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Government announce new International Recruitment strategy & approve proposed amendments to Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance



King's Baton Relay 2026

OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robertse, SAMS

In the Beatitudes we are (among other things) called to be peacemakers, encapsulating more than just a passive act of avoiding conflict, but an active intervention to end conflict and to bring reconciliation.

In this world we just have to look around to admit that very few take up this calling to be peacemakers. Along with virtues like selflessness, kindness, goodness and faithfulness, peace-making seems to have fallen out of fashion in a society seemingly inundated with constant conflict and turmoil.

In my opinion, a lot of the problems in today's world stems from pride and selfishness; seeking our own interest first and at all costs. Many people will be able to testify to the empty lack of reward and satisfaction that this outlook in life will bring about.

Recently during the opening ceremony of the King's Baton Relay, Cllr Denny Leo said something that I found very insightful: "Even the smallest island can make a global difference when its people stand together." In keeping with the spirit of this year's theme of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games - "More in Common" - I think it is fitting for us to remember that we need to work towards bringing people together rather than focussing on our differences.

Perhaps the powers-that-be worldwide (including on our island) should take this advice to heart and start practicing peace-making instead of instigating strife and division. There is strength in unity as has been proven numerous times in the past. To move forward and succeed, we need to stand together and support each other.

Let us also not forget that all of the Beatitudes carry a blessing as well. Perhaps we can, as a small island, create an example to the world by choosing to pursue virtues like being peacemakers, by bringing kindness and selflessness to a world desperately in need of healing.

Let us go and be peacemakers!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

This is part 3 of a 3-part personal look at the human rights claims and underlying personal injury claims.

Experience elsewhere (1) the USA (population 341 million, GDP (nominal) 30.616 trillion): still favours self-reliance and private insurance over social security; President Obama campaigned on an ambitious programme of healthcare ("Obamacare") and social security, and implemented some of it, but electors under President Trump favoured self-reliance, etc. so repealed President Obama's reforms.

Experience elsewhere (2) New Zealand (population 5.345 million, GDP (nominal) 248.67 billion): following a funding crisis in its workmen's compensation scheme in the 1960s, New Zealand introduced an ambitious taxpayer-funded compensation scheme for accidents: the Accident Compensation Scheme. It has been much amended since then. The original principle was that no one should be worse off under the scheme than they would have been under personal injury law, and that is still the rule for financial losses, but compensation for non-financial losses (pain and suffering and loss of amenities) was abolished in 1992 and replaced by a modest pension related to degree of disability.

Experience elsewhere (3) Samoa (population 206,000, GDP (nominal) 908.561 million): formerly occupied by various colonial powers; from 1920 a New Zealand-supervised League of Nations Mandate and then a UN Trust Territory until independence in 1962, so I suspect that its adoption of a scheme was influenced by New Zealand, but I've been unable to find more online.

In the above, the currency is USD; the figures are at various dates but should suffice for a broad comparison with the following figures, which are from SHG's website:-

What St Helena (population 3,970, GDP (prob. nominal) 50.235 million) should do is ...

Democracy! That is, the essential purpose of democracy is that the people (or the representatives whom the people have elected) decide the allocation of scarce resources among competing policy priorities.

Of course, democracies differ as to (a) how much the people decide directly, as against how much their representatives decide; (b) which rules are fundamental/unalterable, e.g. human rights; and (c) decision-making procedures and "trappings" (which do matter), but (fundamentally) it is all a question of priorities.

And we all know that St Helena has very scarce resources to allocate among competing priorities: compare (e.g.) the "bottom-up" budget which the last government presented to the UK Government against the award which the latter made.

In any such allocation, compensation for professional negligence is another liability for the projected cash flows model.

Politicians who become the "bad person telling the electors what they don't want to hear" lose office. Many of us are susceptible to single-issue arguments which (1) tar the government as facinorous* enemies of the people ("The government is cheating you!") or play on the emotions (e.g., "Cuddly billionaire forced out of 17th home by cruel tax bill!"); and (2) gloss over the wider effect of that particular resource allocation on fulfilling other priorities.

But, (1) to abandon the elected representatives to make the decisions alone can produce results which are bad for society as a whole; and (2) to allow clever PR to dominate the debate weakens democracy. (America did; the world is paying.)

St Helena is a young democracy. For its long-term success, each voter should:-

(1) inform themselves (through newspapers, radio and direct questioning);

(2) discuss and debate with experts, politicians and other voters; and

(3) express their wishes to their elected representatives, between and at elections.

* Editor's note: "facinorous" means "atrociously evil".

Yours Sincerely,

Lucky Thomson

"A Significant Step Forward"

SHG approve proposed amendments to Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance



Liam Yon, SAMS

One of the most contentious topics in recent times on St Helena has been SHG's Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance, 2025, which was approved by the former Legislative Council just prior to dissolution and came into effect on 1 July 2025.

