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Ascension Island Council reject subsidy arrangements submitted by Sure South Atlantic





OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

How on earth is it the end of November already!? It feels like just moments ago I had to adjust to writing 2025 instead of 2024...

With the Karoline in just last week, we see the shops on island brimming with nice Christmas goodies like chocolates and biscuits. Another treat arriving on island was lovely fresh fruit (albeit a bit pricey) especially some soft fruits like peaches and plums coming in on this voyage.

I was fortunate enough to get a papaja as a gift and some local bananas. With all this lovely fresh fruit, I had to make a fruit salad! As I was sitting down to savour this treat, I thought about how we often forget to appreciate the small joys in life.

We are forever chasing after the big rewards and, in this pursuit, we forget to 'stop and smell the roses' as the saying goes. Taking a moment to realise how privileged I am and how many little things I have to be grateful for, made me realise I need to focus on these blessings more often.

Heading into this Festive Season where I feel a little sad that I will yet again not be spending time with my family, I think I will instead choose to give thanks for the wonderful friends I have on the island as well as my boys who will be in our home for a little while longer.

I am also grateful for the amazing team I work with. Although we do sometimes have our differences, the team work together to support and complement each other.

Even spending time chatting with a friend over a cup of coffee is something I am going to take the time to appreciate in these last weeks of 2025.

I want to carry this attitude into the New Year with me so I can make the best of every moment! We only have three more Sentinels after this, so I will take this opportunity to wish everyone on island a lovely festive season, filled with many big and small blessings!

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No Longer Subsidised

SHG explain newly-imposed Warehouse Rental Fees at Rupert's Cargo Facility as Executive Council approves 50% reduction in charges



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Friday of last week, St Helena Government (SHG) informed of a reduction to their Warehouse Rental Fees – a new charge imposed since the move to the new Rupert's Cargo Facility – from £5.00 to £2.50 per cubic metre for the first three months of goods being in the warehouse, and from £10.00 to £5.00 per cubic metre for each month thereafter.

According to the release, Executive Council in their October meeting gave approval to commence the Customs and Excise Regulations 2025, which were originally endorsed in May 2025 but were placed on hold until the opening of the Rupert's Cargo Facility.

They add that, "under these new regulations, the SHG Warehouse Rental Fees have been reduced by 50% from £5.00 to £2.50 per cubic metre for each month or part thereof for the first three months, and £10.00 to £5.00 per cubic metre thereafter, for each month or part thereof."

This essentially means that charges of £2.50 per cubic metre will be in place for the first three months of goods being housed in the warehouse facility at Rupert's, with this fee going up to £5.00 per cubic metre if goods continue to be housed in the facility past three months.

SHG also sought to explain the introduction of this new charge. "Historically, fees under the Customs and Excise Ordinance 1999 were not applied or collected, as they were subsidised by SHG due to the absence of a secure cargo warehouse for consolidators," they explained. "With the introduction of a purpose-built secure cargo warehouse at Rupert's, these fees are now being implemented, establishing a transparent system that ensures a level playing field for all users of the warehouse services."

While this explanation related to the new fees imposed by SHG, Government distanced themselves from the additional charges being imposed by Solomon's, who are contracted by SHG to manage operations at Rupert's. "The operations of Rupert's Port are managed under contract by Solomon & Company Plc," they said. "Please note that the SHG Warehouse Rental Fees outlined above exclude any charges applied by the contractor."

"Exploration of Alternative Options"

Ascension Island Council reject subsidy arrangements submitted by Sure South Atlantic Ltd as they support the exploration of alternative telecommunication options "to find the best possible outcome" for Ascension



Liam Yon, SAMS

On 6 August, the Ascension Island Government (AIG) received notice of the planned exit from public telecommunication services on Ascension Island from the Sure Group, effective from 28 February next year.

Recently, AIG provided a public update on the future of telecommunications on the island, following this notice by Sure South Atlantic Ltd of its intention to cease its role as the on-island telecommunications provider after February 2026.

AIG informed SAMS earlier this week that, with regards to telecommunications, an extraordinary informal Island Council meeting was held on 12 November to further consider the matter.

As such, AIG reports that, "after careful discussion, the Island Council supported the Governor's proposal not to accept the revised subsidy arrangements submitted by Sure and not to submit a counter proposal."

While this likely suggests that AIG are ready to cut ties with long-term telecoms provider, Sure, the Island Council committed to further supporting "the continued exploration of alternative options for the future provision of mobile telecommunications services on Ascension Island."

It was reported that the Island Council are well aware of the risks of "temporary disruption and potential teething problems," but asserted that "this decision was made with the long-term interests of the island in mind," as the Government now works "at pace to put in place the new arrangements."

To conclude their update, AIG reaffirmed their understanding of "how important connectivity is for daily life, work and staying in touch with loved ones" and said they would be "working closely with employing organisations and other stakeholders to find the best possible outcome for our community."

The further advised that, as this process moves forward, they would continue to keep residents informed. "Your trust and patience are greatly appreciated as we work together to secure a sustainable future for telecommunications on Ascension Island," concluded AIG.



Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Discussion held around key sectors and their development into more fruitful industries to stimulate growth in St Helena's GDP



Liam Yon, SAMS

One of the longer discussions during the last Formal Meeting of Legislative Council related to the key sectors of agriculture, forestry and fishing and what is being done to improve the way in which these industries are being run on-Island in order to improve Growth Domestic Product (GDP), as questioned by Councillor Dennis Leo.

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning tell this council what strategies or initiatives are being implemented to stimulate GDP growth in the agricultural, forestry, and fishing sector, which was a mere 2.1% in the year 23-24?

Chief Minister Rebecca Cairns-Wicks first reminded the House that she was "responding on behalf of the Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning," with Minister Thrower absent for the meeting.

She then noted how "the island's current Sustainable Economic Development Strategy, which was drafted by the previous government, focusses on some specific targeted sectors to stimulate economic activity and ultimately the growth of the island's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)."

The Chief Minister noted how public officers in both Economic Development and ENRP "have been tasked to focus their efforts" on providing strategies and develop proposals to support the fishing industry and the agricultural sector, specifically high-value agriculture.

"In support of high-value agriculture, the Economic Development team have completed a full value chain analysis of the coffee sector and are now evaluating a proposed strategy to take to all stakeholders in the industry for consultation," she revealed. "Once the sectors have had an opportunity to provide feedback, we will assess what interventions are best suited to meet the sector's goals and what public investment might be needed to help the sector to grow."

She also confirmed that "the strategy will also be shared with the gen-



eral public once finalised."

Turning her attention to fishing, Chief Minister Cairn-Wicks said she was "fully aware of the island's desire to establish the fishery that it deserves, given the resources available in our seas."

To this regard, she spoke about securing further scientific information for the offshore tuna fishery through a big-eye tuna science programme and an additional yellowfin scientific data programme for yellowfin tuna as "the main initiative that is being focused on".

She elaborated that "this information is key to providing an evidence base for stock assessment work for these species, which will assist the Government's decision-making on the development of the offshore fishery," adding that, "knowing whether the offshore fishery can be developed through sustainable catch limits for tuna species is key to the development and sustainability of both fishing and onshore fishery business operations."

The Chief Minister noted during her response that "the state of the fishery has become this Government's responsibility," while she sought to "praise the resilience that the fishers have shown over the past few years."

Speaking about the work underway in this sector, she revealed how Minister Thrower had "spent the first few weeks of his tenure meeting with all stakeholder groups from across the sector to gain an understanding of the challenges that fishers, processors, and other agents are facing."

She adds that, "again, the aim is to establish a new strategy for fishery that will enable the sector to prosper," before indicating that "this has already been made a top priority."

Moving onto the forestry sector, the Chief Minister admitted that "there are no new initiatives focused on the stimulation of growth in the forestry sector at present due to recurrent budgetary constraints." She did however recognise that ENRP are continuing "to replant areas that are cleared of forest raw materials for saw logs and firewood and provides these products for private sector wood users and the private sector firewood retail operation."

Continuing her focus on forestry, the Chief Minister said that Government acknowledges forestry as "an under-invested natural resource" and noted its "potential to make a bigger contribution to sustainable development and climate resilience in the future."

She hinted that "there are other initiatives that the Government will consider over the coming years," however noted that first Ministers would "need to finalise our vision and strategy so that we can prioritise our policy programme accordingly" adding that she looks forward to "consulting on the full vision and strategy in the New Year."

