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SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

I have the privilege of writing the first comment of 2026, so let me start off by wishing all our readers and listeners a wonderful, blessed and joyful New Year. With so many people struggling with the flu-virus over the festive period, I will add a wish for health to my New Years wishes.

For many it has truly been a very challenging end to 2025 leading into 2026. A number of families lost someone over this period. Although it is always tragic to lose someone close to you, I think it is even worse to go through this sad time at a time when everyone else is celebrating.

Even though many of us might feel overwhelmed and discouraged at such a negative start to the New Year, I am reminded of an old song by The Byrds from the 60's 'Turn, Turn, Turn'. In the lyrics they state that there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven adapted almost entirely from the book Ecclesiastes in the Bible. When listening to this song, I find myself contemplating the cyclical nature of life and how change and adversity can affect our outlook and perspective.

At the beginning of every season we have to take a moment to consider how to go forward, how to face life and where we can find the courage and strength to deal with everyday as well as occasional challenges.

Even if it is challenging, I feel it always makes life more bearable if you approach it with a positive outlook. We might feel that it is too difficult to start this year on a positive note, but if you take it one day at a time, before you realise it we will be well into 2026 and things might look bright and beautiful again.

So stay positive and 2026 will surely prove to be a good one!

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ST HELENA NEWS

The Pinch who Stole at Christmas

Police seek public help in burglary investigation at St Paul's before Christmas



Liam Yon, SAMS

Prior to the Christmas break, a burglary took place in the St Paul's district with money and valuables having been stolen, and the Royal St Helena Police is seeking assistance from the public with their investigation to apprehend the person or persons responsible.

"The Royal St Helena Police (RSHP) is currently investigating a burglary that occurred in the St Pauls area, near St Pauls Cathedral," they said in an appeal for information issued on 19 December.

Police detail how "on Tuesday, 16 December 2025, an unknown individual or individuals entered a residential property without consent" adding that "a large sum of money, several items of jewellery, and make up were taken."

Unsurprisingly, Police revealed how "this incident has caused the property owners significant distress and upset," before adding that "RSHP Officers are appealing for anyone who may have seen anyone acting suspiciously in this area on this day."

Continuing their appeal for help from the public, Police are asking anyone with any information at all, even if this information may be perceived as minor or insignificant, to get in contact with them, adding that even the smallest piece of information "could be vital" to their investigation.

The RSHP can be contacted on 22626, they can be emailed via cid@sainthelena.gov.sh, while they also accept in-person visits to the Police Station and are available for face to face chats with an officer of your choosing.

As always, information received will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.



"Incident is Under Investigation"

No clarity given around concerning incident of unloaded luggage during last weekend's flight as St Helena Airport confirm investigation



Liam Yon, SAMS

Last Saturday's Airlink Flight from St Helena to Johannesburg has been far from business as usual, with a number of reports having been received that a large quantity of luggage belonging to departing passengers was not loaded onto the aircraft and was therefore left behind at St Helena Airport.

This is obviously of serious concern to passengers who, without their luggage, needed to continue their onward travel, likely back to their country of residence.

According to unconfirmed reports, around two cart loads of luggage was left behind at St Helena Airport. Some say this was due to an incorrect calculation of the baggage and their weight, with the baggage alleged to be deemed overweight because of the miscalculation. Another theory doing the rounds is that the aircraft had been carrying an excessive amount of fuel which meant that weight limits had been reached before all of the luggage had been loaded. Again, this information and rumoured theories have not been verified.

To gain some clarity and receive authenticated information from official sources, The Sentinel reached out to both St Helena Airport Ltd (SHAL) and Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc; contracted by SHAL to support operations at St Helena Airport through managing passenger bookings, handling cargo logistics and providing essential ground services like fuel supply, ramp handling and security operations.

Enquiries sent to Solomon's included why passenger's luggage was not loaded, how much luggage was left behind, identification of the point of failure in this incident and what will now be done to ensure passengers that have departed will receive their luggage; as well as the logistical difficulties around this, considering these passengers will be travelling onward to various destinations around the world.

In response, Solomon's provided no answers and instead suggested that enquiries be sent to St Helena Airport Ltd. Gwyneth Howell, CEO of SHAL, on the back of enquiries sent, informed that "unfortunately the airport has no comment," however she did confirm that, "the incident is under investigation."

With no clarity having been received from either SHAL or Solomon's, The Sentinel have since reached out to St Helena Government for information in the interest of transparency, to discover what went wrong, who is accountable, and how passengers will now be reunited with their luggage.

The Sentinel will share any updates on this story as and when we receive them.





The Future of Telecoms

Executive Council direct SHG to reopen negotiations with SURE as AIG announce new Telecommunications provider for Ascension Island





Liam Yon, SAMS

Back in 2025, prior to the dissolution of the former Legislative Council and Ministerial Team for St Helena on 30 June, St Helena Government (SHG) informed that negotiations between the Government and current telecommunications service provider, Sure South Atlantic Ltd, regarding a new long-term telecommunications license ended without an agreement being made.

This was largely due to simply running out of time to finalise discussions and find a workable agreement, despite what was described as "extensive efforts" from all parties by SHG.

Failure to reach an agreement was attributed to the difficulty of balancing the Island's long-term digital interests with the commercial realities of a rapidly changing technological market.