This has since garnered much negative attention, particularly from the St Helena Equality & Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and UK-based law firm, Hugh James Solicitors, who have called for a Judicial Review of the ordinance.

According to the Human Rights, the recently enacted legislation has "implemented sweeping changes to the ability for litigants to recover their legal costs in litigation on the Island," which they say "strikes at the very core of access to justice."

Additionally, the manner in which the Bill for an Ordinance was approved by the Government has also been heavily criticised and questioned by Hugh James, who described it as "rushed" and "secretive" considering the lack of a public consultation period prior to its approval.

While SHG has so far been reluctant to comment on this ongoing saga, likely due to the Judicial Review, SAMS did report on the LegCo meeting when the Bill was passed back in June 2025, when the Acting Attorney General, at the time, said the purpose of the Ordinance "is to ensure that the courts have the necessary powers, to have the necessary discipline on lawyers, to make sure they are not profiting unreasonably."

This week however, SHG have provided an update on the Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance, after the Executive Council, on Monday, approved proposed amendments to the legislation relating to clarity around the recovery of After-the-Event Insurance and transparency around recoverable legal costs, with Solicitor rates now said to align with the England and Wales guideline hourly rates for National Band 1.

"Executive Council has today approved amendments to the Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance 2025, which strengthen fairness and improve access to justice," said SHG on Monday. "The current ordinance, scrutinised by all parties in the Judicial Review proceedings, based on legal advice, will clarify the circumstances under which After-the-Event Insurance can be recovered and ensure our legislation meets the original intention of the Civil Litigation Costs Ordinance."

After the Event (ATE) insurance is a type of insurance used in legal cases, similar to a Conditional Fee Agreement (or "No Win – No Fee" Agreement). It is taken out after a dispute has already arisen, not before, and is insurance that protects claimants from having to pay large legal costs (for example in expert fees) if the claimant loses the case.

SHG add that "a key element of the proposal is the introduction of provisions relating to ATE insurance" stating how "these changes would allow the courts to include some or all of the cost of ATE insurance premiums in cost awards for medical negligence and personal injury claims." According to SHG, "this is intended to reduce the financial risk for individuals pursuing legitimate claims and ensure that access to justice is not limited by personal financial circumstances."

In addition, SHG informed that "the Civil Litigation (Costs) Notice 2026 has been amended to provide greater clarity and transparency around recoverable legal costs."

They explain how "it sets out when the cost of initial legal advice may be recovered, helping individuals better understand their position from the outset" adding that "the proposals also ensure that legal cost rates remain fair, consistent, and up to date."

The proposed amendment by SHG means "Solicitor rates would align with the England and Wales guideline hourly rates for "National Band 1", allowing them to adjust over time without the need for frequent revisions."

SHG described their decision to link St Helena's rates to those used in England and Wales as "a significant step forward," stating that "it ensures that the island's legal framework remains aligned with recognised and well-established standards, providing confidence to both local residents and external legal professionals."

They note how, in their view, "this approach also helps future-proof the system, ensuring that it keeps pace with changes elsewhere while still being applied in a way that reflects St Helena's local context."

Accordingly, they add that "the use of "National Band 1" is considered appropriate for St Helena as it reflects rates typically applied to all of England and Wales, except for parts of central London" before noting how "Barristers would be paid at the highest rate."

The 2026 National Band 1 guideline hourly rates in England and Wales are £295 per hour for Grade A, which are solicitors and legal executives with 8+ years' experience; £247 per hour for Grade B, which are solicitors and legal executives with 4+ years' experience; £201 per hour for Grade C, which are other solicitors, legal executives or equivalent; and £142 per hour for Grade D, which are trainee solicitors, paralegals, and fee earners.

With Executive Council having approved these proposed amendments on Monday, the amendments will now be published and "open for public consultation prior to the next Legislative Council meeting," as informed by SHG. No date has yet been confirmed for this meeting.

New Workers Incoming

SHG to expand international recruitment efforts to “alternative and affordable labour markets beyond St Helena and the UK” for local salary posts, while they also explore support options to encourage Saints overseas to return for work, as they aim to address labour shortages and strengthen the local workforce



SHG are set to explore alternative and affordable labour markets, beyond St Helena and the UK

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Government have given an update on their efforts to strengthen the on-Island public service workforce in the midst of challenges relating to the Island’s ageing and declining population and the effect this is having on recruitment and skills shortages on the Island; with international recruitment set to be expanded to labour markets beyond St Helena and the UK to fill local-salary posts, while options are being explored to support Saints overseas to return to the Island for work.