Following the Chief Ministers comprehensive response, Councillor Julie Thomas stood to ask a follow-up question in relation to fisheries, where she sought confirmation "if an exploratory licence has been issued to the operators, PQ Trading St Helena and STC?" to which the Chief Minister confirmed that "it has."

Councillor Thomas then enquired that "if that is indeed the case, has exploratory fishing commenced?" adding that as far as she is aware, "there's been no offshore fishing to the Cardno Seamount, which is the seamount that needed the exploratory fishing more than the Bonaparte Seamount."

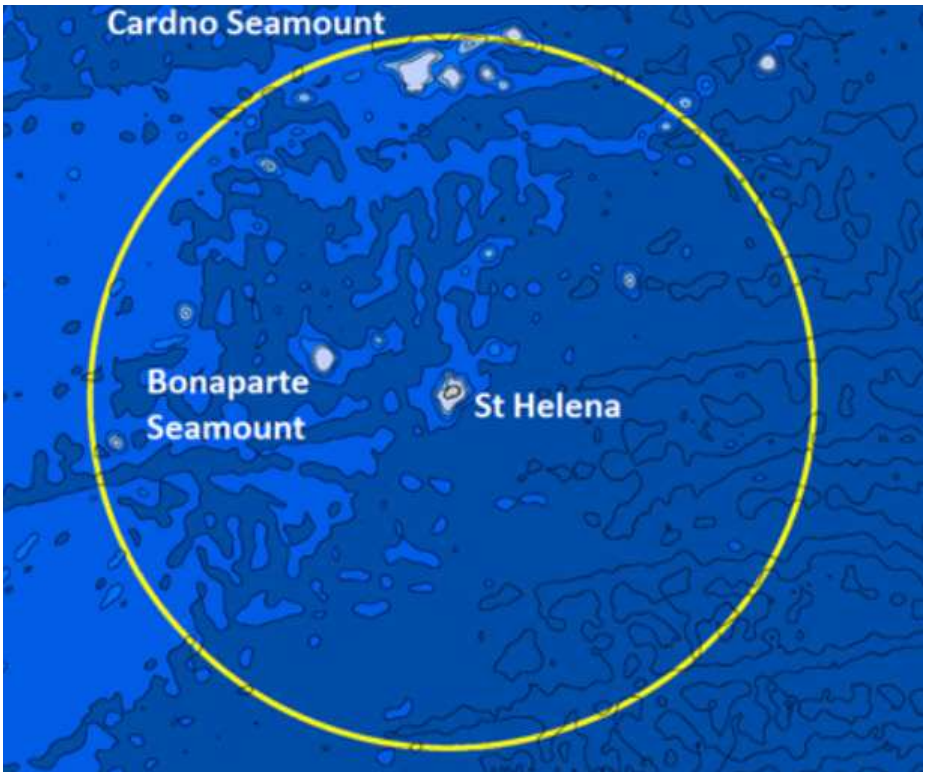
The Chief Minister replied that it is her understanding that the exploratory fishing will start as soon as PQ Trading St Helena, STC, "secures a skipper for offshore fisheries."

Councillor Thomas continued with her input to the discussion, noting that exploratory fishing being dependent on STC securing a skipper "demonstrates that we are not proceeding the way we should do, because obviously if you've got an offshore vessel, one would have thought you would have the necessary staff to be able to take the vessel out."

Continuing on with her point of information, Councillor Thomas noted that "we are, at the moment, operating on a 600 metric tonne Big Eye exploratory quota, so it's necessary for that vessel to go to the Cardno Seamount instead of continuously going to Bonaparte, where we obviously know that Big Eye is not resident; it's more of a Yellowfin Seamount." Councillor Thomas then said her point was being made in the House so that the listening public could "understand why I'm asking when is exploratory fishing going



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to commence on the Cardno Seamount."

Councillor Leo, who asked the initial question, then noted to the Chief Minister that while she spoke about coffee and fishing, she should "not forget about agriculture."

Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks said that she would "absolutely not" forget about agriculture, before informing that "an agricultural strategy was drafted under the previous government," and that Minister Thrower "has already started to engage on that" and it is currently under review and will be brought back to Council.

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex then reverted attention back to "the exploratory Big Eye initiative" asking whether "detailed structured work plans has been devised and agreed as to how the necessary data is going to be collected, recorded, analysed and disseminated?" to which the Chief Minister confirmed that, "yes, a protocol is in place."

Councillor Essex then questioned whether "that protocol makes provision for the collection of longitudinal data" elaborating that "longitudinal data relates to data that's collected over an extended period of time and is consistent in its application and the methods that are used in its collection." Again, the Chief Minister replied positively that "yes, the data will be collected over a two-year period."

Joining the conversation, Councillor Robert Midwinter then questioned, "noting the historical ratio of big eye to yellowfin caught at Cardno Seamount and the allocation of 600 metric tonnes of big eye" whether "any consideration has been given to increasing the quota for yellowfin tuna?" He mentioned that he is asking this "because if there's a correlating ratio when they go out to Cardno, they will very quickly use up the yellowfin quota."

The Chief Minister gave a quick response that "as part of the exploratory work, yellowfin tuna is being looked at so that a stock assessment can be made of yellowfin tuna in order to consider that."

Councillor Julie Thomas then rose on a point of information. "Hence the reason I have said about the vessel continuously going to Bonaparte because they're eating into the yellowfin tuna quota, which could be utilised to supplement the big eye tuna quota or exploratory quota when fishing at Cardno Seamount," she said.

At this point in the debate, Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry, rose to give some information he sought relevant. In his statement, the Minister called for "inspiration" to be taken from the way in which the coffee industry is working on the island. "I just think if we could start to look at what has been achieved and what is being achieved with coffee and how it's progressed with limited support from SHG, but managed primarily by the entities that are in the particular sector, I think we can use that and try to push that over other entities because it is a little hope of inspiration, I think, throughout that sector," he said before taking his seat again.

Councillor Clint Bear then opened his line of questioning, where he asked Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks to reveal the "obstacles that have been identified in these sectors" to which the Chief Minister responded that she could not answer but would "refer back to the Minister and the portfolio" to provide a response, which Councillor Beard said would "be quite helpful."

Councillor Beard continued by asking what budgetary support is Economic Developnment providing to the sectors in question, considering "they have a strong cultural background."

The Chief Minister replied that "there is a small innovation budget within Economic Development that exists which Minister Thrower has been looking at within the portfolio," adding that "this is also part of the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)." With Councillor Beard requesting further detail, it was revealed by the Chief Minister that, "this year the budget was £75,000."

Opening up enquiries on a new, yet relevant, subject matter, Councillor Essex then requested the Chief Minister "provide some indication of the success, or otherwise, of the recent initiatives involving beekeeping and honey production."

The Chief Minister mentioned how "beekeepers have recently received training in the production of royal jelly, and they are currently working with partners to see how this can be developed on island." She added that progress on this could be reported back.

Councillor Beard then went back to the mentioned £75,000, asking whether the Ministry is involved with the allocation of these funds.

The Chief Minister confirmed that the allocation of the £75,000 "was agreed with Minister Brooks for the previous government, and that the allocation going forward will be agreed with the Minister Thrower."

On the back of this, and "for clarity" Councillor Thomas asked one last follow-up question. "Are we saying that we have £75,000, but it hasn't been allocated as yet, and is that something that is allocated every financial year, knowing now that we are halfway through this financial year?" she quizzed. In her response, the Chief Minister simply confirmed that the "£75,000 has been spent."

A comprehensive review of Post-16 offering

Minister announces review of Post-16 offering by Education as concerns raised about the Vocational Training Allowance being below the minimum wage



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Councillor Robert Midwinter raised a question during the last Formal Meeting of Legislative Council pertaining to the post-16 allowance available on the vocational training program offered to students by the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio (ES&E) as well as the required working hours that forms part of the weekly work placement of these students.

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this House if he will give recognition within the Sixth Form policy to the fact that vocational students are required to undertake a minimum of 35 hours per week work placement, which means that a £250 allowance is essentially below the minimum wage?

Minister Andrew Turner thanked the Honourable Member for his question stating that he "certainly won't argue with the Member's maths and I do take the point that the question makes." The Minister explained that the current allowance of £250 per month for Sixth Form students in the vocational training program is indeed based on a commitment of a 35 hour week. It forms part of the structured training programme and "as such is not considered employment in the conventional sense," continued Minister Turner. Additional hours undertaken as part of the agreement between the student and the placement provider would not fall within the arrangement between students and the ES&E Portfolio and as such they would not intervene with such agreements and related additional remuneration.