An additional sticking point was the fact that the new Communications Ordinance had yet to be adopted at the time of negotiating.

While no agreement was reached, Sure continued to express a willingness to continue discussions with any new government that, at the time, was still to be elected through the September General Election.

Fast forward, and with a new Executive Council now in place and the Communications Ordinance, 2025, approved, this topic – namely 'Options for Long-term Improvements to the Domestic Telecommunications Network' – was included in the Agenda for a meeting of the Executive Council in December 2025, when ExCo gave the directive for SHG officials to reopen discussions with Sure South Atlantic Ltd.

"Executive Council was asked to consider options for the future of telecoms on St Helena and to advise whether SHG officers should engage with Sure SA Ltd to work through the full package available for a longer-term relationship with the company," said SHG in their Top Lines from the meeting held on 16 December. "Executive Council has given SHG Officers a mandate to continue the dialogue with Sure SA Ltd to develop the full detail of the options," they continued. "In the event an agreement with Sure is achieved, Executive Council have instructed SHG Officers to concurrently explore alternative options for telecoms provision." This, Government states, "is in line with our commitment to ensure the best possible outcome for St Helena" where they indicate that, "a

final decision on the selected option will be made by mid-2026."

This update suggests that SHG are currently looking at future telecoms options for St Helena, including a long-term license for Sure if this is considered the best solution, and will make a decision in the coming months.

In other telecoms news, Ascension Island Government (AIG) in December announced a partnership with Omnitouch Network Services as the incoming telecommunications service provider for Ascension Island. This follows the notice by Sure of its intention to cease its role as the on-island telecommunications provider for Ascension on 28 February this year.

They add that their partnership with Omnitouch, "should ensure the ongoing availability of reliable telecommunications for the community from 1 March 2026."

Omnitouch – who it is said designs, builds, and operates cellular networks in geographically remote and challenging parts of the world – are now collaborating with AIG and key



stakeholders to plan and deliver the transition.

AIG reported in December that, "work is already underway to design, install, and test the new systems, including a mobile network provision with 4G mobile," adding that, "package details, eSIM, and SIM cards will be released in the new year."

Having entered into 2026, and with work underway in preparation for the new telecoms provision on Ascension Island, AIG have committed to keeping the community informed. "We understand the importance of connectivity in daily life, work, and staying in touch with loved ones," said AIG to conclude. "AIG is working closely with employing organisations and other stakeholders to find the best possible outcome for our community."

A Successful Year

St Helena Medical Support Fund financially supports 18 people and counting in first year



Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Medical Support Fund (SHMSF) have surpassed their one-year anniversary, with the charity having been established back on 19 December 2024; the aim being to provide financial support to family members or friends that need to assist patients being referred for medical treatment off-Island.

Since the charity was setup, they have become known for their monthly sweepstake, a fundraiser which almost instantly became a hit on St Helena, raising funds for a worthy cause while also giving amazing cash prizes back to the public through their draw each month – making its purpose two-fold and therefore hugely popular on the Island.

It was during the December Sweepstake draw, LIVE on SAMS Radio 1, when the committee revealed that, at the time, the SHMSF had financially supported 18 people accompanying medical referral patients from St Helena; an incredible number in just its first year of operations.

In December, SAMS hosted the last Sweepstake draw of the 2025, when 34 lucky winners won cash prizes, ranging from £100 all the way up to £5000, all in time for Christmas.

Susan Knipe, Chairperson of the Charity, when concluding the December draw, thanked everyone who has participated in their monthly fundraiser since the start of the year, with their contributions invaluable in the SHMSF's aim to support medical referrals.

The next SHMSF Sweepstake will go 'live' on Facebook on Friday, 16 January, when, once again, a number of tickets will be up for grabs at £20 each. As always, keep an eye out to support the St Helena Medical Support Fund and stand a chance to win big.

The Sentinel wishes to congratulate the SHMSF and its members for a successful first year of operations and look forward to supporting them further this year.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

January



Ministers put forward a fourth "modified zero-based budget" option to FCDO with an additional £16m pound request during FAM discussions as yacht, Flica, finishes 1st Provisional Overall as Atalanta takes Line Honours in Cape to St Helena Yacht Race. Also, unfavourable sea conditions cause first cruise ship for 2025 – The Seven Seas Splendor – to depart without landing passengers while new charity, St Helena Medical Support Fund, kicks off fundraising efforts with big-money prize in January Sweepstake. Stats Office also report the highest inflation in 15 years.

February









Education Portfolio confirm imminent name change for Prince Andrew School to remove "controversial ties". Evette Bowers wins "life-changing" £5,000 grand prize in first SHMSF Sweepstake as Barbara Joshua becomes 50,000th passenger to pass through St Helena Airport. ExCo approves Property Purchase and Disposal Policy, and MOU is signed allowing St Helena to utilise the UK's Watch List and SHG announce date for General Election 2025 and dissolution of Council. In addition, STC welcomes the arrival of MFV 'St Albatros' and Challengers are confirmed as SHCA League Champions.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

March





SHG announce "decision made" to open two new schools (KS1 & KS2) on existing sites at Harford and St Paul's as part of Primary Reorganisation, with use of Pilling Primary building to be discontinued and all three Primary Schools to close ahead of "fresh start". In addition, safety is increased at the Jamestown Run after completion of railing installation project by S. Doy Construction while St Helena's Emergency Services announce rollout of "innovative location technology" 'what3words'. Consultation also gets underway on the future of the Jamestown Wharf as Half Tree Hollow take SHCA T20 District Title 2025.

