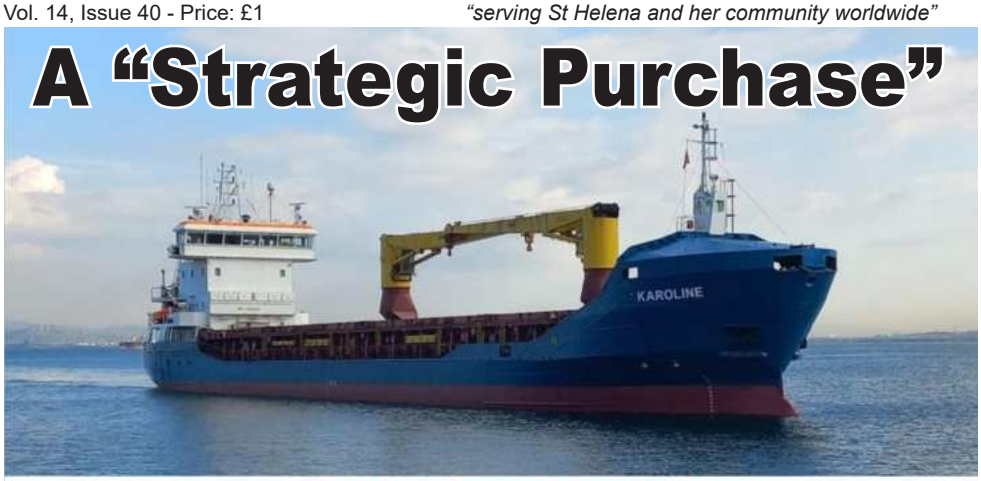
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SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Happy New year! How can we be two weeks into 2026 already – I bet you are still writing or typing 2025 – I know I am :)

How has the first 2 weeks been treating you? For me - not good at all – I have been one of those many people who fell victim to this 'super flu' circulating on the island. What shocked me is how quickly this virus hits you; one minute you're feeling fine and you can face the world, the next you're down with hot and cold sweats, aches and pains etc. One thing that's very uncomfortable with this virus, especially being asthmatic, is having a tight chest and shortness of breathing. To me, it feels as though someone is standing on your chest with big heavy boots on; not a nice feeling at all.

It was shocking to go to the hospital only to be told that they are keeping meds for emergency cases only, due to a shortage. At the time of hearing this, I wasn't fully with it, but thinking about it now, what are they classing as emergency cases? A few hours after, I was back at the hospital to receive the medication that were for emergencies only!

Hats off to all the front-line workers, working around the clock ensuring patients are dealt with under the constraints the island faces. I don't think there was a day I didn't hear the ambulance responding over the holiday season, sometimes more that once a day; it was like we were in the big world. So, thank you.

I really hope this medication shortage gets solved very soon, so if and when we get hit by another super flu or another virus – St Helena will be ready.

I know, a sickly comment right? – but I hope you all who are currently affected and suffering get well soon and will be fully recovered quickly.

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ST HELENA NEWS

"It will be a privilege to serve you"

New Chief Justice for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha from April



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha will welcome a new Chief Justice to preside over the proceedings of the St Helena Supreme Court, among other duties, after the end of this financial year, from April 2026, after St Helena Government (SHG) announced the appointment of Richard Wright KC on Tuesday of this week.

"The Governor is pleased to announce that Mr Richard Wright KC is to be appointed as the next Chief Justice of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha with effect from 1 April 2026," said SHG on behalf of His Excellency, Governor Nigel Phillips, where they added that "the appointment has been approved by the Secretary of State."

According to information provided, the Island's next Chief Justice, Mr Wright, was called to the Bar in 1998 and is described as being "a highly experienced barrister" who has filled "several senior judicial appointments in his distinguished career."

Ahead of his appointment as the new Chief Justice from April, Richard Wright said that he was "very pleased to have been appointed as the next Chief Justice" and that "it will be a privilege to serve you in this important role delivering the efficient administration of Justice in the wider public interest."

"I look forward to visiting in person as soon as I am able, and on a regular basis thereafter," he continued. "I know I will be well supported in the discharge of my responsibilities by the Chief Magistrate and all of those who work in the administration of Justice."

Richard Wright KC will succeed the current Chief Justice, Rupert Jones KC.

Judge Rupert Jones was appointed as Chief Justice for St Helena with effect from 1 January 2022 "for an initial five-year period" as stated by SHG when announcing his appointment in December 2021; taking Rupert's appointment up to 1 January 2027. However, with a new Chief Justice now announced, the current Chief Justice will vacate his role prior to the end of this five-year period.

While SHG gave no reason for his planned early departure, they did indicate that "a further Press Statement will be released in due course marking the completion of the current Chief Justice's appointment."

Show Me The Money

New Polymer St Helena Pound Banknotes to be issued featuring King Charles III

Liam Yon, SAMS

In what will be welcome news to the community of St Helena, who have long questioned and awaited the arrival and distribution of new St Helena Banknotes – with the current paper notes seen to be of a low standard and quality, particularly the five pound note – St Helena Government this week announced the impending release of a new series of banknotes for the Island, made of polymer and featuring the new Monarch and a famous local resident.

"SHG is pleased to announce the forthcoming release of a new series of St Helena Pound (£) banknotes," they said. "The new currency notes which include £5, £10 and £20, features the portrait of His Majesty King Charles III, and will be introduced into circulation this month. The design also features Jonathan the Tortoise and the St Helena Ebony."