"To support students further, Sixth Formers can access Income-Related Benefits (IRB) from the youth top-up scheme, which supplements the monthly allowance to align with minimum wage," clarified the Minister. Looking towards the future he sought to recognise that there are "many questions and concerns regarding the post-16 offerings" and gave the assurance that a comprehensive review of all the post-16 offerings will be undertaken by the portfolio. Minister Turner confirmed that they were "still in the process of establishing the full scope of the work and timeframes" but reiterated that he felt this is "an essential piece of work to establish the future of our post-16 offering."

"One of the strengths of the Education, Skills and Employment set-up is that we have the opportunity to set up clear and accessible paths right from nursery all the way through to employment and the post-16 offering is a vital part of that journey," concluded the Minister.

Following up on the Minister's reply regarding the top-up income provided by the Benefits office, Cllr. Midwinter questioned that whilst this money is not coming from the ESE portfolio it is still a cost to the public purse. The Councillor proceeded to ask whether an assessment has been done on how much additional funds will be required to top-up this allowance for vocational students directly from the portfolio.

"I believe this is now part of the MTEF (Medium Term Expenditure Framework) process," said Minister Turner, "but obviously in the wider context going forward a part of what the post-16 review aims to establish is exactly what the Apprenticeship Scheme, Sixth Form and all of that will look like going forward and obviously there will be budget implications to that as there are with any changes." Minister Turner reiterated that they will be working with all stakeholders during the review process but in particular with the Benefits office.

A supplementary question by Councillor Dr Corinda Essex directed to establish what duties are required of vocational students as she asked the Minister to clarify whether these individuals in work placements "are in fact performing the duties of an employee or whether they're merely observing and learning because if they are actually performing the duties of an employee surely the remuneration should reflect that." The Minister stated that he was "by no means an expert" in employment law but that the programme is considered a training program with "on-the-job training rather than necessarily the full duties." He again stressed that this was another reason to undertake the post-16 review "to establish the theory and the practice and to work out what the clearest way forward is" to ensure the post-16 offering "is meeting the needs of the island."





Councillor Dennis Leo and FCDO's Samantha Cherrett to attend Green Overseas Programme event in Tahiti next week

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Island is set to be represented once again at another Green Overseas (GO) Programme event, following on the back of Minister Karl Thrower's recent attendance at a GO Workshop on "Utility-Scale Renewable Energy for Island Grids" held in Sint Eustatius at the end of October – along with Geoffrey Augustus from Connect and Paul Cherrett from the Programme Management Office.

This time around, it is Councillor Dennis Leo and the FCDO's Samantha Cherrett, Climate Security Programme Manager from the Governor's Office, who will represent St Helena at the EU-funded GO Workshop on "Building climate resilient food systems".



The workshop will be taking place in Tahiti, French Polynesia, throughout next week from Monday to Friday, 1-5 December, and according to St Helena Government, "aims to build capacity and share experience and knowledge on the development and implementation of resilient food systems in the face of climate change impacts, with a focus on real challenges, practical solutions, and their limitations."

They add that "this initiative underscores the commitment to safeguarding communities against the growing impacts of climate change."

Councillor Leo, along with Sam Cherrett, departed St Helena on last Saturday's flight to Johannesburg and are set to return during the mid-week flight scheduled for Tuesday, 9 December.

With Councillor Leo being off-Island, Councillor Ronald Coleman has agreed to assume responsibility for the Longwood district and can be contacted for any matters or concerns by residents of the Longwood constituency.

"Ready and Capable to Respond Effectively"

International Maritime Organization Oil Spill Response training delivered on-Island with certificate presentation held at Plantation House


Ambipar Trainer, Harry Jolly



Liam Yon, SAMS

Recently, personnel from across the St Helena Government (SHG), along with key stakeholders, took part and successfully completed International Maritime Organization (IMO) Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) training at Levels 1, 2 and 3.

This training was delivered between 21–30 October by Ambipar Response Ltd - a global environmental and emergency management company that provides services for incidents like oil and chemical spills, hazmat situations, and flooding.

Funded by the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) through the FCDO's Overseas Territories Civil Resilience programme, the training, according to SHG, included "both refresher and new training to maintain St Helena's capability to prepare for and respond to marine oil spill incidents."

Participants represented agencies including Port Control, Sea Rescue, Customs, Environmental Management, Police, and Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc.

"Ambipar are extremely proud to have once again supported SHG and its partners in building resilience and developing their skills in marine oil spill response," commented Senior Response Consultant and Trainer at Ambipar, Harry Jolly. "It is clear that the island continues to take proactive steps in line with international best practice."

Portfolio Director for Safety, Security and Home Affairs, Alex Mitham, added that "this training ensures St Helena remains ready and capable to respond effectively to pollution incidents, protecting our marine environment and community."

Following the successful completion of the course, a certificate presentation for participants was held at Plantation House on 30 October, attended by His Excellency the Governor, SHG officials, and the Ambipar training team.

According to SHG, the training forms part of their "ongoing work to strengthen environmental resilience and uphold international maritime standards."

Well done and congratulations to all of the trainees who successfully achieved certificates.





Tidespring in Spring Time

RFA Tidespring visits St Helena and pays respects with wreaths laid at the Cenotaph and RFA Darkdale wreck



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Tuesday, a Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) vessel could be seen from vantage points on St Helena, with the RFA Tidespring arriving to the island around 10am, with the primary aim of laying a wreath on the RFA Darkdale shipwreck; this was set to take place on Wednesday.

The RFA Tidespring was deployed for a seven-month period with the UK Carrier Strike Group as part of operation HIGHMAST and is now making its way back home. During this operation, the tanker has provided fuel and other supplies to British warships, led by the Fleet Flagship HMS Prince of Wales. According to the Royal Navy's website, the Tidespring has completed 79 Replenishments at Sea (RAS) since leaving the UK in April 2024. This equates to three RAS's per week, totalling to a supply of over 30,000 cubic metres of diesel as well as 4,200 cubic metres of aviation fuel. On the website they put these numbers into perspective, illustrating that "this is the equivalent of filling 12 Olympic-sized swimming pools, or the tanks of over half a million cars."

The Tidespring circumnavigated the island during her brief visit, whilst the Merlin - a helicopter carried on board - flew over St Helena, much to the delight of residents. In addition, approximately 100 members of the vessel's personnel came ashore to visit the island; with the ship's Commanding Officer laying a wreath at the Cenotaph as well as paying a visit to key sites on St Helena.

The RFA Tidespring is predominantly deployed to facilitate replenishments during sea operations like refuelling Royal Navy ships as well as delivering vital supplies. The vessel also transports specialist personnel to operations including the Royal Marines Commandos. In addition, the vessel undertakes various other maritime operations like the policing of shipping lanes and providing humanitarian aid.

The RFA Tidespring depart St Helena waters on Wednesday afternoon.

Stop Abuse - Respect and Protect

White Ribbon Day 2025 recognised on St Helena



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

White Ribbon Day is a global movement dedicated to ending violence and promoting respect and equality, observed world-wide on 25 November.

This year, instead of only focussing on creating awareness of domestic violence, the initiative will broaden their focus to include discrimination in all its forms; like sexism, racism, bullying and harmful gossip, affecting communities across the world.

The Health and Social Care Portfolio called everyone on St Helena to stand together and support this initiative by wearing a white ribbon on the day, showing their solidarity and commitment to end abuse and discrimination to create a more inclusive and safer society here on island.

"Violence and discrimination are not only limited to physical harm, it can include behaviour and attitudes that undermine dignity and equality manifesting as sexism, racism, bullying and harmful gossip," said St Helena Government (SHG). This kind of behaviour erodes trust, can harm mental health of others and, in general, weaken the fabric of our community.

To show their support and solidarity with the cause, the White Ribbon Working Group arranged an activism march that started from the Police Headquarters, headed through lower Jamestown, an ended in the Castle Gardens, with reflections taking place there.

Starting off the event, Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry, gave an opening speech reminiscent of his first speech given as newly-appointed Minister for the H&SC Portfolio four years ago. Minister Henry stated that domestic abuse is unfortunately still a leading cause for social care referrals on-island, although some progress has been made through encouraging open conversations and recognising the importance of respect, kindness and fairness in our homes and our community.