April







Audit St Helena Performance Audit Report on Fishing Operations Agreement between SHG, PQTSH and STC is presented in LegCo as Minister Ellick asks for this to be "open for debate immediately" due to his "concerns about this paper." The St Helena Cloud Forest Project is celebrated in the Palace Of Westminster as new funding from FCDO is announced for 25/26 while One Creative Environments Ltd is chosen as 'Design and Supervise Consultancy' for New Prison Build. In addition, PC Jordana Peters is awarded 'Leader of the Future' award as the WSA hold their presentation of awards night at Donny's place.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



May

SHG inform of "grave" financial position due to potential Human Rights and Medical Negligence litigation costs, though EHRC say SHG must acknowledge past administrative deficiencies and commit to restoring public trust. New name for Prince Andrew School is unveiled as St Helena Secondary School following a "student-led initiative" while Aqua Tech Swim Club holds successful first Swim Gala. The first Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride for Mental Health is held on St Helena as Challengers win SHCA RMS T20 2025. St Helena's Day 2025 is celebrated in Jamestown.



June

Police confirm presence of Cocaine on the Island while they also announce investigation into "serious incident" at High Knoll Fort. Supreme Court reverses sentence of Magistrates Court in Michael Thorpe dog shooting. Also, Connect announces increase in water tariff and controversial 'We Welcome You Prince Andrew' greeting is removed by SHG's Roads Section. In addition, 'Come and Find Me' film wins Gold Award at Tourism Film Festival as Sandy Bay Pirates win exhilarating SHCA Knockout Final on Cricket Presentation Day. Team St Helena departs for Island Games in Orkney.

New Year, New Roads

Roads Section to continue Roads Project at Longwood throughout January



Liam Yon, SAMS

SHG's Roads Section were busy toward the tail end of 2025 with their current and ongoing Roads Project whereby 9km of main highway on St Helena is being resurfaced and rehabilitated.

Having completed the large-scale resurfacing at Ladder Hill Road, and following this up with improvements to the main roads in the Half Tree Hollow and Ladder Hill area, attention then turned to the other side of the Island, including through Tomb Road as well as at Bottom Woods.

After breaking for the festive period, the Roads Team have reassembled and will now be continuing with this critical infrastructure project, with the focus for January being on Longwood, from the Golf Club through to Longwood Gate.

"The Roads Section will continue with the road maintenance programme in the Longwood area for the month of January," SHG informed. "The planned programme is to complete up to Longwood Gate by the end of January."

In order for this work to commence as planned, daily road closures between 9am and 3pm will be necessary, as was the case during previous works. Therefore, SHG are advising the public that 9am-3pm daily closures will be in place affecting areas between the Golf Clubhouse and Longwood Gate, through the Longwood Avenue.

They add that appropriate signage will be in place, while they request cooperation from the public to assist the Roads Section in completing these works on time.

SHG concluded by thanking the community for their continued support and cooperation on this project, while they sought to apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works and the necessary road closures associated with the project.













Annual Ecumenical Service

Twenty-fifth Ecumenical Programme of Christmas Carols and Songs















Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

The twenty-fifth Ecumenical Service, being the last leg of the Salvation Army-hosted programme of Christmas carols and songs for 2025, took place on Sunday evening, 21 December, in front of the Court House, Jamestown. Including many of our visitors for the festive season, an estimated 290 people attended on this occasion. Although an increase on the previous year, potentially the attendance could have been more had it not been for flu-related concerns.

Captain Antony Palmer gave a short welcome speech with a reminder that amid the various forms of celebrations, "Jesus is the reason for this season". Father Rudy then gave the Call to Worship while reading passages from the book of Isaiah. The Salvation Army and Get-Togethers Bands provided most of the music to accompany singing. See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw was an early band solo.

It was a varied programme. The Salvation Army's Envoy Carol Yon, led the service announcing Joy to the World as the first congregational sing and she interspersed reading a poem called Christmas Time. Father Ernest in his opening prayer, prayed for all Christian Churches and communities and all other denominations on the island, and led the Lord's Prayer.

Other carols for the congregation included Away in a Manger, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Sweet Chiming Christmas Bells and It Came upon A Midnight Clear. The St James Choir performed Come to Bethlehem and Safe in Mary's Arms, and St Paul's Choir performed Light of the Stable and Bright Shining Star.

The first of the guest singers was Teeny Lucy and Marianne Hopkins. They sang Mary Did You Know. 12-year-old Willow Yon-Duncan sang The Present and When a Child Is Born, the Rock Christian Fellowship sang O Holy Night and Emanuel, and Daniel Leo sang A New Star Shining.

Annually a collection is taken up for charity; for 2025, it was for SHAPE.

The Christmas Message, told through music and song, came to a close with Captain Antony's short devotion followed by Bishop Dale Bowers closing remarks. "This Christmas," the Lord Bishop said, "let us think about releasing Christ to others". The event concluded with the carol Silent Night and the band playing We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

The much-anticipated annual ecumenical service of Christmas carols and songs was started by Major Heins in collaboration with Bishop John Salt. The first one took place at Christmas 2000. Apart from in 2017 when torrential rain forced a move to nearby St James Church, all other events have taken place in front of the Court House.