They also confirmed that "all three new notes will maintain their existing colours."

SHG went on to detail how "the issuance of these new notes is the result of work that commenced in 2024," adding that it "marks a significant step in modernising the island's physical currency while maintaining its distinct national identity."

Often, there is debate on why St Helena has its own currency and whether the Island should instead adopt British Pound Sterling as its currency. In their release announcing the new St Helena Pound Banknotes, SHG stressed the importance of the St Helena Pound.

"While the St Helena Pound remains pegged to the British Pound Sterling (GBP) at parity (1:1), having its own distinct currency offers significant benefits to the island," they assert. They list these benefits as the St Helena Pound being, "a powerful symbol of St Helena's distinct identity, heritage, and autonomous status as a British Overseas Territory," adding that it also, "allows the currency to feature designs and imagery that celebrate the island's unique history, culture, and endemic wildlife," which, in turn, fosters national pride.

Another benefit of the St Helena Pound, according to SHG, is that is provides the Government, "with the essential ability to manage its own note issuance and local cash circulation, ensuring an adequate and secure supply of currency tailored to the community's needs."

While the new polymer notes to be issued on St Helena this month look the part, they also incorporate what SHG describe as "the latest in banknote technology," with enhanced security features ensuring both durability and making the notes, "significantly harder to counterfeit."

Further to a number of new security features (see table), the new notes also incorporate features that will assist those who are visually impaired, with SHG detailing how "raised dots at the bottom right-hand corner of each note" will signify the denomination - dots on the £5 note being square-shaped; dots on £10 notes being triangle-shaped; and dots on £20 notes being circle-shaped.

In terms of the transition to and circulation of the new polymer notes, SHG advised that "the existing St Helena Pound banknotes will remain legal tender and continue to circulate alongside the new notes," however the older damaged notes will be gradually removed from circulation as and when they are received by the Bank of St Helena.



Better Late than Never

SHG provide clarity on luggage incident as passengers finally receive baggage left behind on St Helena



Liam Yon, SAMS

Last week, The Sentinel reported on the hot topic of the unloaded luggage at St Helena Airport when St Helena Airport Ltd (SHAL) confirmed an investigation into the incident, while no clarity around what had happened, along with next steps, could be identified through early enquiries.

Now however, St Helena Government (SHG) have provided clarity on the reason for the luggage being left off the flight from St Helena to Johannesburg, while they confirm that luggage has since been sent to passengers on a subsequent flight.

Responding to enquiries sent, SHG informed The Sentinel on Thursday, 8 January, that they were "aware of the unfortunate situation affecting passengers' baggage on 3 January flight to Johannesburg."

They then informed that "Airlink has investigated the cause of the incident," where they indicate that "the primary finding is that a combination of weather factors required the aircraft to take on more fuel than normal; when combined with a full passenger complement, the aircraft was over the permitted weight limit and baggage therefore had to be offloaded."

Justifying the decision to leave a large amount of baggage behind, SHG asserted how, understandably, "passenger safety is always the first priority." In terms of actions to reunite passengers with their luggage, Government further advised how "the vast majority of baggage subsequently left the island on 6 January flight and is being reunited with its owners."

To conclude, SHG reminded that "this remains an operational matter for Airlink to resolve with its customers," before encouraging passengers to "stay in touch with Airlink for further updates."

Further to this, The Sentinel has since seen confirmation, via Social Media, that a number of passengers have now received their luggage, with others expecting theirs to arrive in due course.

Book of the Week

Public Library Service



by Ryland Peters and Small

In 2020, banana bread had a moment. When the first lockdown arrived, anxious shoppers quickly stocked up on food but then found themselves with cupboards full of flour and fruit bowls over spilling with rapidly ageing bananas. The answer was simple and the resulting baking craze intense! But why stop at banana bread? There are plenty of other loaf cakes and easy bakes that you can rustle up in no time to enjoy with your mid-morning coffee or afternoon tea. A loaf cake is, by definition, made in a bread loaf pan (as its name implies) and is sometimes also known as a quick bread for that reason. These fuss-free recipes can incorporate a wide variety of ingredients, from fresh and dried fruit to nuts and seeds, and include delicious flavourings including chocolate, vanilla and warm spices and so much more.

Please reserve by contacting the following:-
Telephone Number: 22580
Email: publiclibrary@helanta.co.sh

"Significant Economic Decision"

SHG announces new Minimum Wage proposals for public input





Anita Robbertse, SAMS

During the month of January, St Helena Government will be facilitating a series of public consultation meetings to provide the community with the opportunity to share views on the proposed options to determine the Minimum Wage for the 2026/27 financial year.

The first information stall was hosted outside The Canister on Thursday, 7 January, with an SHG representative informing The Sentinel that several people came by to share their views and find out more about the four proposed options.

The first option under consideration proposes no increase in the Minimum Wage, with it remaining at £4.50 per hour for adults, and £3.55 for 16-17 year olds. This will mean that the Minimum Wage income rate would drop below the projected inflation rate.

Option two would entail an increase of 4.1% in line with the projected inflation rate, increasing the hourly rate for adults to £4.70, and £3.70 for those aged 16 to 17.

The third and fourth options both propose an increase above the projected inflation rate with the increase on the third being slightly above inflation, at 7.8%, and the fourth being an 11% increase. Under these two options, the new hourly rate for adults would come to £4.85 (option three) or £5.00 (option four). For 16-17 year olds, the hourly rate under option three would be £3.83, or, under option four, £3.94.