The emergence of new challenges like sexism, bullying and harmful gossip have sadly now also become a trend on the island, as it is elsewhere in the world. It is especially the misuse of social media that marks our island's small community, continued Minister Henry. "These behaviours, while sometimes seen as minor or harmless, can destroy confidence, divide friends and create pain that lingers quietly, being just as damaging to a person's wellbeing," he said.

In a small community, harmful gossip can cause a lot of damage as the rumours spreads so fast with everyone knowing each other. "This is why days like White Ribbon Day matters so much as they give us a chance to pause, reflect and act," Minister Henry said, stating how "domestic abuse, harassment, discrimination, or cruelties of any kind, all grow from similar roots - a lack of respect and empathy for others." Martin encouraged the community to stand together and "build a culture where equality is nurtured and compassion is shared by all," saying we should all focus on sharing and saying things on and offline that build others up and not tears them down.

To conclude his speech, Minister Henry sought to remind our community of their responsibility to stand together to protect and respect one another. "On St Helena, our strength lies in our unity. When we choose empathy over silence, understanding over judgement and respect over gossip, we move one step closer to the kind of island we can all be proud to call home."

In their press release, SHG also launched St Helena's local White Ribbon Logo, designed by the joint winners of the St Helena Secondary School logo competition, representing the island's commitment to end violence and promote equality. This locally-designed logo moves the island towards taking ownership of this cause by bringing a unique touch to the well-known White Ribbon logo.

Starting with White Ribbon Day on 25 November, continuing until Human Rights Day on 10 December, an international campaign called '16 days of activism against gender-based violence' aims to create awareness and place the focus on violence and discrimination in societies globally. On St Helena, this period will be extended to 13 December to coincide with the end-of-season football and volleyball presentation ceremony, closing off with a moment of silence and reflections, uniting sport and community in the fight against violence and discrimination.

The White Ribbon Working Group is also looking for individuals interested in becoming a White Ribbon Ambassador. Individuals passionate about creating change will have the opportunity as part of this role to actively promote respect and equality in the community and also speak out against violence, discrimination and harmful behaviour. White Ribbon Ambassadors will also take part in supporting awareness campaigns and events.

SAMS would like to pledge our support to this worthy cause and encourage anyone affected by violence or discrimination to contact support organisations available on island. Together, creating a community built on respect, compassion and equality.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

"Getting stone" to supplement income

Sometimes policy change is not appreciated until later


Area where stone crushing used to take place

Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

One supposes that residents of Jamestown today would not disagree that St Helena Government (SHG) discontinuing the practice of collecting tonnes of stone in the city for crushing into aggregate for road maintenance and concrete blocks, and also for relocating a crusher plant out of Jamestown, was not good policy. But decades ago, this is exactly what was happening.

On a recent SAMS Northwood Sounds radio interview, the interviewee said they started their business by "getting stone" and that this was a means of supplementing weekly income back in the day. Some listeners were not familiar with the term used for how men and women alike years ago could earn money collecting stone from Crown Land for sale to Government, Solomon's and the public.

Before the Government reformed away from crushing their own stone, that operation took place in Jamestown in the area now occupied by the car park at the back of the Museum of St Helena and below, where the Leisure Park and Coffee Shop operate.

Over the years, hundreds of tonnes of stone were delivered to the crusher site. Much of it had to be broken down into smaller sizes using 14lb hammers before it could be fed into the crusher. The noise from the belt driven crusher could be heard from afar, practically all day long.

Stone was crushed into various grades and stockpiled directly below the site; it was convenient to chute the aggregate down the wall. This area was also used by the Government for making and storing concrete blocks and posts. Many hundreds of blocks were turned out for the buildings, including social housing constructed back then.

Some still recall that, before this area was used for block making and stockpiling aggregate, it was a tennis court. The tennis court had been abandoned and replaced with a new one in the Mule Yard. Later, this site was turned into the swimming pool by Royal Engineers.

Outside of Jamestown, going back a number of years, there was a crusher in Rupert's and one also at Hutt's Gate.

During the "getting stone" era, stone was mined and collected from Crown Land, such as at Half Tree Hollow, Rupert's, Prosperous Bay Plain, Bunkers Hill and various other places. It was put into piles until sufficient was ready for loading unto lorries for transporting to crusher sites.


Area where stone crushing used to take place

In Jamestown, stone was rolled down the lower slopes of both hills. Tonnes were crow-barred from above the abandoned graveyard where Coleman's House now stands. Before that property was turned into Police Headquarters, it was known as the Adult and Vocational Education Centre (AVEC). Before AVEC, the area was one of several graveyards that existed in Jamestown. That was until interments were prohibited within the limits of Jamestown from 1 January 1885.

Records also show that people broke stone by the roadsides for sale to Government or anyone else requiring the product. Broken into small pieces it had to be passed through a wire hoop so the correct gauge was obtained.

The Airport Project demanded many hundreds of tonnes of stone and aggregate. The undertaking by Basil Reed showed just how much of the material could be produced. Currently, there are mechanised stone crushers in various districts of the island; two at Horse Point, one at Horse Pasture and one at Donkey Plain. All of these are private sector businesses. The customer places an order for a given quantity of stone or aggregate (including dust), and it can be collected from the site or delivered.



Hillside back of Coleman's House where stone was crow-barred from



Locals would collect stone for sale to supplement income

Waste Oil Upcycling

AIG announce "collaborative initiative" with United States Space Force



— **Liam Yon**, SAMS —

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) recently announced the launch of "a new collaborative initiative" between themselves and the United States Space Force (USSF) Base, "to support the sustainable upcycling of waste lubrication oil for use in AIG's incinerator."

Through this procedure and the new collaborative initiative, waste oil generated by the USSF Base will now be repurposed as a supplemental fuel source.

"Upcycling waste lubrication oil is a proven method of energy recovery, using the oil's high heating value to enhance the combustion efficiency of low-BTU waste, such as municipal solid waste, processed through AIG's incinerator," explained AIG.

This partnership is the latest in a line of initiatives to support Ascension's 'One Island Vision' programme which identifies "opportunities for collaboration on joint projects in support of resource efficiency, environmental impact reduction, and strengthening cooperation between island stakeholders."

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 28

- 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 29

- 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 30

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Anita and Deon
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: The Island Pulse
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Dec 01

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

TUE. Dec 02

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 10am: Minsters Question Time
- 11am: Vibes with Anita
- 2pm: The Island Pulse
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Dec 03

- 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. Dec 04

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: The Island Pulse

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

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BBC World Service

100.7 (Briars)

88.1 (High Knoll)

102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this Week



During the month of December, SAMS Radio 1 will be having a few exciting give-aways to share the love this festive season!

Thanks to our generous sponsors for their uptake, we are pleased to be able to offer our listeners a chance to win some fabulous prizes through competitions on SAMS Radio 1.

From vouchers to meals, brow wax to hair styling, and plenty more, be sure to tune in to SAMS Radio 1 to take part and be in with a chance to win this Christmas!

Local news and notices:

7am, 10am, noon, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Expert'

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Throwback Thursday



27th November 1987:

It is announced that the RMS St Helena (1990-2018) will be built in Aberdeen by Hall Russell Ltd. The contract is signed on 17th December.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

This Saturday is Lemon Cream Pie Day, so we thought we would share a delicious past recipe from the lovely Barbara George!