Annie's "Dream Getaway for Two"



Andrea Mittens wins Grand Prize in Solomon's 'Shop, Enter Win' Campaign

Liam Yon, SAMS

Local resident, Andrea Mittens, has emerged as the winner of a return flight for two to South Africa; the Grand Prize in Solomon's six-month long lucky draw campaign.

Since July 2025, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc have been running a lucky draw initiative where shoppers who spend over £30 in any of their outlets, would be entered into a prize draw with monthly prizes up for grabs, culminating with a Grand Prize drawn in December; a return flight for two people to South Africa via Airlink from St Helena.

Each month, Solomon's would invite an independent member of the public to assist them in drawing out a monthly prize winner with various prizes up for sale, including fuel vouchers, a car service and valet, a fresh meat hamper, a month's bread supply and an annual insurance premium.

While these are all great prizes, the top prize of a "dream getaway for two" to South Africa, including a drive on the "epic" Garden Route, a braai "under the stars" in the Karoo, sunset watching from Table Mountain, and "strolling with penguins" on Boulders Beach was undoubtably the most sought after prize of all.

In December, to end their campaign, Solomon's hosted their Grand Prize Draw, and in the end, it was local resident, Andrea Mittens, who emerged as the owner of the chosen receipt and the lucky winner of the return flight to South Africa for two.

"Many of you have been following our Lucky Draw campaign, which kicked off on 3 July, giving customers the chance to win amazing prizes every month all leading up to the grand prize – two return flights to South Africa – and the moment we've all been waiting for finally arrived," revealed Solomon's in a Facebook Post on 23 December. "Yesterday, Karen Yon, In the presence of CEO Nell Wilshere, GM Julie Lawrence, and MCO Kylie Peters, drew the lucky winner from our huge box of entrants, revealing Andrea Mittens as the big winner!"

They detail how "Andrea was thrilled to receive her flight vouchers, presented by Nell Wilshere and Board of Directors Chairman, Neil Fantom," adding that they now "can't wait to hear all about her upcoming adventure."

The Sentinel joins Solomon's in congratulating Andrea for her lucky win, along with monthly winners Charlotte, Clarissa, Sara-Kay, Clint and Kerry. Solomon's also sought to issue a "Big Thank You" to everyone who entered into their Lucky Draw.







St Helena Registered Nurses Achieve Nursing & Midwifery Council Registration (UK)





Marilyn Essex, Contributed (*in collaboration with Jayne Adams-Duncan & Anna Thomas*)

Nurses and midwives, who train outside of the UK, must pass the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) Test of Competence (ToC) to practice as a registered nurse in the UK. The ToC comprises two parts; a multiple-choice Computer Based Test (CBT) and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). These tests must be completed at registered test centres and, to be able to complete the tests, practitioners must receive eligibility from the NMC.

Anna Thomas and Jayne Adams-Duncan started their nursing careers on St Helena respectively in 1999 and 2011. Studying on the three-year St Helena Nurse Education programme at the time, they both qualified as staff nurses and registered with the St Helena Nurses & Midwifery Board. Anna worked on the wards at the General Hospital and later went on to become a Senior Staff Nurse in the Chemotherapy Unit after completing a qualification in Chemotherapy Administration in 2021. Jayne progressed to Senior Staff Nurse and worked on the wards, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and theatre. Both nurses achieved their online nursing degrees whilst working at the General Hospital. However, Anna and Jayne yearned to further their careers in nursing, and they sought information about clinical nursing exposure in the UK and embarked on a journey to complete the requirements for the NMC registration process.

In 2023, Anna successfully completed the CBT at a registered test centre while on holiday in Capetown and moved to the UK with her family in March 2024 to take up a post as Assistant Practitioner on the Critical Care Unit at Royal Cornwall Hospital. Anna says that "moving to the UK and working has been one of her biggest achievements in her life. It has been a challenging experience that took a lot of hard work and commitment but very rewarding. On my first day on the critical care unit, I was faced with a young person on life support, and I had to support the family which was very challenging. Facing a big unit with so many patients on life support was a daunting experience. My first week in critical care was overwhelming, nerve wrecking, out of my comfort zone and scope of practice. However, the team was nothing but supportive and after a few weeks I started to settle in."

In September 2024, Anna was offered the chance to complete the OSCE through the NHS which she successfully completed and made her application to the NMC and was later admitted onto the NMC register. After receiving her unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) Anna became a Staff Nurse in critical care which she states she found "interesting and her clinical experiences were increased," however she "longed to take up her passion for working in oncology". After successfully attaining a job on the cancer ward at Royal Cornwall Hospital, Anna got her foot in the door of oncology nursing. She was now providing nursing care for haematology and oncology patients. Still Anna's end goal was to work in chemotherapy administration and when a job came up for a staff nurse on the adult haematology oncology specialised outpatient suite, Anna applied for the job and the rest is history because now Anna works where she wants to be. Anna states "It is exactly the goal I wanted to reach, and this will extend my knowledge and give me the exposure I need in the administration of systemic anti-cancer treatments. Currently, Anna is doing her systemic anti-cancer therapy annual accreditation. Anna says, "this ensures health care professional maintain up to date knowledge and competencies in safe handling and administering cancer treatments".