SHG gave some background on the current state of affairs. “St Helena, like many small and remote communities, faces challenges in being able to fill roles locally because of severe skills shortages and evolving demand for public services,” they said. “This is primarily driven by the island’s changing demographics; our population is both declining and ageing, meaning there are fewer people of working age to fill the roles needed in the public service and across the wider economy.”

Expanding on this, SHG informed how this issue has evolved over time to be broader than it was originally. “Within the Public Service, initially these challenges were evident in front-line services such as nursing, teaching and care workers,” they explained. “However, recently the challenge of filling roles from the local labour market is increasingly felt across a wider range of public service roles.” To this end, SHG say “to ensure that essential services continue to operate effectively” a “strong, skilled and resilient workforce” must be maintained.

They add that “to address these challenges responsibly,” SHG are expanding current recruitment efforts to “explore alternative and affordable labour markets, beyond St Helena and the UK,” stating that this approach allows them “to bring in the required skills, experience and capacity needed to support various sectors, maintain service standards and enable long-term development,” and that the skills recruited will “complement those of our local labour force.”

As an example of how this works, SHG noted that they “were able to successfully pilot the recruitment of a small cohort of carers from the Philippines in 2025.”

At the same time as the Government

looks to explore further international labour markets, they assert that they "remain committed to ensuring that St Helenians living overseas have the same opportunity to apply for roles in the St Helena Public Service and if successful, are supported with their relocation to the island," as they aim to increase efforts to encourage Saints overseas to return.

"Saints abroad bring valuable knowledge, cultural connection and commitment to our workforce and community," said SHG. "We will be exploring ways to expand our current advertising mediums with a view to ensuring the widest possible reach within the diaspora and encouraging Saints to return and join the Public Service."

Looking at both of these recruitment approaches, Government "recognise that relocating to the island can be a significant and costly decision," and therefore, "in order to attract the right calibre of candidates," they recognise that, "some enhancements on top of local salaries," will need to be offered. This, they say, includes, in addition to a local salary, support in the form of travel to St Helena, a contribution to relocation costs, pension contributions as well as a potential contribution to rental costs.

According to SHG, these efforts and level of support, "will attract skilled workers to St Helena, enable participation and integration into our community and enable better engagement with Saints who are genuinely interested in returning to the Island to take up roles within the Public Service" and described the new strategy as a balanced approach.

"We see this as a balanced approach, supporting the return of Saints and responsibly accessing external labour markets where needed to ensure that we can meet the needs of our community whilst building a sustainable and inclusive future," they explained. "There is ongoing work being carried out to fully develop these approaches, and this remains a key priority in our workplans."

Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, also spoke on the current challenges and how this new approach aims to address this. "The challenges posed by St Helena's declining and ageing population and the impact this has on the delivery of public services has been discussed at length in the two recent formal Legislative Council meetings," she commented. "It is clear that we have to take action to retain and attract Saints in the Public Service, while also responsibly exploring alternative and affordable labour markets where necessary."

The Chief Ministers noted how "this balanced approach will help to ensure the delivery of essential services and progress our policy priorities," including in particular stabilising the population and labour market; protecting health and social care and improving prevention outcomes; reforming education and building the future workforce; and reforming and strengthening the Public Service.

The Chief Minister then reiterated that, alongside recruitment efforts, "the retention of existing staff working in the Public Service remains a priority," and that "this will be supported through a range of ongoing HR initiatives such as employee engagement, development of pay progression frameworks and, subject to affordability, implementation of the Reward and Recognition policy."

This aims to ensure that, while efforts are made to fill gaps in the public service workforce, those already working in the public service are valued and rewarded for their dedication and service.

With labour shortages due to the Island's ageing demographics and population decline being seen as one of the big current concerns on the Island, SHG's new international recruitment approach and an increased emphasis on encouraging Saints to return to work, will be seen as a key workstream in addressing these challenges and finding a solution for the betterment of St Helena going forward.

Who is Deserving?

Reminder of nominations for UK State Honours and St Helena National Awards

Liam Yon, SAMS



The Henry brothers were recently awarded with St Helena National Awards for their dedicated service to St Helena's maritime industry

St Helena Government are reminding the public to nominate individuals for the next round of UK State awards, also known as New Year Honours, as well as St Helena National Awards.

The UK State Awards recognises service to the local community as wells as outstanding achievements with more details available on the UK Government website (https://www.gov.uk/).

As for the St Helena National Awards, these awards recognise individuals for exceptional service and dedication. Further detail on the criteria for these awards is available on the SHG Website (https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/).

Nomination forms for those wishing to make a nomination are available from The Castle in Jamestown and must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee' by Monday, 27 April. As always, Nominees must not be made aware they are being put forward for an award.

Recipients of the 2027 New Year Honours will be revealed after the first minute on the 1 January 2027 as is a long-standing tradition in the United Kingdom. SHG are encouraging members of the public to make worthy nominations for the next round of these honourable awards before the deadline in under two weeks' time.