Lemon Meringue Pie



Ingredients

Crust

- 230g all-purpose flour (plain or cake flour)
- ½ tsp salt
- 4ozs margarine or butter
- 3 tbsp cold water Filling
- 260g sugar
- 60g cornflour
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour (plain or cake flour)
- ¼ tsp salt
- 450mls water
- 3 egg yolks (lightly beaten)
- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1 ½ tsp grated lemon peel (1 lemon)
- 1/3 cup lemon juice (2 lemons)

Meringue

- 50zs/115g sugar, divided
- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 4 egg whites
- 3/4 tsp vanilla extract or essence

Method

1. For pie crust: in a bowl, combine flour and salt; cut in margarine/butter until crumbly. Gradually add 3 tablespoons cold water, tossing with a knife or fork until dough forms a ball. If you have a mixer with a paddle attachment, this can be used instead.
2. Roll out pastry on a lightly floured surface or between two pieces of non-stick paper to fit a 9-inch pie plate. Transfer pastry to greased pie plate. Trim to 1/2 in. beyond edge of plate; flute edges. Bake "blind" at 200°C for 12-15 minutes or until lightly browned.
3. For the filling: in a large saucepan, add salt and gradually stir in water until smooth. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes longer.
4. Remove from the heat. Stir a small amount of hot filling into egg yolks; return all to the pan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat. Gently stir in butter or margarine and lemon peel. Gradually stir in lemon juice just until combined. Pour into the crust and set aside.
5. For the meringue: in a saucepan, combine 2 tablespoons sugar (taken from the 115g) and 1 tablespoon cornflour. Gradually stir in cold water. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture is clear. Transfer to a bowl; cool.
6. In a large bowl, beat egg whites and vanilla until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in the remaining sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well between each addition. Beat in cooled sugar and cornflour mixture until stiff glossy peaks form and the sugar is dissolved. Spread evenly over the hot lemon filling in the pie crust, sealing edges to crust so that the filling cannot be seen.
7. Bake at 180°C for 25 minutes or until the meringue is golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 1 hour. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours before serving. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 6-8 servings.

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

INVITATION TO TENDER

The St Helena National Trust would like to invite suitably experienced boat operators to submit tenders for the following contract:
Operational Support for Whale (Bone) shark research and data collection in St Helena's Marine Protected Area, during the 2026 season (Jan - March).

Only tenders from Accredited Marine Tour Operators will be considered, as per St Helena Research Institute Licence conditions.
Tenders should consider the following:

- Boat trips from Jamestown Wharf to Bone shark aggregation sites around the Island, within coastal waters. These sites include (but are not limited to): Barn Cap, Barn Ledge, Flagstaff Bay, Egg Island, Speery Island Cap, George Island and specific windward sites.
- Anticipated start date: **January 2026** *(whale shark sightings dependent).*
- Anticipated end date: **31 March 2026** *(contract may be extended depending on whale sharks continued presence).*
- Anticipated frequency of 3 to 5 trips per week.
  - Quotes required for both **half-day** *(3 to 4 hours)* and **full-day** trips *(6 to 7 hours);*
- Please provide details on the suitability of the vessel and crew to undertake this research work.
- Tenders must provide a current copy of their Health and Safety policy, Risk Assessments, and valid Insurance as part of the tender application.

For further details, please get in touch with the Trust Marine Team on *22190/22569* or email the Marine Conservation Project Manager *kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh*
Interested persons should submit tenders in a sealed envelope to the Office Manager, Amanda Constantine, by no later than 16:00hrs on Friday, 5th December 2025.

JOIN OUR TEAM

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

SOUTH ATLANTIC & DIEGO GARCIA (SADG)

Sure is seeking an experienced HR professional to join their Senior Management team in the Falkland Islands. This pivotal role involves delivering a proactive and collaborative HR generalist service within the Sure SADG group. If you're passionate about people, strategy and making an impact, we'd love to hear from you.

Requirements:

- **Professional HR certification (CIPD level 5) or equivalent work experience in a senior management role**
- **Proven experience in HR Management or generalist role within a fast-paced commercial environment**
- **Strong understanding of employment law and compliance**
- **Excellent communication and interpersonal skills**
- **Ability to demonstrate confidentiality and handle sensitive information**
- **Experience with SAGE payroll, desirable**
- **Commitment to employee engagement and wellbeing**

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory Police Disclosure

Join us and you can enjoy some of the benefits Sure offers: competitive salary, bonus scheme, company pension and continued professional development.

We are proud of the way we do things: We work together as One Team; We strive for Customer Satisfaction; We are Reliable; We have a passion for Technology and Learning; We are Community & Sustainability focused.

To apply send your CV to recruitment@sure.com by COB 3 December 2025

For further information, please contact Roma.Stewart@sure.com

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DECEMBER OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

Monday to Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

St Helena Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30

Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Monday	15 December	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Wednesday	17 December	09:30 – 13:00

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Select Committee 2 – Topics for Scrutiny

Select Committee 2 is pleased to announce that the two key topics it has prioritised for scrutiny are

- **Sustainable Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan – Years 1 and 2.**
- **Tourism Development Strategy.**

The extent to which the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan is achieving its aims and objectives is central to enabling St Helena's economic growth and sustainable development, so inquiring into what has been achieved in its first two years and identifying aspects that require improvement is extremely important.

Examination of key documentation and collection/analysis of other evidence relating to the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy Delivery Plan will begin next month. This will be obtained from relevant officials, other key stakeholders and members of the public – all contributions will be welcomed.

We encourage anyone with relevant knowledge, experience, data, or professional insight to share their input. Submissions may include observations, case examples, and any information or recommendations that could assist the Committee's work.

Submissions can be sent to the Committee Secretary via email at anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh, or by letter addressed to: **Committee Secretary, Legislative Council Office, The Castle.**

All submissions must be received by **4pm on Friday, 9 January 2026**. Your contribution could help shape future policy —thank you for taking part.

Legislative Council
24 November 2025

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Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

Since 1790

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Ramp Handlers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via 22523 gm-agencies@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, 11 December 2025.**

'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project



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

Today, we would like to introduce you to the project's new Water Resource Monitoring Technician (WRMT) based at Connect Saint Helena Ltd - Joey Thomas!

As WRMT, Joey supports the St Helena Cloud Forest Project by collecting and managing water resource data, maintaining monitoring equipment, and ensuring data accuracy.

His responsibilities include installing and maintaining monitoring networks, collecting data from surface water and groundwater sources, and preparing reports for project partners. Joey also assists with stakeholder engagement, drafting of water efficiency communications, and supports public events to promote sustainable water use.

Other duties include the development and maintenance of data dashboards to track equipment health, schedule maintenance, and visualise data for stakeholders and public communication.

It's great to have you join our SHCFP team Joey - keep up the good work!

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

VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Credit Control Officer

Commencing at £13,296 per annum

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

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

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

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

Candidates should also possess:

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

Interested persons can contact the Lending Services Manager on + 290 22390 ext 212 or email lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 5 December 2025.

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Director of Resources

Total package value up to £69,466 per annum

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

About the role

We are looking for a CCAB/CIMA-qualified finance professional to lead the Ascension Island Government (AIG)'s Resources Directorate. This is a rare and rewarding opportunity to take on a senior leadership role within a UK Overseas Territory, where your work has a clear and visible impact on the island's community and public services. As Director of Resources, you will oversee a diverse portfolio including Finance, Human Resources, Education (Two Boats School), Health Services, Stores & Accommodation and the Postal. You will also play a key role in the island's governance as a member of the Senior Management Team (SMT), a member of the Ascension Island Council, and Chair of its Finance Committee. In addition to leading the Resources Directorate, you will work closely with all AIG Directorates to support them in achieving their objectives and ensuring the effective and efficient use of public resources across AIG.

What you'll do

You will provide strategic leadership and direction across AIG, supporting the Administrator, SMT and elected Councillors in shaping the future of Ascension. Your responsibilities will include annual budgeting, financial forecasting, statutory accounting, internal controls, financial reporting and oversight of the island's taxation systems. You will support policy development by assessing the financial and economic implications of new initiatives, proposals and legislation. You will also lead and support the multidisciplinary teams within the Resources Directorate to deliver high-quality, efficient and value-for-money services across AIG.

What you'll bring

As a CIMA or CCAB-qualified accountant, ideally with several years' experience in a senior public sector finance role, you will be knowledgeable, adaptable and resilient, with a high level of personal integrity. You will bring strong leadership skills and experience of managing the competing demands of multidisciplinary teams, along with the ability to prioritise effectively and deliver to deadlines on key and complex resourcing and financial challenges.

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

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider UK Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in a remote environment and small community.

What we offer

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

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

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

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: **Monday 05 January 2026**
Interviews: **Week commencing 05 January 2026 (via video call if off island)**
Start date: **As soon as possible**

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

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

BAPTIST CHURCH

Combined Service
Sunday 30th November
Jamestown Chapel 2.30 pm

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

Bible Studies
Tuesday 2nd December
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 4th December
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 30th November 2025 – 1st Sunday in Adsvent		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
	Monday 1st December	
7.00 p.m.	**Patronal Festival**	**St Andrew**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 30th November 2025 – 1st Sunday in Advent		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 4th December	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 30th Novmber 2025 – 1st Sunday in Advent		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 2nd December	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PRESS RELEASE

Have Your Say: Securing St Helena's Water Future

The St Helena Government extends a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the recent community engagement evenings and the drop-in session at The Canister regarding the Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP). Your invaluable contributions have already played a crucial role in shaping the direction of this vital project.