Anna goes on to say that "there is never a day go by without a patient saying, 'So where's your accent from?' By the time I return to St Helena, everyone in Cornwall will know where St Helena is."

Jayne completed her nursing degree online in 2019 and PGDip in 2023 with her dissertation in antibiotic prophylaxis and the risks of surgical site infections. She attained a job as a Healthcare Assistant in the Emergency Department (ED) at Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and left St Helena with her family to live in the south coast of England in January 2024. Jayne is no

stranger to emergency nursing and took to working in Dorset County Hospital like a duck to water. Jayne states her "first week was great, the team were very welcoming and supportive and made her feel as though she had been there for a while. My line managers met with me regularly during my probationary period to make sure everything was going well. It was good to immerse myself in ED, I was always on the go, and no two days were alike." Jayne said "it was good to be exposed to working in ED and the fast pace opened my eyes to the different clinical skills and various illnesses that present either through triage or ambulance. Even as an HCA there were plenty of my skills gained on St Helena that I was able to use."

Jayne goes on to say she "was surprised at the number of teenagers who misuse drugs who pass through ED and the high level of mental health in youngsters who overdose from a very young age." To ensure her skills are up to date, Jayne underwent the Level 2 mental health training in children and young people due to the high prevalence of cases in the ED. Jayne states she experienced some interesting resuscitation cases.

In October 2024, Jayne successfully completed the CBT and started a four-week training course with DCH for the OSCE in September 2025, which she successfully completed and applied to the NMC for admission to their register. After being accepted on the NMC register and receiving her PIN, Jayne applied for a post as a staff nurse in ED, Dorset County Hospital. Now as a registered nurse, Jayne is completing her preceptorship to transition into this new role to achieve the required competencies, complete continuous professional development (CPD) and in-house ED training involving adult and paediatric Immediate Life Support (ILS).

The Royal College of Nurses (RCN) recognise the expertise and skill of internationally qualified nurses and midwives and the benefits for the UK and other western countries. The NMC and the RCN also recognise that in the changing context of healthcare delivery and patient centres care that there is an emphasis on a robust and up to date registration process to ensure the public are aware that internationally trained nurses are capable and safe to practice effectively before being admitted to the NMC register.

A massive well done and congratulations to Anna and Jayne!

Doctor, Doctor

Health Portfolio announces exciting opportunity for two local PhD placements with UK University



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Health and Social Care Portfolio have announced an exciting academic opportunity for two locals to undertake PhD placements with a UK-based university.

As such, they are seeking expressions of interest from what they describe as "passionate and driven individuals with a first degree in a health-related field who are ready to make a significant contribution to research and practice," with two PhD placements available in collaboration with Leeds Beckett University - a modern, public university, based in Leeds, England.

Placement one, they say, "has a qualitative focus" and will involve the undertaking of a systematic review, examining the current qualitative evidence around barriers and facilitators to fasting for weight loss. It also will comprise the development of a programme of qualitative research to understand the lived experiences of delivery staff and patients involved with the total diet replacement and fasting pilot programmes.

In terms of placement two, this in turn "has a quantitative focus" with research involving the undertaking of a systematic review, examining the current evidence on the effectiveness of fasting for weight loss. In addition, placement two will involve the development of a programme of quantitative research to understand the clinical effectiveness of the total diet replacement and fasting pilot programmes.

Anyone on-Island interested in this opportunity are required to create an account via the Leeds Beckett Applicant Portal (http://myapplication.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/) where you will then select your desired Research Degree Type.

Applicants will require a number of documents to supplement their application; a research proposal, a statement of purpose, a CV, degree documents, an English qualification and an academic reference. Closing date for applications has been set at 9 January 2026.

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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

FRI. Jan 09

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

SAT. Jan 10

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

SUN. Jan 11

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

MON. Jan 12

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

TUE. Jan 13

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Annika
- 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

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

THU. Dec 15

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 3-5pm: Vibes with Annika (repeat)
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: The Island Pulse

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Featured this Week





Join Luke on Wednesday afternoon to help kick of the New Year in style!

He'll be bringing you a mixture of tunes from 4pm to 7pm and doing a deep dive into the world of rock!

Luke will be going through all the years and all the styles, so tune in on Wednesday, only on SAMS Radio One!

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

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Hard'

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Throwback Thursday



2004 - RMS Queen Mary 2, the largest passenger ship ever built, is christened by her namesake's granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II

During the month of December, The Sentinel offerd both kids and adults a chance to win a £5 voucher each week, thanks to a generous donation from Solomons.

Congratulations to the last competition winners: Logan Yon (Kids) and Liz Young (Adults)



Fish Pie Mac 'n' Cheese



Ingredients

650ml milk
40g plain flour
40g butter
2 tsp Dijon mustard
150g mature cheddar grated
180g frozen peas
handful of parsley chopped
300g macaroni
300g fish pie mix (smoked fish, white fish and salmon)
green salad to serve (optional)

Method

Step 1
Pour the milk into a large pan and add the flour and butter. Set over a medium heat and whisk continuously until you have a smooth, thick white sauce. Remove from the heat, add the mustard, most of the cheese (save a handful for the top), peas and parsley.

Step 2
Meanwhile, boil the pasta in a large pan of water following pack instructions until just cooked. Drain.