"A first-hand perspective" on Parliament

St Helena Secondary School hosts Virtual Q&A Session with Commons Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle



Sir Lindsay Hoyle is the Speaker for the UK House of Commons, photo courtesy of the House of Commons

Liam Yon, SAMS

Toward the end of March, students from Years 8 to 10 at St Helena Secondary School took part in what was described as "a dynamic 30-minute Question and Answer (Q&A) session" with Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, giving them "a first-hand perspective" on the workings of Parliament.

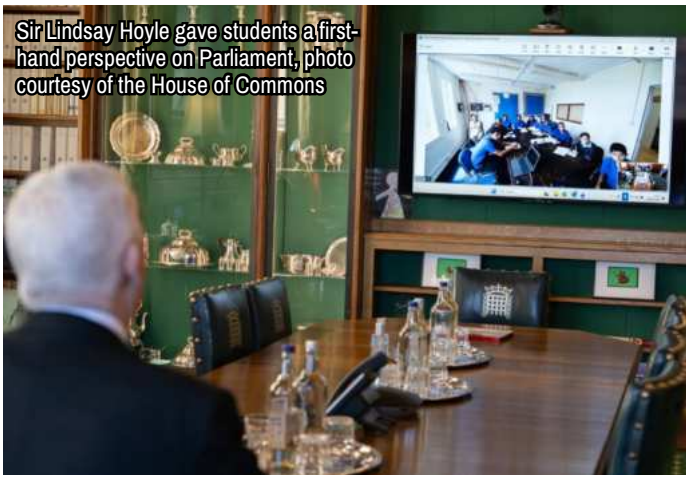
According to SHG, "the session offered a unique opportunity for the youth of St Helena to engage directly with one of the most senior figures in the UK Parliament, fostering a deeper understanding of democratic processes."

It was reported that students led the conversation, posing a variety of thoughtful questions that touched on the daily responsibilities of the Speaker, the mechanics of parliamentary debate, and the relationship between the UK and its Overseas Territories.

In reply, Sir Lindsay responded with clear and engaging insights, creating what was described as "a comfortable environment that encouraged active participation from all the students involved."

SHG reports that "throughout the session, the discussion highlighted the importance of respectful disagreement, and the vital role young people play in the future of their community and country," adding that, "it was a highly positive and valuable experience, leaving the students with a first-hand perspective on how Parliament functions and how their voices can be heard."

SHG concluded that the session "served as a meaningful link between St Helena's youth and the British parliamentary system, encouraging students to see themselves as active participants in public life."



Sir Lindsay Hoyle gave students a first-hand perspective on Parliament, photo courtesy of the House of Commons



Sir Lindsay Hoyle speaks virtually to students in Years 8 to 10, photo courtesy of the House of Commons

SEDP Scrutiny Session

Select Committee 2 to hold live hearing on SED Delivery Plan tomorrow



Select Committee 2 is Chaired by Cllr Essex with Cllrs Beard and Thomas as members

Liam Yon, SAMS

Following on from the recent Select Committee 1 hearing, Select Committee 2 will now take their turn to scrutinise a particular area of SHG, with a live hearing planned for tomorrow.

Select Committee 2 is chaired by Cllr Dr Corinda Essex, with Cllrs Clint Beard and Derek Thomas as members.

This group will hold a live hearing at 9am in the Council Chamber, The Castle, on Friday, 17 April.

Their inquiry at this hearing will focus on a specific part of the Sustainable Economic Development Delivery Plan in relation to investment, specifically the first bullet point in Annex 1 of the delivery plan which reads: "We will have an efficient and effective process for enabling investment on St Helena, which bring together cross-governmental teams to ensure potential investors have access to the information they need to contribute to developing the island. We will have appropriate safeguards in place to ensure all investment is sustainable and that the needs of all residents are taken into account."

Questions relating to this statement will be posed to the Minister for Economic Development, Karl Thrower, as well as relevant senior officers of his portfolio by the members of Select Committee 2.

As always, the hearing is open to the public to attend. Alternatively, the proceedings will be broadcast 'live' exclusively on SAMS Radio 1.

The specific aims of the delivery plan are:

Year 1 - March 2025:

- We will have an efficient and effective process for enabling investment on St Helena, which bring together cross-governmental teams to ensure potential investors have access to the information they need to contribute to the developing the island. We will have appropriate safeguards in place to ensure all investment is sustainable and that the needs of all residents are taken into account.

The focus will be on this statement made in the SED Delivery Plan Annex 1

Passing on the Baton

St Helena celebrates their leg of the King's Baton relay with various events and initiatives across the island



The Team & Officials with the Baton

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Friday, 10 April, invited guests, members of the National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) and the Athletes that will represent the island at this year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, witnessed the unveiling of St Helena's very own baton, kicking off the St Helena leg of the King's Baton relay.

