him named as the Player of the Match for Bellboys. Their other conversions came from Ryan Benjamin, Weston Clingham, and a brace each for Taylan Phillips and Tyler Brady. As for Fugees, while disappointed in the result, they will be pleased to have once again got on the scoresheet, as they so often do, with Lars Williams striking home in their final scheduled league match.



Bellboys have been the pace-setters since the very first game of the season – which remains the highest scoring game in history – and haven't looked back. Their dominance has been evident in every match they have played in and they have looked comfortable against any and every opponent this season. With strength in every position, they came into the league as probably the most organised and well-structured team, and this proved to be the case as the ran away with the league title as undefeated, undisputed champions. Congratulations again to the Bellboys!

Finally, in the last scheduled league game of the season, Wirebirds edged La Verde in a tight and hard to call matchup which ended three goals to two. Despite not getting on the scoresheet, another star performance by Wirebirds' Shane Stroud saw him pick up Man of the Match honours, while La Verde's Ephrem Stroud impressed again to pick up yet another Young Player of the Match award. Strikes from Sean-Lee Thomas and Edson Stevens, along with a Declan Clifford own goal, saw Wirebirds pip the game from La Verde who scored two through Tyler Anthony and Paul Tyang to make it a close game to end of the league season.

There are two postponed matches still to play, which will not affect the outcome of the league standings. The SHFA will inform of when and how these matches will go ahead in due course.

Attention will now turn to the District Knockout Tournament, starting this weekend with Half Tree Hollow versus Jamestown on Saturday and Longwood versus St Paul's on Sunday. Photos by JSEH Collections