Step 3
Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Tip the pasta into the sauce and add half the fish, stir everything together then tip into a large baking dish. Top with the rest of the fish, pushing it into the pasta a little, then scatter with the remaining cheese. Bake for 30 mins until golden, then serve with salad, if you like. Can be chilled and eaten within three days or frozen for up to a month. Defrost in the fridge, then reheat in a microwave or oven until piping hot.

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VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Customer Service Officer

Commencing at £11,472 per annum

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit suitable persons with the right mix of skills and experience to fill the exciting position of Customer Services Officers.

Reporting to the Operations Manager the Customer Service Officers will be responsible for providing an efficient and effective delivery of customer services and Banking products to all customers in a professional and timely manner.

You must provide excellent customer service at all times; be able to deal with customers in a professional manner and have the ability to deal with awkward/irate customers. Be highly organised and have a keen eye for detail, maintain confidentiality, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

Skills and experience the candidate should have:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Proficiency in IT skills, including Microsoft Applications and Database;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- At least 2 years' experience of working in an office environment and/or in a customer service environment.

Interested persons can contact the Operations Manager on email operationsmanager@sainthelenabank.com or you can call + 290 22390 for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 23 January 2026

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CUSTOMER NOTICE



DO YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED FUNDS?

These funds typically come from accounts that were closed because we lost contact with the account holder (for example, we had no current or forwarding address on file). To safeguard your money, we hold these funds until you can get in touch to claim them.

If you believe you may have an account with us that was closed and you never received the remaining balance, please get in touch with our team to start the process of verifying and claiming any funds that may belong to you.

We encourage you to contact the Bank of St Helena.

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JANUARY 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	Friday	23 January	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Monday	26 January	09:30 – 13:00

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We're Hiring:

Mantis St Helena

Be the Face of our Guest Experience

We are seeking friendly, energetic team player, who take pride in delivering exceptional service and creating memorable dining experiences.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Welcome & serve guests with warmth & professionalism
- Take F&B orders accurately & efficiently understanding all dietary requirements
- Deliver outstanding service to ensure guest satisfaction
- Work collaboratively within a supportive team
- Keep tables & service areas clean, organized and presentable
- Understand & follow all HACCP guidelines when it comes to food safety & handling

Be the Backbone of our Kitchen Operations

We are looking for hardworking, responsible & dependable individuals who take pride in maintaining a clean, efficient & well-organized kitchen.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Support chefs by keeping the kitchen running smoothly
- Wash dishes, utensils and kitchen equipment thoroughly and promptly
- Assist with basic food preparation when required
- Maintain high hygiene & food safety standards as outlined under HACCP guidelines
- Keep storage areas clean, stocked and orderly

Reception

Be the first point of contact for our guests delivering a seamless, professional and welcoming arrival and stay experience. Job description will be explained during interview.

Housekeeping

Maintain exceptional cleanliness, hygiene and presentation standards, ensuring every guest room reflects luxury and comfort at all times. The public areas and guest laundry is handled with caution, care and are in impeccable condition at all times. Job description will be explained during interview.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Previous experience is helpful but not required, basic training will be provided
- Strong work ethic and team focused mindset
- Ability to perform well in a fast paced environment
- Reliability, initiative and attention to detail
- Availability to work mornings, evenings, weekends
- Understand & follow all HACCP guidelines when it comes to food safety & handling of food storage & kitchen equipment.

APPLY NOW by sending your CV to Robyn-Tionette.FRANCONI@mantiscollection.com
A valid vetting certificate is required for employment.

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

Since 1790

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for Part-Time Security Officers 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 high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to continuous learning and development

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via 22523 gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

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Please note applicants must be resident on St Helena at the time of applying.

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services

11th January: Sandy Bay Chapel, 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
In recess.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Adventure Kids – Age 4 – 11 yrs old
Saturday, 10th January:
Baptist School Hall/J Town - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday, 18th January: Kingshurst Community Centre, 3.00 pm

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 21st January:
Baptist School Hall/J Town, 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 22388



Hey Kids

Come and join Adventure Kids for some Fun & Games, Arts and Craft, Songs & loads of stories to be told.

WHERE: Baptist School Hall/James Town

WHO: Age 4-11yrs old

WHEN: 10/01/26

TIME: 10h00-11h30

Refreshments will be served.

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 11th January 2026 – 1st Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 11th January 2026 – 1st Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 14th January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 11th January 2026 – 1st Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist/ Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 12th January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 11 January 2026 @ 11.00am
@ The Rock
Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

All Cell Groups are still in recession

Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

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

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St Helena Government

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.