Anne Dillon, Vice-Chairperson of NSASH and President of the Commonwealth Games Association - St Helena, welcomed all to the special ceremony, while also giving some background on this year's relay and events. "The King's Baton has been re-imagined for a new era, one that brings communities together across the Commonwealth, celebrates our rich cultures and diversity and highlights our commitment to a more sustainable future," she announced.

Michielle Yon from NSASH then explained how this year's baton hailed a new era with a different approach to the traditional relay across the 74 Commonwealth nations and territories. "The current relay started in March 2025 and will end at the Opening Ceremony in Glasgow on 23 July 2026," she explained. "The relay takes an epic 500-day journey of celebrations across each nation and territory of the Commonwealth."

Tuesday, 14 April, marked 100 days to the Opening Ceremony of this year's Games, with 10 April signalling the start of the St Helena leg of the King's Baton Relay.

"This is the first time ever that each Commonwealth nation and territory will receive their own baton," continued Michielle. In the past, one baton containing the late Queen's message inside, travelled throughout the Commonwealth, with the message then being read at the Opening Ceremony. "This year, however, part of the King's message has been placed on each baton," Michielle continued to explain. "The batons will then form the message at the Opening Ceremony."

This year's representing athletes then officially revealed the baton and St Helena's unique words forming part of the King's message as being "Open Arms". The athletes proceeded to display the three sides of the baton to the guests. The batons were manufactured by the GalGael Trust of Scotland from ash wood, a hardwood from Scotland and were kill-dried. The baton has three sides with one reflecting Commonwealth sports of the Glasgow 2026 games, the second reflecting each territories' own culture and the third every territories' unique word forming part of the King's message. Michielle thanked Simon Henry, Tyanne Williams and Alex Adams for their contributions to the design of St Helena's baton and also Phillip Constantine who made the baton stand from local wood.

Councillor Dennis Leo, Sports and Culture Champion, then continued to elaborate on the theme of this year's Commonwealth Games of "More in Common" highlighting unity and connection, with a major focus on sustainability, including plastic clean-ups and fostering community collaboration. "Through a partnership with the Royal Commonwealth Society, the Commonwealth Clean Oceans Plastics Campaign is bringing together athletes and communities across the Commonwealth with one clear goal; to prevent one million pieces of plastic from entering our waterways before the games begin in July 2026. So this baton doesn't just connect us through sport, it connects us through responsibility," Cllr. Leo stated in his speech sharing that over 167,000 pieces of plastic had already been removed from across the Caribbean, Africa and Oceania as part of this initiative.

"The baton represents the spirit of the Commonwealth Games, a celebration of talent, determination and unity," said Cllr Leo as he reflected back to when St Helena participated in their first Games in September 1982 in Brisbane, stating that it was "a very proud moment in our island's history." He continued that, "today that legacy continues, and for a small island like ours, every athlete who steps onto that stage carries not just their own dream, but the pride, hope and support of an entire community behind them. We are incredibly proud that St Helena will once again be represented on that global stage in Glasgow."

Cllr Leo ended off with encouraging everyone on the island to "come together and support them, and stand proudly behind them every step of the way. So as this baton passes through St Helena today, it is not just visiting, it's recognising what is already happening here and encouraging us to keep going, because even though we are a small island in the middle of a vast ocean, what we can do still matters. If there is one thing to take away from today, it is this - even the smallest island can make a global difference when people act together. As we pass this baton on, let it not just carry a message, but a promise from St Helena that we will continue to protect our ocean, support our people and champion our future," he concluded.

Nate Joshua, a student from St Helena Secondary School then shared some interesting facts about marine conservation and how this affects St Helena, playing a big role in boosting eco-tourism on the island as well as protecting the biodiversity we have in our MPA, safeguarding threatened species like whale sharks, devil rays, turtles and the numerous endem-

ic fish species found in St Helenian waters.

Chef de Mission for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Ryan Benjamin, then formally introduced the Athletes chosen to represent St Helena at this year's international sporting spectacle in Glasgow. The team includes three swimmers - Nolan George, Lukas Robbertse and William Caswell. On the athletics side there are two sprinters based on St Helena - Tyler Anthony and Blaze Baldwin - with another two based in the UK - Ty Leo-Stroud and Sean Crowie, making up the remainder of the seven-strong team. With the four sprinters, St Helena will be able to enter the 4x100m relay for the first time this year. Accompanying the team will be Ryan, as the Chef de Mission, Christine Caswell as the swim coach and Theo Meij as the general manager. Michielle Yon and Anne Dillon will also be going to Glasgow in their capacity as Secretary-General and President for the Commonwealth Games Association – St Helena respectively, providing further support to the team management.

Anne Dillon concluded the ceremony by thanking all for attending as well as the New Horizons team for all their preparations and for hosting the event.