We are now entering the final stages of developing the WRMP, and it is important that we hear from as many members of the public as possible. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, we strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to do so.
Your opinions, ideas, and local knowledge are vital. They will strengthen the final plan that will guide how St Helena secures reliable and sustainable water supplies for our households, agriculture, businesses, and the natural environment in the years ahead.

By completing the questionnaire, you are helping us:

- Improve how water is sourced, stored, and used
- Build resilience to drought and climate change
- Protect our natural environment
- Ensure community needs are fully understood and reflected



Please use the QR code above to access the questionnaire and share your views.
Hard copies are also available at Essex House, the Public Library, and ENRP Scotland for anyone who prefers to complete it by hand.

Thank you for taking the time to support this important project and for helping secure St Helena's water future.

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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24 November 2025
#StHelena #WaterResourceManagement #Plan *https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/*
https://twitter.com/StHelenaGovt

VACANCY ADVERT

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit person for the following post: **CNS Specialist** effective 1 April 2026.

We are seeking an individual that can ensure the effective operation, maintenance, and continuous improvement of communication, navigation, and surveillance (CNS) systems at St Helena Airport.

Applicants must be in possession of the following:

- 5 GCSE grade A*-C (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics (NVQ2) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- Specialised trade or craft qualification in Air Traffic Management Systems, Electronics or a related field (NVQ-4) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- At least 5 years post qualification experience within the CNS field.
- Knowledge and experience of AGL (Airfield Ground Lighting Systems)
- Strong interpersonal skills to form effective working relationships with people at all levels

Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5-year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.

Other essential requirements are listed in the Job Description.

The salary for this post is between **£36,087.61 and £43,775.43** per annum, depending on qualifications and experience plus a 12.5% company pension contribution.

For more information and if you want to receive an application form please contact Elaine Hopkins, HR Officer on email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0.

The closing date for this position is **19 December 2025**.

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SEXTORTION

EXTORTION USING YOUR INTIMATE IMAGES

WHAT IS SEXTORTION?

Sextortion is a type of online blackmail and is a serious crime. It happens when a perpetrator manipulates or grooms someone into sending them explicit or intimate pictures or videos of themselves. Once they receive these pictures or videos they will threaten to share them online, unless you comply with their demands. Demands can range from money, gift cards, or more sexual content.

WHO DOES IT AFFECT?

While adults can also be victims, sextortion has become an increasing threat, specifically targeting **children & teenagers, particularly teenage boys**.

Law enforcement agencies and child protection organisations have reported an alarming surge in cases involving minors in recent years.



IF YOU'RE A VICTIM...

1. **DON'T PAY**: Paying usually leads to further demands.
2. **STOP ALL CONTACT**: Block the predator immediately.
3. **SAVE EVIDENCE**: Don't delete any messages or profile information, as this can aid police in thier investigations. Take screenshots if you can.
4. **REPORT IT**: Contact the Royal St Helena Police on Tel. No. 22626

PROTECT YOURSELF

- **NEVER CONNECT** with anyone online who you've never met in real life
- **NEVER POST** any intimate photos or videos online
- **ADJUST PRIVACY SETTINGS:** Set social media accounts to private, not public, to limit who can contact you.

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

- **ADJUST PRIVACY SETTINGS**: Set your children's social media & gaming accounts to private, to limit who can contact them or see their info.
- **USE PARENTAL CONTROLS:** Use built-in device & app parental controls, e.g. Google Family Link, to limit screen time, filter content, & approve apps.
- **MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY:** Check phones & social media activity regularly, and set rules against the late night use of phones or other devices.
- **TALK TO THEM:** Speak to your children about the dangers of talking to, or gaming with strangers online. Also talk about the dangers of sexting.

St Helena Government

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 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.

Legislative Council Office Assistant
(£11,604 per annum)

The Legislative Council Office is seeking to recruit a motivated individual with proven effective administrative skills to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If you are interested in this opportunity then we would be keen to hear from you. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anita Legg on Tel No. 24724 or Email: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

Teacher - Science (SHSS)
(£12,432 – £20,645 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education and a love of science? We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Teacher of Science to join our team to support in inspiring the next generation of learners. In this role, you will deliver engaging and high-quality teaching across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5, helping students develop both academically and personally. You will plan, prepare, and teach well-structured, differentiated lessons that spark curiosity and foster scientific thinking. You will also set meaningful home learning tasks that consolidate learning and support steady progress. We're looking for a teacher who can bring science to life, encouraging students to question, explore, and understand the world around them. If you are passionate about creating positive learning experiences and committed to helping every student achieve their potential, we would love to hear from you.

In line with COBIS Standards, the Education Skills and Employment is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of identity and qualifications, and will be subject to reference checks, an enhanced police background check, and any other safeguarding checks relevant to the role. We promote equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 03 December 2025
Shortlisting date: 08 December 2025
Interview date: 17 December 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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AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY

1ST PLACE AWARDS

Horticulture & Home Baking

Section	A	Pot Plants
Name	Class	Description
Kenickie Andrews	2	Busy Lizzie
Loretta Coleman	4	Succulent
Marcia Benjamin	4	Succulent
Karen Buckley	5	Cactus/Succulent Garden minimum of 5 species
Cassandra Peters	6	Coleus
Kinickie Andrews	7	Fern
Joycelyn Isaac	8	Geranium
Anita Isaac	9	African Violet
Loretta Coleman	11	Arum Lily
Kinickie Andrews	12	Foliage Plant
Joycelyn Isaac	13	Pot plant not mentioned above
Tina Peters	14	Garden of Herbs- minimum of 4 species

Section	B	Flowers
Name	Class	Description
Loretta Coleman	2	Carnation
Loretta Coleman	7	French Marigold
Martin Buckley	11	Rose (I Bloom- de thorned)
Loretta Coleman	12	Snap dragon

Section	C	Flower arrangement
Name	Class	Description
Carol Youde	1	Arrangement of fresh flowers and foliage in a container
Cassandra Peters	2	Arrangement of dried flowers

Section	D	Vegetables
Name	Class	Description
Mark Coleman	1	6 Bean Pods
Mark Coleman	3	3 Carrots
George Thomas	5	3 beetroot
Paul Herne	8	1 cucumber
Paul Herne	9	3 Large Red tomatoes
Paul Herne	10	3 large non red tomotoes
Harry Piek	13	3 onions
Kenneth Leo	14	6 shallots
Paul Herne	15	6 spring onions
Paul Herne	17	1 cauliflower
George Thomas	18	1 broccoli
Paul Herne	19	1 head cabbage
Andrew Constantine	23	5 potatoes coloured variety
Andrew Constantine	24	5 potatoes whitee variety
Pennel Henry	25	3 turnips
Kenneth Leo	29	1 head of garlic
Robert Mittens	32	1 pumpkin
Paul Herne	33	any other vegetable

Section	E	Fruit
Name	Class	Description
Andrew Constantine	11	6 Bananas
Malcolm Isaac	12	any other fruit not sepcified above

Section	F	Home Produce
Name	Class	Description
George Thomas	2	6 fresh hen eggs
George Thomas	3	6 fesh duck eggs
Sherilee Phillips	4	Jar of chutney
Edna Richards	5	Jar of jam
Dottie Yon	6	Jar of jelly
Emma Bennett	7	Jar of curd
Carol Youde	8	Jar of marmalade
Elizabeth Clingham	9	Jar of Mustard Piccailli
Millie Stopforth	10	Jar of pickled Vegetable
Linda Richards	11	Jar of sauce
Penny Bowers	12	Pate
Karen Buckley	13	Pickled fish
Barbara Osbourne	14	Bottle of wine
Lisa Joshua	15	Bottle of syrup
Jordan Clingham	16	Bottle of ginger beer
Deborah Fowler	18	Bottle of cordial
Dorita Fuller	18	Bottle of cordial
Elizabeth Clingham	19	Baileys
Sherilee Phillips	20	Goats cheese
Neil Joshua	21	Honey