On 20 January, a public consultation meeting will be held at the Museum from 7pm with another information stall being set up in front of The Canister on 22 January.

SHG continues to encourage employers and employees to capitalise on this opportunity to contribute to this "significant economic decision."



How it works

the post will go live on Facebook on Friday 16th January at 7pm on the St Helena Medical support Sweepstake page.

Request how many numbers you would like, and a number/s will be allocated to you. DO NOT ask for specific numbers.

If you do not have Facebook then ask a friend or family member to request a number for you.

Connie Johnson will be taking calls on 23840 from 7pm only on Friday evening, once the sweepstake goes live, if you don't have someone else to request a number for you. She will request a number for you on the Facebook page, and she will call you back with your allocated number. We politely ask not to call before this time.

All numbers must be paid for at the bank -
BOSH Account - St Helena Medical Support Fund
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Payments to be made by 26th January. Draw will be done on the 30th January.

Please include your name and sweepstake number/s in the reference on the transfer slip or in the credit narrative if doing online banking.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW









July

Two people seeking asylum is not picked up by immigration on arrival and are later made to depart, while the closure of Ladder Hill Road is cancelled due to "unusable" bitumen. Election season arrives with Register published and Writ of Election issued, while new Island Council for Ascension is elected. Also, SHG inform of unsuccessful negotiations with Sure over new long-term license as Solomon's confirm significant increase in Travel and Visitors Medical insurance cover. In sport, local football kicks off, Scott Crowie is crowned SHGC Open Champion 2025 and Ace Angels and No Diggity lift Rounders League and Knockout titles respectively. Saint Boys also shine at Orkney Island Games.







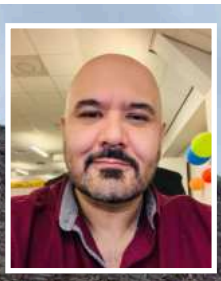
Ladder Hill Road resurfacing gets underway and is completed a week early by Roads Team as Returning Officer officially announces 23 candidates for the General Election. The Sentinel runs a story on the 'St Albatros' after her maiden offshore voyage amid allegations and controversy. Sure notifies that they will cease telecoms operations on Ascension in February 2026. Also, SHSS announce that the four traditional School Houses will change to three new Houses and the Museum runs an exhibition to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the Liberated Africans reburial. In sport, South African Cricket Team, Titans, visit St Helena as Aqua Tech Swim Club members enjoy two-week tour in Western Cape.



August

September





St Helena goes to the Polls and elects a new Legislative Council for the next four-year term with Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks elected by Council as the Island's new Chief Minister; she then decides on four other members to join her as Ministers. Though indecisive during the initial election, Maureen Thompson and Connie Johnson eventually emerge as the new Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively. Additionally, Police Officer, Josh De Ville, is arrested by Detectives and charged with Perjury while the new 35mg drink-driving limit comes into effect. SHG also announce new three-phase plan for Primary School restructure as Customs, Immigration, and Port Control relocates to new Rupert's Cargo Facility; used for the September arrival of MV Karoline.

October







Greg Coleman's sad passing places focus on mental health provision and lack of support on St Helena. Equality and Human Rights Commission announce that they will launch a legal challenge to ExCo-approved Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance, while SHG announce the return of ExCo Top Lines. Also, Tourism and Hospitality providers are appreciated during special World Tourism Day event while The Crown Supermarket officially opens at Ladder Hill. Health Directorate confirms presence of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, while St Helena is treated to Majestic Humpback Whale sightings. In sport, Rounder's League gets underway and Bellboys are confirmed as SHFA League Champions. Susan O'Bey retires after 45 years with SHG and over seven as Chief Secretary.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



Formal LegCo raises a number of issues from raising tax threshold to Saints Scholarship Trust, delay in receipt of STC Business Plan, Capital Projects, and development of agriculture, forestry and fishing. New Prison project advances following visit by ONE Creative Environments. Also, catch limits for Grouper is increased and temporary ban on Deepwater Bullseye is lifted while Primary Schools hold Relationship Building Week ahead of restructure. At Francis Plain, the Community-led Agriculture Show Day takes place and is a major success with positive feedback. SHG speak on newly-imposed Warehouse Rental Fees at Rupert's Cargo Facility as White Ribbon Day 2025 is recognized. The traditional Divine Service is held on Remembrance Sunday and Lukas Robbertse is crowned Table Tennis Champion.



November

December



Minister Henry explains how global shortage of medication is affecting St Helena who face "uphill battle" to find a long-term solution. SHG admit to "minor" errors made with regard to STC's St Albatros fishing operations as the matter is considered close; they also announce "wide-ranging review" of the Fishing Sector. In addition, The Island Pulse makes its airwaves debut, Health warn of significant flu threat and Primary Schools close for final time prior to Phase 1 Reorganisation. In sport, Ballzy Ladies retain Rounders Leage Title and HTH take SHFA District, while Rovers and Incredibles pull out wins in their respective Knockout Finals on Presentation Day. The New Horizons Junior Football Season also concludes. Christmas is celebrated with a number of events on St Helena.

A "Strategic Purchase"

MACS Shipping purchases the MV Karoline, previously chartered to provide monthly shipments to St Helena, strengthening their commitment to the Island



Liam Yon, SAMS

MACS Shipping have strengthened their commitment to servicing St Helena Island, and likely Ascension Island, through the purchase of the MV Karoline; the vessel which has previously been operating under the company as a charter vessel and which is now fully owned by MACS Shipping, as announced by St Helena Government (SHG) this week.