Following the opening ceremony to the St Helena leg of the relay, the team and officials travelled around the island on Saturday and Sunday to display the baton at various locations, affording the public the opportunity to have their picture taken with the baton, as is tradition.

They also joined in to contribute to this year's goal of collecting one million pieces of plastic by the start of the games in July, participating in beach clean-ups in Sandy Bay and James' Bay, as well as a clean-up at Longwood Green.

The Sunday events concluded at the Yacht club with another photo and viewing opportunity as well as a barbeque meal provided by the Bertrands Afropolitan crew.

On Monday, Michielle, and NSASH member, Theo Meij, took the baton around to all Island Schools on St Helena to give young people another opportunity to view and interact with the baton.

After St Helena, the next territory to reveal their baton will be Guyana in South America on the way to the final destination in Glasgow.

As the Glasgow Commonwealth Games draws near, we wish all our athletes the very best!



St Helenian culture side of the baton



King's Message side of the baton



Commonwealth sports side of the baton


Athletes displaying the King's Baton


Athletes unveiling the King's Baton



"Open Arms"


The Baton at SHAPE- Photo by NSASH


The Team at SHSS- Photo by NSASH


NSASH & team at the pool- Photo by NSASH


The Team with the Baton at Millenium Forest- Photo by NSASH


The Team with Jonathan- Photo by NSASH

Let's Make it "One to Remember"



St Helena Football Association to lead on St Helena Day celebrations, supported by the St Helena National Trust, as they call on volunteers to support this year's National Day

Liam Yon, SAMS

During a recent AGM of the St Helena Football Association, a new Executive Committee was elected to serve, with James Cairns-Wicks as the new Chairperson, Jordan Yon as Secretary and Jake Letori as Treasurer. The new committee's first item of business will be the planning of St Helena's National Day on the 21 May, with the SHFA chosen to organise this year's events.

They have already struck a collaboration with the St Helena National Trust who is supporting the organising of this year's St Helena's Day as part of their Culture Month 2026 initiatives, with the theme for this year being "St Helenian Food: A Fusion of Continents – A Taste of Home."

This therefore has translated into a theme for this year's traditional St Helena's Day float parade, with floats being encouraged to align with the theme of St Helenian food – which should make for some fun and interesting designs.

Because of this theme, while stalls offering a variety of products are being invited to setup on the day as usual, a particular emphasis is being placed on food vendors and stall holders, with the Trust encouraging those selling food to share their homemade treats and eats to celebrate St Helena's unique culinary tastes and traditions. More on this and the float parade can be found in two adverts in this edition of The Sentinel.

As the lead organisers of St Helena's Day, the SHFA are also seeking the support of dedicated volunteers who would like to get involved in the preparation of the day and help make the occasion a success for the island community.

"We are seeking support from anyone willing to lend a hand—whether it's helping with setup, coordination, or general assistance on the day. Your contribution, big or small, will make a real difference," they said. "Let's come together and support in making this celebration one to remember!"

To this end, a meeting was held by the SHFA on Monday evening to discuss the early plans for St Helena's Day, however they did note the late notice of this meeting and was clear that "there will be more opportunities to get involved" with interested individuals, businesses, charities and others, invited to contact them via Sainthelenafootballassociation@gmail.com for further information and to register an interest.

More details of St Helena's Day 2026 will be forthcoming in the weeks to come.



St Helena Day is one of the most popular and highly-anticipated events on the calendar

The Big Four Walk

New Charity, Island Minds Foundation, to kick off fundraising with Big Four Walk involving St Helena, Ascension, Falkland Islands and the UK



Luke Bennett, SAMS

Island Minds Foundation is a charity created by Shelby Bargo after suffering a loss in the family due to mental illness. "We had people from our local community approach me to share their personal experiences from a mental health aspect," Shelby recalled. "This made me more inclined to set up the charity."

The aim of the foundation is to raise funds to help people access therapy, counselling, and wellbeing services, while promoting awareness and reducing stigma in our community.

The board currently consists of Nicola Essex, Ronald Coleman, Natasha Bargo, Jackie Williams, Marcella Mittens, Susan Knipe, Tracy Williams, Kyle Bennett, and Gavin Thomas.

"I mean, finance shouldn't be one of the things to hold you back from receiving help but this is what they found," Nicola indicated. "This is what the foundation hopes to provide, to help ease those kinds of things, pull down those barriers a little bit, so you can access them."

The Big 4 Walk is more than just a walk, it is aimed to be a collective effort to make sure no one has to face things alone. It's a collaborative international event that will take place on St Helena, Ascension, the Falkland Islands, and the UK, all on the same day, 19 April. The walk will hopefully show the concept that even though we're all miles apart, we can come together for the same cause.