Senior HR Assistant
(£11,604 per annum)

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in HR! Central Human Resources is seeking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our HR Transactional team. In this post, you will be responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high-quality HR service. Keys areas include recruitment and selection, processing of leavers, contractual changes and providing advice on employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No. 22470 or Email: sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 21 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 27 January 2026
Interview date: 05 February 2026

Customs/Immigration Officer
(£11,604 per annum)

We are looking to fill these important roles in our busy immigration/customs team, to undertake the duties and responsibilities to reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena. This is a critical role which requires experience of front line/customer facing responsibilities, an inquisitive mind-set and the ability to work well as part of a team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Emerald Newman-Yon or Delmarie Williams on Tel No. 22287 or Email: emerald.newman-yon@sainthelena.gov.sh, delmarie.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 21 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 27 January 2026
Interview date: 05 February 2026

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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Senior Care Assistant (Ebony View)

(£11,935 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit a Senior Care Assistant to work under the direction of the Learning Disability & Residential Manager, to deliver care and well-being to service users in accordance with the individuals Care Plan and Unit procedures and guidelines. We are looking for an individual with good interpersonal skills and experience in working with challenging behaviour in a care setting.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 23 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 28 January 2026
Interview date: 05 February 2026

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

St Helena Island A breath of fresh air

St Thomas Kumina Collective Performance

Saturday 10th January 2026
The Mule Yard
6:00pm

In January 2026, the St Thomas Kumina Collective Group will journey from Jamaica to St Helena as part of the "Middle Passages and Returns." This field trip will explore St Helena's crucial role in the history of the East India Company's involvement in the slave trade and its later efforts in the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. The visit will centre on the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, tracing the paths of Liberated Africans who were later resettled in Jamaica.

Honouring these ancestors, the St Thomas Collective will present Kumina, a powerful traditional and spiritual practice of drumming, dance, and ancestral connection - carried forward by the descendants of those very liberated Africans.

We warmly invite you to come, witness, and share in this meaningful and transformative experience.



VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Lending Services Officer (Commercial)

Commencing at £12,984 per annum

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

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

The main duties of the post include:

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

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

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

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

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

ICT Technician (Digital Skills, Telecommunications & Cyber Security)

Total package value up to £34,636

(comprising of a salary of up to £17,458 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for an ICT Technician to help drive AIG's transition to modern telecommunications and cloud-based systems. This role is central to enhancing digital capability across government, providing hands-on, on-island support to departments and at Two Boats School, and acting as the local point of contact for our external ICT service partner. You'll help staff confidently adopt tools such as Microsoft 365, Teams and other cloud-hosted platforms, supporting the rollout of modern, secure digital ways of working. A key part of the role will involve managing and supporting customer-facing telecommunications services. You'll assist colleagues in the provision of SIMs and eSIMs, help users with the activation, setup and ongoing management of mobile services, and act as the technical liaison between customer-facing teams and our telecommunications provider's online systems. This includes troubleshooting issues related to service sign-up, account maintenance and the end-of-service process. You will also play an important role in promoting cyber security awareness and good practice across AIG.

What you'll do

You will provide practical on-island support using a wide range of digital systems and services, including ongoing migration to cloud-based platforms. You'll work closely with remote engineers to deliver technical tasks requiring on-site access, set up secure user accounts and devices, apply authentication updates, and carry out physical checks, installations and configuration work. You'll also help build digital confidence across government by supporting and delivering learning sessions, enabling staff to use new systems safely and effectively. You will promote cyber security awareness and contribute to initiatives aligned with Home Office programmes and AIG policies. Additionally, you will manage and support customer-facing telecommunications services. This includes helping users with device setup, SIM/eSIM activation, troubleshooting mobile service issues, and resolving problems linked to service sign-up, account maintenance or end-of-service requests. You'll keep accurate records of telecoms stock, usage and service interactions, escalating complex issues where necessary. Full technical support and onboarding will be provided.

What you'll bring

You'll have solid ICT experience and be confident supporting users with a wide range of day-to-day technical issues. You'll be able to explain systems and processes clearly to colleagues with varying levels of digital ability, and you'll bring an enthusiasm for building digital skills and supporting organisational change. You'll have familiarity with Microsoft 365, cloud-based systems and ICT support environments, and ideally experience with mobile devices, SIM/eSIM activation or telecommunications services (though training will be provided). You'll also be proactive, organised, and have the ability to work independently as the on-island technical presence. A clean Class A driving licence is essential.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £17,458 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two-year accompanied status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- 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 shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care on island, with off-island referral if required, including medivac arrangements in an emergency.
- Free schooling for dependent children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References.
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check.
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance.

Closing date: 30 January 2026
Interviews: Interviews: Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and interviews by MS Teams may be scheduled before the application deadline.
Start date: as soon as possible

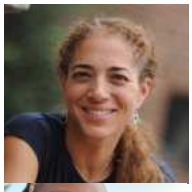
For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/vacancies

If you have any queries about the role, please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

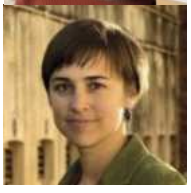
ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE MEMORIAL ST HELENA

PUBLIC TALK – "MEMORALISING ANCESTRAL CONNECTIONS"







A presentation by Professor Deborah A Thomas and colleagues

6:30pm, Thursday, 08 January 2026, The Museum of St Helena

St. Helena's centrality to the circuits that brought together Europe, West Africa, South Africa, and the Caribbean is not widely known beyond these shores. The island is rarely discussed beyond the biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, despite its importance in the history of the slave trade. In this talk, Deborah Thomas (University of Pennsylvania), Rachel Watkins (University of Pennsylvania), and Kelly Gillespie (University of the Western Cape) will trace some of the important, though lesser-known, middle passage histories that inform diasporic movement, cycles of dispossession and abandonment, and potential repair. The talk will touch on issues related to African burial grounds, the ethical treatment of human remains worldwide, and the cultural phenomenon of Kumina – a Congolese-based ritual practice that was established in Jamaica by Africans who had been liberated in St. Helena.