The Island's current contracted shipping service provider began operations in 2024, offering an approximate four-week regular cargo delivery to the island from Cape Town and Walvis Bay, with charter vessel, MV Karoline, delivering her first consignment of goods back in March 2024.

MACS, since then, also extended their service to Ascension Island, with a shuttle to Ascension happening regularly, though on a less frequent basis.

Since the start of operations, MACS and the Karoline have regularly demonstrated their commitment to delivering an effective freight service for St Helena, even recently going above and beyond, amending their schedule and cargo pickup plans in order to get containers to the island in time for Christmas.

Now, two years into their initial five-year term, which includes an option of an additional five years thereafter, MACS Shipping have, in the words of SHG, "taken a significant step in strengthening its service to St Helena Island," with the purchase of the MV Karoline.

"Previously chartered to provide monthly service since February 2024, MV Karoline is now fully owned by MACS," confirmed SHG. "This acquisition allows for more direct control over scheduling, maintenance, and operational planning, ensuring the highest standards of reliability for the island's cargo needs."

They go on to describe the Karoline as being "ideally equipped to transport a wide range of goods to St Helena, including containers, refrigerated cargo, hazardous shipments, breakbulk, and LCL shipments" adding that "ownership of the vessel enables MACS Shipping to provide a more responsive and efficient service, ensuring essential goods, construction materials, and supplies for local businesses are delivered consistently."

Commenting on the new "direct management" of the MV Karoline by MACS, Government indicate how this "also gives the flexibility to adapt to the island's unique logistical requirements, reinforcing the reliability of this vital link to Cape Town and Immingham, UK."

Describing this development as a "strategic purchase" SHG state how this demonstrates and underscores "MACS Shipping's long-term commitment to St Helena," adding that "by investing in MV Karoline, the company ensures the continuation of a dedicated monthly service that the island can depend on, now and into the future."

MACS Shipping, following the purchase, say they "look forward to maintaining and enhancing support for the island's community, economy, and supply chain for many years to come."

The Sentinel congratulates MACS Shipping on their recent purchase of the MV Karoline and thank them for showing continued dedication to providing an exceptional service for St Helena.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Kumina Comes to St Helena

The Connections between St Helena and Jamaica



Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

This month, St Helena's history and heritage was enriched when the St Thomas Kumina Collective Group journeyed to St Helena as part of the Middle Passages and Returns to trace the paths of enslaved Africans who were rescued from slave ships and sought refuge in St Helena, and who later were resettled in Jamaica.

These individuals were captured in Africa and loaded onto illegal slave ships destined for the slave trade, even after it was outlawed by Britain in 1807. From 1840-1864, the British Royal Navy intercepted illegal slave vessels in the South Atlantic and brought the captured ships to St Helena.

An estimated 8,000 died on the ships or on St Helena and were buried in unmarked graves primarily in Rupert's Valley. Some eventually became part of the Island's permanent population. The rest of the survivors were sent to British colonies as indentured labourers: 2775 went to Jamaica; 3028 to British Guiana (now known as Guyana); 2466 to Trinidad; 91 to Grenada; and 1404 to the Cape of Good Hope. 543 settled in St Helena.

The Field Trip for students of Universities of Pennsylvania and Western Cape comprised of 16 students and professors along with five from the St Thomas Collective in Jamaica; two from the Collective had missed their flights.

At the very well attended Public Talk "Memoralising Ancestral Connections" hosted by the St Helena National Trust on 8 January, its Director, Helena Bennett, said this event had been in the making for a year.

The presentation by Professor Deborah A. Thomas (University of Pennsylvania), and her colleagues, Rachael Watkins (University of Pennsylva-







nia) and Kelly Gillepsie (University of the Western Cape), focused on some of the important, though lesser-known, middle passage histories that inform diasporic movement, cycles of dispossession and abandonment, and potential repair. They said they wanted to come to an island in the middle of the ocean.

The presentation touched 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.

Speaking about connections, Professor Thomas said they are, "so connected, so similar, and so different, at the same time."

A clip of the spiritual ritual showed vibrant and expressive dancing to drum music by adults and children alike in colourful attire. Following questions from the floor, everyone was invited to experience the St Thomas Kumina Collective Performance to be held at the Mule Yard on 10 January.

Kumina, a belief system dedicated to ancestor commemoration, is an Afro-Jamaican religion found primarily in the Parish of St Thomas in the eastern part of Jamaica. It involves music, dancing and the practice of bringing down spirits of the dead to briefly inhabit the bodies of those performing the experience.

There was an impressive attendance at the Mule Yard to witness the St Thomas Kumina Collective Performance. Music to accompany the dancing is provided by drums and other percussion instruments. Unfortunately, Kumina drums for the occasion had missed the flight to St Helena, and so drums from West Africa were used - probably they were just as effective.

The ceremony lasted for just over an hour with the attendance invited to take part in "what was on offer," and some did. This included vibrant and expressive dancing and singing. People were asked to respond to the



words, clap, and become spiritually involved. As the language used was a mixture of Jamaican and African, responding to the words was difficult, but mimicking the dancing was easy enough. The ceremony was very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed.

Shelley Megallen-Wade of the St Helena National Trust was thankful to all those who attended events as well as those who met with and supported the Kumina Collective Group during this incredible, educational visit to St Helena.