Section	G	Baking
Name	Class	Description
Wendy Gough	1	Chocolate cake
Isobel Fowler	2	Gluten free chocolate cake
Isobel Fowler	5	5 cupcakes iced/decorated
Wendy Benjamin	6	Rich fruit cake
Jolene Benjamin	7	Victoria layered sponge
Wendy Gough	8	Plain spong cake
Jolene Benjamin	9	Swiss Roll
Justine Josha	10	Banana cake
Marcia Benjamin	11	Loaf cake any flavour
Linda Richards	12	Gluten free loaf cake
Carolyn Greentree	14	Boiled pudding
Jolene Benjamin	15	Coconut fingers
Fiona Duncan	19	Barley Sugar
Fiona Duncan	20	Peanut Brittle
Fiona Duncan	21	Fudge
Angie Benjamin	22	Marshmallow
Isabel Simon	23	Sugarcraft character or 5 flowers
Penny Bowers	24	Plain biscuits
Emma Bennett	25	Oat biscuits
Helena Twinnings	26	Iced biscuits
Emma Bennett	28	5 Drop scones
Tara Thomas	30	5 savoury scones
Jolene Benjamin	32	5 sausage rolls
Catherine Richards	33	Quiche 1 large or 5 small
Penny Peters	34	Cheese straws
Cyril Fowler	35	Curry pies
Jolene Benjamin	36	5 small filled tarts
Jolene Benjamin	39	5 mince pies
Saad Mohammad	40	Flapjacks
Linda Richards	42	Chocolate brownies
Linda Richards	43	Gluten free chocolate brownies
Linda Richards	45	Granola bars
Saba Anwar	46	3 Crossiants
Aliyah Peters	48	6 cinnamon rolls
David Johnson	49	6 hot cross buns
Millie Stopforth	50	6 Bread Rolls white
Magda Myskakowska	52	1 loaf Granary/malted/seeded handmade
Millie Stopforth	53	1 loaf white handmade
Suzanne Fick	54	1 loaf sourdough
Isobel Fowler	17a	decorated cake
Jolene Benjamin	17a	decorated cake
Justine Green	17a	decorated cake
Matteo Augustus	17b	decorated cake
Bevan Youde	31a	not specified above

Section	H	Childrens
Name	Class	Description
Aaminah Mohommad	3	3 small cakes Plain
Aaminah Mohommad	6	1 6inch pizza
Zainab Anwar	8	3 Biscuits- Iced
Alize Sim	10	3 small cakes iced
Olivia Fick	11	3 slices Rocky Road
Zainab Mohammed	12	1 10-inch pizza
Sion Fick	13	3 Biscuits- Plain
Yusuf Mohammad	16	3 small cakes iced
Gilbert Edwards	18	6 cheese straws
Ziggy Joshua	24	6 cheese straws
Max Peters	30	any vegetable grown by a child
Harford School	35	
Ava Yon	36	Pot Plant grown and looked after by a child
Harford School	38	Pot Plant grown and looked after by a group of children
SunFlower Creche	45	Homebaking by a group
Mila Passaportis	17a	Homemade sweets

Adult with Most Points	Paul Herne
Childrens Categories with most points	Harford School

Please collect your prizes and certificates from your District Rep.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY

IST PLACE AWARDS

Art & Crafts

A- Knitting	
A1 - item of clothing	Wendy Gough
A2 - any other knitted item	Cilla Issac
A3 - any item made by a child	Shakela Knipe

B- Crochet	
B1 - Crochet item of clothing	Patricia Henry
B2- Any other Crochet item	Emily Walters
B3 - Any item made by a child	Hollie Benjamin

C- Flax work	
C1 - any item made by an adult	Keira Francis
	Fiona Duncan
C2 - any item made by a child	Zainab Mohammed

D- Lacework	
D1 - any item made by an adult	Patricia Henry
D2 - any item made by a child -	No entries

E - Aloe work	No entries

F- Seedwork	
F1 - Any item by an adult	Eileen Leo
F2 - Any item by a child	Theo March

G- Sewing	
G1 - Any handsewn item	Alice Francis
G2- Any machine sewn item	Kerry Yon
G3 - any item made by a child	No entries

H- Quilting	
H1 - Any item made by an adult	Steve Evans
H2 any item made by a child	No entries

I - Embroidery, Tapestry & Cross stitch	
I1 - Any item using a bought kit	Leanne Henry
I2- any other item	Lesley Benjamin
I3 - any item made by a child	Ava Yon

J- Soft toy making	
J1- Any item made by an adult	Alice Cant
J2 - Any item made by a child	Pippa Thwaites

K - Woodwork	
K1 - Any item of Woodwork	Tony Peters
K2- Any item of Inlay work	Peter Lawrence
	Nicky Leo - ship wheel
K3 - Any item made by a child	Jaxon Benjamin

L - Jewellery	
L1 - any item made by an adult	Lynton Peters
L2- any item made by a child	Zyanna Henry

M - Art	
M1 - Painted (oil, watercolour, acrylic, etc)	Saba Anwar
M2 - Drawn (pencils, pastels, charcoal, etc)	Craig Peters
M3- any other medium	Kylie Peters
M4 - any item by a child	Aidan Isaac

N - Photography	
N1 - Portrait	Leroy Peters
N2 - landscape, seascape or skyscape	Tracey Williams
N3 - Fauna & flora	Tracey Williams
N4 - any item by a child	Kai Benjamin

O - Metal/Wire work	
O1 - any item made by an adult	Keith Williams
O2 - any item made by a child	No entries

P- Recycled piece	
P1 - any item made by an adult	Alan Joshua
P2 - any item made by a child	Harford Primary

Q- Souvenir Piece	
Q1- any item made by an adult	Lynton Peters
Q2 - any item made by a child	No entries

Livestock

Cow and Calf	Eli Yon
Cow	Gary Stevens
Hiefer	Gary Stevens
Billy Goat	Clayton Andrews
Billy Goat	Timon Hopkins
Nanny Goat	Harry Piek
Nanny and Kids	Kieran Williams

Whether	Harry Piek
Lamb and ewe	Ajay Bennett &Timon Hopkins
Ram	Clayton Peters
Sow	Sophie Thorpe
Sow and piglets	David Stevens
Cockeral	Dawn Hall
Hens	Dawn Hall

Over All District Results

DISTRICT	Hort/Baking	Livestock	Art/Crafts	Stall	Total
Alarm Forest	189	21	65	212	487
Blue Hill	69		28	229	326
HTH	5	10	31	173	219
Jamestown	68		22	203	293
Levelwood	42		35	248	325
Longwood	137	6	43	244	430
Sandy Bay	92	5	48	187	332
St Paul's	138	22	126	257	543

NOTICE BOARD

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc wishes to advise customers that **The Star, DIY Store, Greenlands Half Tree Hollow Supermarket and Hardware, Silver Hill Shop and Warrens Wholesale** will close slightly earlier at 12noon on Wednesday 3 December 2025.

Normal Openings will resume for all outlets on Thursday 4 December 2025 and customers are thanked in advance for your patience and understanding.

The Sentinel Xmas Messages

Would you like to wish your family and friends a very Merry Christmas?
The Sentinel and SAMS Radio 1 are once again inviting you to send in your Christmas messages to be published in The Sentinel's last issue for 2025 on 18th December, as well as to read out on SAMS Radio 1 on Christmas Day!

Don't miss the opportunity to spread the love and send well wishes to those close to you this Festive season – get in contact with us via news@sams.sh, call 22727, or message via our Facebook page.

Deadline for messages to be submitted is 4pm Monday 15th December.



NOTICE BOARD

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

THE SALVATION ARMY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM

SUNDAY 30th November - Mince pies and Carols at the HTH Community Centre at 6pm.

TUESDAY 2nd December - Carols at the Sandy Bay Community Centre at 7.30pm.

SUNDAY 7th December - Carols by Candlelight at the HTH Army Hall. 6pm

TUESDAY 9th December - Carols at St Michaels Church in Rupert's at 7.30pm

SATURDAY 13th December - Open Air Carols on the Bridge at 7pm.

SUNDAY 14th December - Open Air Carols at Rosemary Plain at 4pm.

SUNDAY 21st December - Ecumenical Carol Service at the Court House steps at 7.30pm.

THURSDAY 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY family service at the HTH Army Hall at 10am

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
(John 1:1, 14 NIV)

Application Cut-Off Date

Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that applications for new Telephone, Television and Broadband installations for service dates in December 2025 should be submitted to the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by no later than

Friday 12th December 2025.

Provision of service for applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed until January 2026.

Please visit our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown, call 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh for further information.