St Helena Island A breath of fresh air

MUSEUM of St. Helena

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Farms Assistant

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £930 per month (£11,160 per annum)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Farms Department for a Farms Assistant.

The Farms Assistant will assist in maintaining the Livestock, Piggery and Cattle Operations, including all aspects of animal husbandry, bee production, land and pasture maintenance, and manure preparation to meet weekly production by agreed measures of quality standards.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working with animals and demonstrate genuine care and concern for animal well-being
- Have basic numeracy and literacy ability
- Have a good understanding of Health & Safety Awareness
- Have experience in operating common hand and power tools
- Be able to carry out duties within the abattoir safely and hygienically
- Be able to undertake land clearing duties
- Ideally have experience with animal husbandry
- Ideally be in possession a clean and valid drivers' licence in Class C
- Be willing to work flexible hours, including weekends and out-of-hours livestock care
- Be physically fit, able to perform manual handling, work on slopes, and undertake demanding outdoor farm duties in all weather conditions.

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

Daren Duncan, Farms & Coffee Production Manager via 24461 daren.duncan@solomons.co.sh

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

Since 1790

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

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

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Please note applicants must be resident on St Helena at the time of applying.

St Helena Golf Club Report



SHGC, Contributed

The first competition of the year teed off in style with a Par 3 Stroke-play event featuring 12 enthusiastic players. Competitors played under warm and dry conditions, making for an enjoyable round. The format applied 3/8 of the full handicap, adding an extra layer of challenge.

Results:

1st Place: Keith Joshua – 63

2nd Place: Jeffrey Stevens – 64

There were some exciting highlights on the course: Jeffrey Stevens and Neil Joshua both birdied the 13th hole, sharing the balls with Kip House, who birdied the 1st hole.

Upcoming Competition

The next event will be an 18-hole "Choose Your Partner" Strokeplay Competition, sponsored by Eileen Wallace. Expect great prizes and a delicious meal at the end of the day!

Date: Sunday, 11th January 2026

Registration closes: Saturday, 10th January 2026

Important Notice

Members who have not yet paid their annual subscription for 2026 are kindly reminded to do so. You can pay into the club's BOSH account number 13270002 Ref "Your name Subs 2026" The fee is £60 per person.

For more information on our events, follow us on Facebook and visit www.sthelenagolf.com.

Happy golfing year to you all!



St Helena Legislative Council

MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME

Tuesday 13 January 2026

The third meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 10am in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1

The topic for this meeting is: **Strategic priorities identified within the first 100 days in office**

A copy of the Order Paper will be published on the SHG Website on Tuesday morning, and can be accessed via www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/order-papers/.

Legislative Council, 5 January 2026

SPORTS ARENA



Tribute to a Fallen Pirate

Cricket is back as SHCA 35 Over League gets underway

Luke Bennett, SAMS

The St Helena Cricket Association (SHCA) tournaments for 2026 got underway over the weekend, with the first match of the season commencing on Saturday, 3 January.

With the 35 Over League first up, reigning champions Challengers defeated the Mustangs in the opening match. Mustangs won the toss and elected to bat, but the start did not go to plan when Captain Barry Stroud was dismissed early on in the innings. Mustangs did however dig in and a half century from new-boy Kurt Jonas helped them to a respectable total of 190 after 35 Overs. Jordi Henry was the pick of the bowlers for Challengers, taking an impressive three wickets for 17 runs in seven overs.

Challengers were not fazed by the score posted however and chased down the total in just 17 overs, largely thanks to some brilliant batting from their opening partnership of Captain Cliff Richards (92) and Andrew Yon (88), once again announcing themselves as clear title contenders this season.

Over to Sunday, when the Levelwood Allstars defeated Jamestown Heat by seven wickets. Heat batted first and, despite some good partnerships in the middle overs led by Captain Jamie Essex, the Allstars Bowling proved too much with Stefan Leo in particular putting on a brilliant display with four wickets for 14 runs after 4.3 overs. Despite losing three wickets, the Allstars chased the total with relative ease with Kristian Leo putting in a solid batting display with 69 to finish the chase within 15 overs.

The final match saw Sandy Bay Pirates put in a dominate display to defeat the Cobras. The game started with an emotional tribute to former Pirate, Greg Coleman, who sadly passed on last year with both teams holding a banner to raise awareness of mental health before holding a moment of silence for their friend and team-mate. Following the toss, Cobras went down to bat first and fell victim to an excellent all-round bowling performance from the Pirates, led by Captain Rhys Francis with three wickets for 10 runs. They bowled out Cobras for just 70 runs. In reply, Pirates opening partnership of David Young (41) and Kyle Williams (19) would take just nine overs to complete the chase, making their intentions clear of their hunt for this year's league title.

With three matches down, and plenty more to go, this looks set to be another exciting season of competitive local cricket action at Francis Plain – good luck to all teams.



FIXTURES

Saturday 10th Jan
13:30 Levelwood Allstars v Challengers
Umpires: Rhys Francis and Brett Isaac

Sunday 11th Jan
08:30 Sandy Bay Pirates v Jamestown Heat
Umpires: Andrew Yon and Jordi Henry

13:30 Cobras v Western A Mustangs
Umpires: Weston Clingham and Brendan Leo