"Fostering a vibrant, inclusive media environment"

Executive Council endorses Communications (Spectrum Fees) Regulations, 2025



Liam Yon, SAMS

At its meeting on 16 December 2025, Executive Council approved the Communications (Spectrum Fees) Regulations, 2025, which, they say, marks "an important step in strengthening St Helena's communications framework."

SHG detail that "the new regulations provide a clear legal basis for fees that were previously charged under the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations (WTR)," adding that, "importantly, the regulations include specific fee abatements designed to support community-based and local radio stations, reducing costs for these broadcasters and helping them continue to deliver vital services to the community."

In the newly endorsed regulations, most fees remain unchanged, with SHG describing how the only adjustment relates to the FM radio spectrum fee. This is a fee that applies to both ourselves at the South Atlantic Media Services, as well as to Saint FM, as the two current operators on the Island.

SHG said that "this change follows consultation with FM Radio spectrum users and reflects a fair and sustainable approach," in a Press Release issued last Friday.

"Recognising that affordability should never be a barrier to community broadcasting, the regulations include provisions for waivers or fee reductions under Regulation 8," they added. "This ensures that local stations can continue to operate and serve the public without undue financial pressure, in line with St Helena's policy for communication networks and services."

Minister Karl Thrower of the Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolios commented on the endorsement of these new regulations, where he said that the decision "demonstrates Executive Council's commitment to fostering a vibrant, inclusive media environment and supporting local community radio across the island."

Together as One

New unified rehabilitation unit opens at General Hospital to provide combined therapy services



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

In December, the Health and Social Care Portfolio announced the relocation of the Physio and Occupational Therapy services to enhance this service provision by the portfolio.

These two essential services are now sharing the same location as a single, unified rehabilitation department. According to St Helena Government, the reasoning behind this integration of services is to provide a seamless, collaborative experience to better serve the community of St Helena.

The new Rehabilitation Department is located at the General Hospital in the space previously known as the Health Education Centre. To access these services, patients need to report to Reception at the General Hospital upon arrival.

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

PRESS RELEASE
Transition from Quarterly to Monthly Billing

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to announce a significant change in our billing cycle. With effect from 1 April 2026, all customers will move from quarterly billing to a new monthly billing schedule.

This change reflects our commitment to improving customer service, supporting household budgeting, and providing more timely and accurate information about usage and charges.

Why the Change?

Monthly billing offers several advantages:

- Smaller, more frequent bills make it easier to manage household finances.
- Consistent monthly billing helps customers track and understand utility usage trends.
- Monthly estimates ensure timely bills, even when actual meter readings are not immediately available.

What to Expect Each Month

- Customers will receive a monthly bill based on estimated consumption, calculated using historical usage patterns.
- Actual meter readings will continue to be taken quarterly and used to reconcile any differences between estimated and actual usage.
- Any adjustments will appear on the next available bill.

Your Bill at a Glance

- Each bill will clearly indicate whether charges are based on estimated or actual readings.
- Estimated bills will include a notification and a comparison to your average historical usage.
- Tariffs and payment arrangements remain unchanged at this stage.

What You Need to Do

No action is required. Customers will automatically transition to monthly billing from **1 April 2026.** If you prefer to submit your own meter reading, instructions on how to do so will be included with your bill and available on our website.

Support and Information

For more information, please contact us at tel. 22255 or email: enquiries@connect.co.sh or visit our website at www.connect.co.sh.

We thank you for your continued support as we work to improve our services and provide greater transparency to all our customers.

13 January 2026

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. Jan 16
- 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 17
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Anita (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. Jan 18
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Jan 19
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna

TUE. Jan 20
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 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. Jan 21
- 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 22
- 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

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

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Bringing you the
BBC World Service
100.7 (Briars)
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Featured this Week





Join Liam Yon for his first Sunday Morning Show of 2026 where, as usual, he will be bringing you a fine selection of music ranging through the different genres and eras - something for everyone for sure!

As always, he will be finishing the show with a selection of 80's classics for all of his 80's fans out there!

Tune into to SAMS Radio 1 on Sunday morning

Local news and notices:
7am, 10am, noon, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Expert'

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Throwback Thursday



15 Jan 2009: Chesley Sullenberger lands US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport in NYC. All passengers and crew members survive in what becomes known as the "Miracle on the Hudson"

Today (15 Jan) is known as National Bagel Day, so why not try your hand at these tasty bagels by celebrity chef Paul Hollywood.

Paul Hollywood's Bagels



Ingredients

- 500g strong white bread flour, plus extra for dusting
- 7g instant yeast
- 1 tbsp dark soft brown sugar
- 7g salt
- 320ml water
- Oil, for greasing
- 2 tbsp molasses (Substitute – Black Treacle)
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

For the topping

- Poppy, pumpkin, sesame, caraway or fennel seeds to sprinkle
- Sea salt to sprinkle (optional)

Method

1. To make the tomato sauce, heat the olive oil in a saucepan. Add the onions, garlic and carrot. Cook for 5-7 mins over a medium heat until softened. Turn up the heat a little and stir in the tomato purée. Cook for 1 min, pour in the white wine, then cook for 5 mins until this has reduced by two-thirds. Pour over the chopped tomatoes and add the basil leaves. Bring to the boil then simmer for 20 mins. Leave to cool then whizz in a food processor. Will keep, cooled, in the fridge for up to three days or frozen for three months.
2. To make the white sauce, melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the plain flour, then cook for 2 mins. Slowly whisk in the milk, then bring to the boil, stirring. Turn down the heat, then cook until the sauce starts to thicken and coats the back of a wooden spoon. Will keep, cooled, in the fridge for up to three days or frozen for three months.
3. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Lightly oil two large baking trays and add the peppers and aubergines. Toss with the olive oil, season well, then roast for 25 mins until lightly browned.
4. Reduce the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly oil a 30 x 20cm ovenproof dish. Arrange a layer of the vegetables on the bottom, then pour over a third of the tomato sauce. Top with a layer of lasagne sheets, then drizzle over a quarter of the white sauce. Repeat until you have three layers of pasta.
5. Spoon the remaining white sauce over the pasta, making sure the whole surface is covered, then scatter over the mozzarella and cherry tomatoes. Bake for 45 mins until bubbling and golden. Enjoy!