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ST JAMES CHURCH WILL BE HOLDING A £1 STALL AT THE JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE THIS COMING SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, AT 10am.

GRAB YOURSELVES SOME GREAT BARGAINS AND POSSIBLY CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

THERE WILL BE CLOTHING, SHOES, BRIC A BRAC, JEWELLERY ETC.

SEE YOU THERE!

SPORTS ARENA

St Helena Golf Club Hosts Thrilling Players Championship 2025



SHGC, Contributed

The St Helena Golf Club staged its second biggest event of the year last weekend, the two-day SHGC Players Championship, held on 22–23 November 2025. Perfect golfing weather set the stage for an exciting competition, attracting a strong field of 22 players.

Day one saw impressive performances, with Keith Joshua carding a superb 66 and Gerald George close behind on 69, both finishing in the sixties. Saturday's Two Ball Pool winners were Keith Joshua and Neil Joshua on the 5th hole, while Jeffrey Stevens thrilled his group with an eagle two on the 18th.

After 36 holes, Gerald George maintained his remarkable consistency to claim first prize and the championship trophy with a net score of 134. Martin Joshua followed closely in second place with a net 135.

Nearest-to-pin prizes went to Keith Joshua on the 7th and Arthur Young on the 11th. Sunday's Two Ball Pool winners were Martin Joshua and Jason Hopkins, both on the 5th hole.

The prize-giving ceremony was conducted by Martin Buckley, representing the event sponsors: Phillip Francis, Martin Joshua, Martin Buckley, Jeremy Clingham, Anthony Thomas, Dax Richards, and Jason Hopkins. The club extends heartfelt congratulations to all winners and sincere appreciation to the sponsors for their continued support.

Looking ahead, next Sunday the club will host the Annual Peter Francis Memorial Challenge, an 18-hole stroke play event sponsored by Richard James International. Tee-off is at 12:00.

Members are also reminded that the Annual Dinner and Dance is fast approaching on 5 December 2025. Please add your name and number of guests to the catering list by leaving a message on 24421.

For more details on our events check out our website at www.sthelenagolf.com and follow us on Facebook.

Happy swinging!





WSA Rounders League 2025

ROUNDERS LEAGUE
MATCH RESULTS
MATCHDAY 7 — SAT 22ND NOV 25

FIREBALLS		INCREDIBLES	
Renae Coleman	4.5	Tanisha Benjamin	3.5
Gemma Glanville	1	Anisa Moyce	2
Tina Brady	0.5	Sinead Green	0.5
Taylor Thomas	1	Danielle Anthony	2.5
Ziara Thomas	1	Sara Thomas	6
Hannah Beard	0.5	Amelia	1
Shalana Clingham	1	Suelaine Green	4
Penalty Score	1.5	Penalty Score	2.5
	11		22

ROUNDERS LEAGUE
MATCH RESULTS
MATCHDAY 8 — SUN 23RD NOV 25

FUSION		INCREDIBLES	
Teryn Phillips	0.5	April Stevens	4
Dana Constantine	1	Barbara Osborne	12.5
Melissa Fowler	1	Tanisha Benjamin	3.5
Tyran Henry	1	Anisa Moyce	1
Deborah	2	Sinead Green	3.5
		Chloe Thomas	16.5
Penalty Score	0.5	Sara Thomas	15.5
		Suelaine Green	2
		Penalty Score	3.5
	6		62

ROUNDERS LEAGUE
MATCH RESULTS
MATCHDAY 8 — SUN 23RD NOV 25

BATTITUDE		FIREBALLS	
Emma Bennett	0.5	Raylisha Piek	1
Justine Green	2.5	Tina Brady	1.5
Qhi Green	2.5	Taylor Thomas	1
Whitney Young	2.5	Santara Peters	0.5
Bethany Bennett	4		
Georgia Bennett	1		
Alfreda	1		
Julie Anthony	1		
Jaymie Lawrence	2		
Penalty Score	1		
	18		4

ROUNDERS LEAGUE
MATCH RESULTS
MATCHDAY 8 — SUN 23RD NOV 25

THUNDERBATS		BALLZY LADIES	
Keely Yon	0.5	Charlotte William	10.5
Shauntai Yon	2	Alayah Pidgley	2
		Kati-Rose Thomas	1.5
Penalty Score	1.5	Dani Thomas	13.5
		Ice	1.5
		Katelyn Bejamin	2.5
		Danielle Benjamin	4.5
		Nicola Constatine	5.5
		Penalty Score	2.5
	4		44

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Sunday 23 November 2025

Bellboys 9
J Thomas (6) T Brady
S Henry, T Phillips
MoM: Not Listed

Fugees 1
L Williams (pen)

Rovers 8
R Benjamin (3) T Osborne (3)
J Letori, R Legg
MoM: Tyler Benjamin

La Verde 2
A Leo, J Yon

KNOCKOUT SEMI-FINALS

Sunday 30 November 2025

1pm	**Bellboys**	vs	**Inter Galactic**
3pm	**Rovers**	vs	**Wirebirds**





PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 29 November 2025

3pm	**Brentford**	vs	**Burnley**
3pm	**Man City**	vs	**Leeds**
3pm	**Sunderland**	vs	**Bournemouth**
5.30pm	**Everton**	vs	**Newcastle**
8pm	**Spurs**	vs	**Fulham**

Sunday 30 November 2025

12pm	**C'Palace**	vs	**Man Utd**
2.05pm	**Aston Villa**	vs	**Wolves**
2.05pm	**Nott'm Forest**	vs	**Brighton**
2.05pm	**West Ham**	vs	**Liverpool**
4.30pm	**Chelsea**	vs	**Arsenal**



SPORTS ARENA

BELLBOYS AND ROVERS ADVANCE





Liam Yon, SAMS

The SHFA Knockout Tournament 2025 got underway over at Francis Plain last Sunday with two matches played in the preliminary round between Bellboys and Fugees, and Rovers and La Verde.

It In the 1pm kick-off, Bellboys continued the dominance that saw them cruise to this year's league title undefeated as they ran out 9-1 winners against the Fugees.

Bellboys star man, Joey Thomas, was in fine form once again bagging a double hat-trick, one either side of the half time break. Other goals from Tyler Brady, Scott Henry and Taylan Phillips brought their total to nine, with Lars Williams scoring a consolation for Fugees, converting from the spot during the first half. No Man of the Match was listed for this encounter.

In disappointing news for Fugees, their midfield veteran in Jason 'Conger' Williams sustained a nasty injury to his shoulder/collar bone – we wish him a speedy recovery.

Nevertheless, the win saw league champions, Bellboys, book their place in this year's Knockout Semi-Finals, and they will feel confident – having won every match played this season so far – that they can go all the way to the final and lift the Knockout alongside their League trophy.

In the second knockout preliminary match, reigning champions Rovers welcomed the challenge of the always impressive, La Verde, as the two sides looked to book the final spot in the Semi-Final stage of this year's tournament.

Rovers started on fire with two early goals from Jake Letori and Rico Benjamin. However, a freak goal by La Verde goalkeeper, Anelka Leo - scoring direct from a free-kick in his own half thanks to an unfortunate slip by Rovers keeper, Ryan Backhouse - gave La Verde hope and halted the early momentum of the Rovers.

Rovers would however restore their two-goal lead in the first half, through Rico, before running riot in the second period, with the score finishing 8-2 to the reigning champs. Captain Rico finished with a hat-trick, as did Toure Osborne who only came on after the half-time break and made his mark on the match with pace, power and precision. The other goals came from Jake and a second half strike from Ronan Legg. La Verde Captain, Jordan Yon, did score a late goal to give his young side something to celebrate in the last minutes, however the damage had already been done with Rovers advancing to this year's Semi-Finals. Despite not scoring, Tyler Benjamin's influence throughout the ninety saw him named as the Man of the Match.

Following the two preliminary knockout matches, a draw was held to determine the Semi-Final matchups in the presence of the SHFA Chairman, Martin 'Kunya' Buckley. With representatives from the day's winners – Bellboys and Rovers – along with the two teams that got a bye through the preliminary round – Wirebirds and Inter Galactic – the draw out of the hat got underway. The first two names to be drawn and therefore going head to head in Semi-Final One was Inter Galactic and Bellboys, the leagues bottom placed and top placed team respectively. With the next fixture known, the last two names were confirmed as Rovers and Wirebirds, with the two former league champions set to battle it out in Semi-Final Two.