The idea for the Big 4 Walk came about when the foundation was approached by the St Helena Association UK. "So, people like James Miller (from the SHAUK) approached us, and they're trying to coordinate it across all four locations."

The Big 4 Walk will take place on Sunday, 19 April, hosted at the Kingshurst Community Centre; creating a safe community space where members of the public can sit down, relax, reflect, but also connect with other people.

On the day there will be three walks going on, with registration starting at 10am. The long route will start at 11am from Kingshurst to Knollcombs, W Road, Lemon Tree Gut, Ridges, then back to Kingshurst. At 11.30am, there will be a medium route that will run from Kingshurst to Red Hill, Harper's Gut, Francis Plain, Knollcombs and back to Kingshurst. And then at 12noon, there will be an easier route, which is kid-friendly starting from Kingshurst to White Gate, The Stables, Model Cottage, and then you can go either to Merriman's Forest for the rock scavenger hunt, or you can go to Red Hill Road, for a bit more pram-friendly walking, before returning to Kingshurst.

Despite only recently having been set up, Nicola explained how there has already been interest in donating to the foundation. "We've had a lot of support from people wanting to donate money as well," she revealed. "So, there's currently money just sitting there waiting to go into the charity as well, wanting to get a bank account set up."

Nicola concluded by explaining what it is that the foundation is looking to get out of the day. "When you do come along on the day, what I hope you leave with is just a sense of, again, having that connection but also hopefully it would have started some conversations as well around mental health, because that is a part of our brief as well, we want to help normalise those kinds of conversations and also just be more aware of what resources we do have for help and whatever donations or monies or however you involve yourself on the day, just know that it will go into a worthy cause."


Gavin


Tracy


Marcella


Susan


Jacqueline


Natasha


Nicola


Ronald


Shelby

The Island Pulse

Informing, Questioning and Strengthening Democracy on St Helena



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

Putting the Public First

St Helena's weekly radio programme The Island Pulse continues to play a central role in connecting the public with the inner workings of government. Hosted by Councillor Julie Thomas, the programme provides a platform where Councillors unpack complex policy matters, reflect on recent decisions, and – critically - bring transparency to the democratic process.

The latest broadcast brought together Councillors Derek Thomas, Dr Corinda Essex, Clint Beard, Ronald Coleman and Dennis Leo for an in-depth discussion on two issues currently shaping the island's governance landscape:

1. The rollout of COBIS international education standards

2. The effectiveness of communication between government, elected members, and the public

Both topics, while distinct, share a common thread: the need for clarity, accountability, and informed decision-making.

Understanding COBIS: A New Standard for Education

A major portion of the discussion centred on St Helena's adoption of the **Council of British International Schools (COBIS)** framework - an internationally recognised benchmark designed to raise standards in education.

Why COBIS Matters?

Historically, St Helena's education system has operated without a comprehensive, externally validated framework. The adoption of COBIS in late 2024 represents a strategic shift toward:

- **Internationally benchmarked standards**
- **Improved safeguarding and student welfare systems**
- **Enhanced teaching quality and leadership structures**
- **Greater accountability across schools**

The framework includes 10 standards, covering everything from governance and leadership to curriculum delivery and enrichment activities. While boarding provisions are not applicable locally, the island is working toward compliance with the remaining nine standards.

Where Are We Now? Progress and Milestones

The Island Pulse panel outlined several key developments in the COBIS journey:

- **A Steering Group** has been established to oversee implementation
- **A lead improvement** partner is supporting the compliance phase
- Work is currently focused on the **first five standards**, which will be assessed in November 2026
- A formal **"health check"** visit is scheduled for later this year
- **A Single Central Register** is being developed to strengthen safeguarding compliance
- **Teacher training programmes** are being rolled out, with 14 teachers identified for upskilling in key areas

These steps indicate that implementation is underway, but Councillors were clear: progress must be matched with clarity and measurable outcomes.

Safeguarding and Student Welfare: Strengthening the Foundations

Councillor Julie Thomas and Councillor Ronald Coleman both focused on safeguarding and student welfare - two of the most critical COBIS standards.

What's Changing?

- Schools are reviewing and updating **existing welfare policies**
- Safeguarding procedures are being aligned with **international best practice**
- Physical security improvements, such as the **controlled entry system at St Helena Secondary School**, are now in place
- Staff training is being enhanced to ensure all personnel understand their safeguarding responsibilities

The introduction of stricter access controls - where visitors must check in, complete documentation, and be escorted - marks a significant cultural shift toward prioritising student safety.

Challenges Still to Address

However, concerns were raised about areas beyond the school gates. Councillor Denis Leo highlighted the difficulty of managing open-access spaces, such as the school's sports field, which serves both students and the wider community.

Balancing **public access** with **student safety** remains a complex issue requiring careful planning and, potentially, additional investment in infrastructure such as fencing.