The Island Pulse

2026 Key Updates for the Community Focus - Councillors Return to Airwaves with Wide-Ranging Discussion















— **Councillor Julie Thomas,** Contributed —

The first edition of The Island Pulse for 2026 aired on SAMS Radio 1 with all seven councillors in the studio, making a return after the festive recess and offering listeners a detailed overview of key issues affecting St Helena. The programme provided reassurance, clarity and reflection, addressing matters raised by the public both locally and online, while setting priorities for the year ahead.

Opening the programme, listeners were welcomed into the new year and invited to stay tuned as Councillors addressed topics ranging from health and currency to governance, transport and financial aid.

Flu Vaccinations and New Polymer Banknotes

One of the most frequently raised public concerns over the Christmas period related to access to flu vaccinations. Councillor Rob Midwinter explained that Health & Social Care had been monitoring developments in the UK and, anticipating increased visitor arrivals, had attempted to secure Northern Hemisphere flu vaccines as early as October. Despite these efforts, global supply delays meant delivery was postponed, with vaccines now expected to arrive in February 2026. While acknowledging public frustration, Councillors stressed that preparations had been made in advance and that frontline workers performed admirably under pressure during the festive period.

Councillor Midwinter also confirmed that St Helena's new polymer banknotes have now arrived and should be entering circulation. The new notes are more durable, incorporate enhanced security features and retain the familiar colour scheme. Accessibility has also been improved, with raised symbols included to assist visually impaired users. Public information materials are being prepared to help residents recognise genuine notes and understand the benefits of maintaining a local currency.

Airlink Luggage Incident: Questions Raised

Another issue discussed in detail was the Airlink flight departing St Helena on 3 January, during which a significant number of passenger bags were removed due to weight constraints. Councillors confirmed the matter was escalated urgently to Ministers, the Governor and senior officials.

Key questions focused on planning, communication, alternative options and the impact on affected passengers. While recognising that Airlink is an independent commercial airline and that passenger safety must remain paramount, Councillors acknowledged that poor communication contributed to frustration and speculation. It was confirmed that the luggage was carried on the following flight on 6 January, with an airline investigation underway.

Strategic Priorities and Legislative Planning

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex explained why the topic chosen for

Minster's Question Time was the identification of strategic priorities within the first 100 days of Government. She emphasised that with limited resources, clear priorities, informed by consultation, are essential to effective governance. A defined vision allows progress to be measured and scrutinised over the four-year term.

Building on this, Councillor Clint Beard provided an update on the Legislative Programme, which is still being finalised. He stressed the importance of focusing on a manageable number of high-impact legislative changes rather than an overly ambitious agenda, particularly given capacity constraints. It was also highlighted that discussions with the Attorney General are ongoing around priority ordinances, including immigration and fixed penalty notices.

Preparing for the Financial Aid Mission

A major portion of the programme was dedicated to the upcoming Financial Aid Mission (FAM) visit from the UK, scheduled to begin on 17 January. Councillor Ronald Coleman explained that St Helena is seeking a multi-year funding settlement to support more strategic long-term planning.

The mission will review funding needs across essential services such as health, education, infrastructure, policing and social care, while also considering demographic challenges, rising medical costs and economic development opportunities. Councillors stressed the importance of ensuring the visiting team fully understands St Helena's unique circumstances and the need for meaningful Councillor involvement throughout the process to ensure community voices are heard.

Community Updates and Looking Ahead

Further updates included plans for constituency meetings in February, positive feedback on policing during the festive period, concerns about vandalism of public amenities, reflections on gaps in public transport over Christmas, and progress on new playgrounds in Half Tree Hollow and Longwood.

Listeners were also updated on the work of the newly formed Governance Commission, which is reviewing recommendations from the 2025 Governance Report and preparing for a comprehensive public consultation process.

A Message of Community and Support

The programme concluded with reflections on the strong community spirit shown over the festive season, appreciation for volunteers and organisations, and a reminder that support is available for those experiencing loss or mental health challenges. Councillors encouraged residents to remain engaged, raise concerns and participate actively as St Helena moves forward into 2026.



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.

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Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

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.

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Part-Time Ramp Handlers

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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
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Farms Assistant

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

Sales Assistant / Cargo Clearer

Salary for the post will commence at £11,040 per annum (£920 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the DIY Store for a Sales Assistant / Cargo Clearer.

The Sales Assistant / Cargo Clearer will assist with the day to day running of the store, carry out cargo clearing operations from the Wharf and assist with the delivery service, whilst ensuring an excellent standard of customer service is always provided.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of DIY and Hardware products and ideally have experience with carrying out light DIY projects
- Be customer focused with excellent frontline customer service skills and demonstratable experience of working in a customer facing environment
- Possess experience in carrying out cash handling duties
- Be target driven with excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be knowledgeable of, and able to carry out Manual Handling duties, including Heavy Lifting
- Demonstrate accuracy and have a good understanding of stock management
- Essentially have a clean and valid driver's licences in classes H3 & D.
- Be available to work weekends.

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

William Smith, DIY Manager 22104 William.smith@solomons.co.sh

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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.

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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BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 20th January - Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 22nd January - Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adventure Kids – Age 4 – 11 yrs old
Saturday, 17th January -
Baptist School Hall/J Town, 10am-11.30 am

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/Jamestown
WHO: Age 4-11yrs old
WHEN: 17/01/26
TIME: 10h00-11h30
Refreshments will be served.



DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 18th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	**Patronal Festival**	**St Peter**
	Tuesday 20th January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise & Worship**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
	Thursday 22 January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise & Worship**	**Sandy Bay Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 18th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 22 January 2026	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 18th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Mass	St Mark
	Tuesday 20 January 2026	
7.p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

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Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 25th October 2025 at 8:30am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 18 January 2026 @ 10.00am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

All Cell Groups have resumed

Tuesday 20th January 2026

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

Wednesday 21 January 2026

The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm

(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)

Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

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



Account Security

Protection Against Online Scams

Do not share financial details.

Do not discuss your assets, account balances, or financial information with someone you've only met online.

When you connect with someone new online, keep your finances entirely private. Scammers often use innocent details about your money to lay the groundwork for a scam.

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PRESS RELEASE

Public Consultation Announced for 2026/27 Minimum Wage Proposals

The community is invited to share their views on the proposed minimum wage options for the 2026/27 financial year. A series of public engagement events have been scheduled to ensure that both employers and employees can contribute to this significant economic decision.

Public Engagement Schedule

- **Public Consultation Meeting**: Tuesday, 20 January 2026, at 19:00 at The Museum.
- **Information Stalls at The Canister**: Thursday, 22 January, from 12:00 to 14:00.

Option 1. No increase, below projected rate of inflation

Option 1			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£4.50	£8,775	£3.55	£6,922

Option 2. Increase by the projected rate of inflation, 4.1%

Option 2			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£4.70	£9,165	£3.70	£7,215

Option 3. Increase by slightly above projected rate of inflation, 7.8% (4.1% plus 3.7%)

Option 3			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£4.85	£9,457	£3.83	£7,468

Option 4: Increase above the projected rate of inflation, 11%

Option 4			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£5.00	£9,750	£3.94	£7,683

Please note: Incorrect figures were published and announced last week. Please disregard those previously published and use the figures listed above.

We apologise for the inconvenience and confusion caused.

SHG, 13 January 2026

SHAPE

COME CELEBRATE 20 AMAZING YEARS OF SHAPE!

Saturday, 17 January 2026
1 pm-6 pm
SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay

A FULL DAY OF FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND MEMORIES – EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

What's Happening?

Food & Drinks

- Ice Cream Van
- Madonna Peters – Ocean Wave (hot food)
- Choice of delicious curries
- Bar – Ian Williams at Sandy Bay Community Centre
- Bamboo Café – coffee, tea, soft drinks & tasty bites

Music by

- K.J.
- James Fantom

Fun for Everyone!

- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting & Nail Art
- Games
- Piñata
- Selfie Frame

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND CELEBRATE WITH SHAPE!

20 YEARS OF CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

NOTICE BOARD

Festival of Walking
Walk of the Week

Date: Saturday, 17 January 2026
Start Time: 09:00
Meeting Point: Thompsons Wood, Blue Hill
Google Maps location: -15.99585, -5.74811
Duration: approx 3 hrs

Walk grade: Strenuous | 9 - 10

Blue Point is a popular walk on the south-east side of the island with a unique volcanic landscape and dramatic coastal views.

This walk is suitable for fit and experienced walkers. Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, sunscreen and bring at least 2L of water. Varying landscapes with some challenging slopes, suitable for keen walkers and anyone who is reasonably active.

The walk will be led by the St Helena National Trust who will talk about the endemics and invertebrates in the area.

Date	Upcoming Walks
24 Jan 2026	Prosperous Bay

Receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' email dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Tourist Office T: 22158

Partnership strengthens as second delivery of baby boxes arrives

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is delighted to have received a further twelve baby boxes from the St Helena Association UK. These boxes continue to be a cherished and practical gift for first-time mothers. Already, two of the twelve have been shared with new mums and their little ones, bringing joy and reassurance to families across the island.



Parents have warmly welcomed the Baby Box Scheme Initiative in St Helena, valuing the thoughtful collection of essentials that support a newborn's early days. Beyond the practical items, the initiative carries a meaningful message of care, unity, and hope for the island's future generations.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission extends sincere appreciation to the St Helena Association UK for its ongoing partnership and generosity. Together, this collaboration is making a real difference in the lives of new families on St Helena.

NOTICE BOARD

Expression of interest - photographers & videographers for WMRM



We are seeking photographers and videographers to cover the World's Most Remote Marathon (WMRM), taking place on Sunday, 22 February 2026.

If you are interested, please email: tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Applicants must:
- Be available for the full duration of the event
- have their own equipment
- Ability to supply high-quality images and/or video footage

Skills & experience:
- Proven experience in event photography and/or videography
- Ability to capture fast-paced outdoor events
- Confident shooting in varied lighting and weather conditions
- Drone use permitted only where local permissions and regulations are met

Usage rights:
- Successful applicants must be willing to license submitted images and/or video for marketing use.

For more information on the event, please visit: https://sthelenatourism.com/marathon/

To apply, please email tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh by Friday, 30 January 2026

World's Most Remote Marathon - 22 February 2026



The World's Most Remote Marathon (WMRM) takes place on Sunday, 22 February 2026.

Runners can choose from a full marathon (42.2km), half marathon (21.1km), or 10km, all starting in the gardens of Plantation House and finishing in Jamestown.

The marathon is the highlight of St Helena's Adventure Week, a programme designed by St Helena Tourism offering a range of experiences for runners, families, and adventure seekers.

Those who are interested in taking part are encouraged to visit the Tourist Office to register and make payment for entry by 17 January 2026.

Please contact events@sainthelena.gov.sh for further information on entry requirements.

Please visit our website for further details on the marathon via https://sthelenatourism.com/marathon/

For more information on entry requiremnts, please contact the Tourist Office by calling 22158 or emailing events@sainthelena.gov.sh

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. **Application 2026/01:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Installation of a New Window at Coleman's House,** Jamestown, on Parcel JT100040, Applicant: Royal St Helena Police Directorate C/o Gary Henry.
2. **Application 2025/02:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Double Garage,** Near Levelwood Clinic on Parcel DPRR0267. Applicant: Ryan Crowie.
3. **Application 2025/03:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Siting of Two Containers in Hardcourt Area for Storage of School Equipment (Permanent),** Francis Plain on Parcel FP0230**.** Applicant: St. Helena Secondary School, C/o Phil Toal

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 08.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 29 January 2026

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

Vacancy

Part-Time Passenger Services Agent

Since 1790

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

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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 **05 February 2026.**

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

Golf Report – Texas Scramble



SHGC, Contributed

On Sunday, 11 January, the Texas Scramble competition sponsored by Sean Nugent and Eileen Wallace, drew an excellent turnout of 30 participants.
The day began under wet and foggy conditions creating a demanding course that tested both skills and teamwork throughout the event. Although the weather presented notable challenges, the competition proved to be both enjoyable and memorable.
Results were as follows:
1st Place: Freddie Thomas and Arthur Francis – score: 58
2nd Place: Lawson Henry and Keith Joshua – score: 60
3rd Place: Larry Legg and Dr Nigel Leaver – score:61
Longest Drive 8th – Lawson Henry
Longest Drive 4th – Arthur Francis
There were no claims for the 2 ball.
Helena Stevens and Anita Robbertse were also awarded gifts in recognition of their valued participation.
Sincere thanks are extended to Sean and Eileen for their generous sponsorship of the event and also for kindly providing the refreshments, which were greatly appreciated by all.
The competition also welcomed two Junior Members, Erik and Lucas Robbertse, whose enthusiasm and promising play were greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing them taking part in future events.
Lastly, an award was presented to Danny Thomas in recognition of hitting his ball off the tee box and it went straight into the cup – this was his third stroke as his first ball went out of bounds.
Congratulations to all winners.
Upcoming events:
Sunday 18th, Presidents - Challenge Cup
Sunday 25th, Monthly Medal
Please call 24421 to register your name.

Happy Swinging!









SHAPE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)
Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of **SHAPE** (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) will be held on:

Date: Saturday, 31st January 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Venue: SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Agenda:
The agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members
7. Any Other Business

Committee Nominations:
Members wishing to be appointed to the Committee must submit a signed written notice to the Company Secretary by **24th January 2026**. Employee members are not eligible.

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Company Secretary
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay

SPORTS ARENA



Big Batting from Cliff's Challengers

Challengers win in SHCA League as two games postponed through weather

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Saturday, 10 January, saw the highly anticipated match between reigning 35-Over League Champions, Challengers, and the highly-decorated, Levelwood Allstars.

With both these teams having put in dominant performances in their opening matches last week, this was sure to be a close and competitive match.

Challengers took to the crease first and once again put in a brilliant opening partnership which produced 160 runs, with Captain Cliff Richards once again impressing with a score of 120 accompanied by a new partner in Sean-Lee Thomas with an also impressive 88.

After some strong batting in the middle overs from Andrew Yon with 44, Allstars broke through and began taking regular wickets. Shavone Leo was the pick of the bowlers, recording three wickets for just seven runs in two overs.

The damage was however done with Challengers posting a mammoth total of 318 runs.

Although a tough task, Allstars got stuck in with the chase, with Weston Clingham emerging as their top batsman on the day with a solid 79 runs. This was however just a consolation as Challengers bowling proved too strong with Andrew Yon adding a three-wicket haul to go alongside his batting display, dismissing any potential partnerships for Allstars who were bowled out for 201 runs.

This meant Challengers won the match by an incredible 117 runs, making their intentions clear that they will be giving it their all to hold onto their league title this season.

Unfortunately, due to poor and unplayable weather conditions on Sunday, the matches between Sandy Bay Pirates and Jamestown Heat, and Mustangs and Cobras, had to be abandoned and postponed to be played at a later date.

FIXTURES

Saturday 17th Jan
13:30 Levelwood Allstars v Sandy Bay Pirates
Umpires: Jamie Essex and Dax Richards

Sunday 18th Jan
08:30 Challengers v Cobras
Umpires: Clayton Leo and Delroy Leo

13:30 Jamestown Heat v Western A Mustangs
Umpires: Derek Richards and Stefan Leo



We would like thank Laura Oliver for kindly allowing us to use her photo's for last weeks Cricket article