Curriculum and Learning: Local Needs vs Global Standards

Dr Corinda Essex provided a detailed analysis of curriculum-related concerns, particularly around **Standard 3: Teaching and Learning.**

A Critical Question: Who Decides What's Taught?

Under the new structure, **a Board of Governors** will play a key role in shaping curriculum decisions. While this introduces oversight, it also raises an important issue:

Will those making decisions fully understand St Helena's unique social, economic, and cultural context?

Dr Essex stressed that **local knowledge must underpin curriculum design**, warning that externally driven decisions could lead to misalignment with the island's needs.

Differentiation in the Classroom

Another key issue was differentiated learning - the ability of teachers to adapt lessons to suit students with varying abilities and learning styles.

While there is acknowledgment that differentiation occurs, there appears to be:

- Limited clarity on **how consistently it is applied**
- A need for **structured training and monitoring**

This is particularly important in a small island context, where classrooms often include students with diverse learning needs.

Facilities, Inclusion and Funding Pressures

Councillor Clint Beard raised practical concerns about whether the island's **school infrastructure can realistically meet COBIS standards**.

The Core Issues

- A large number of **policies and up-**

grades are required
• **Financial resources are limited**
• There is **no clear prioritisation framework**
He emphasised the importance of identifying:
• What must be done immediately
• What can be phased over time
• What funding will be required
Inclusion Still a Gap
A particularly important point was the need to ensure facilities cater **for students with disabilities**. Moving toward an inclusive education system requires:
• Accessible infrastructure
• Specialist support
• Adequate funding
At present, Councillors expressed concern that this area has not been sufficiently addressed.
Vocational Education and Equity
Councillor Dennis Leo brought attention to **Standard 10: Enrichment** and Engagement, highlighting a long-standing disparity:
• Academic students often receive **transport support**
• Vocational students **must fund their own travel**
This inequity has real consequences, with some students discouraged from pursuing further education due to cost barriers.
While the Minister acknowledged the issue, Councillors noted that **Standard 10 is not currently a priority**, raising concerns about how inclusive the system truly is.
Funding Realities: Ambition vs Affordability
A recurring theme throughout the discussion was financial constraint.
Key points included:
• Reliance on the **Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP)** for school improvements
• Uncertainty about **future capital funding beyond 2027**
• Reports of **underspent budgets**, including approximately £100,000 returned
This raised critical questions:
• Why were funds not fully utilised when needs are evident?
• What impact does this have on implementation progress?
• How will future projects be financed?
Councillors stressed the need for **greater financial transparency and planning**, particularly as COBIS implementation progresses.
Minister's Question Time: A System Under Strain
The discussion then turned to the effectiveness of **Minister's Question Time (MQT)** - a key accountability mechanism.
Current Challenges
• Limited to **one hour**, despite increasing complexity of issues
• Some questions receive **incomplete or unclear responses**
• Not all Councillors get the opportunity to ask their questions
Councillor Derek Thomas highlighted the imbalance, noting that some questions can take up to 20 minutes, leaving others unheard.
Proposed Improvements
• Extend sessions to **90 minutes**
• Introduce **time limits per question**
• Encourage **more concise, detailed responses from Ministers**
The goal is clear: ensure that MQT remains an effective tool for scrutiny, not a procedural exercise.
Communication: The Backbone of Governance
The second half of the programme focused on what many described as a **growing communication crisis.**
What's Changed?
A recent directive suggests that:
• Councillors must route queries through **Ministers**
• Ministers then liaise with **Portfolio Directors**
• Responses are returned through the same chain
Why This Is a Problem
Councillors argued that this process:
• **Slows down information flow**
• Adds unnecessary bureaucracy
• Limits their ability to respond to constituents in a timely manner.
In a small island context, where agility is key, this approach has been widely criticised.
Impact on Public Trust
Communication breakdowns have wider implications:
• Councillors receive queries from the public but **lack timely answers**
• Press releases are sometimes shared **simultaneously with the public**, leaving representatives uninformed
• Delays create **frustration and erode confidence**
Despite some recent improvements - such as advance notice on key announcements - there is consensus that significant work remains.
Holding Government to Its Own Standards
Councillor Julie Thomas referenced the government's own strategy, which places communication at the heart of governance, emphasising:
• **Openness and transparency**
•**Early engagement in decision-making**
• **A people-first approach**
Yet, Councillors noted a clear gap between **policy and practice**.
"*Good communication is not a luxury - it is the backbone of trust, accountability, and informed decision-making. Without it, governance cannot function effectively, and communities cannot fully engage in shaping their future.*"
Community Engagement: A Positive Shift
Amid the challenges, one encouraging development is the **increasing engagement of the public.**
Many of the questions raised in Minister's Question Time originate directly from:
• Community conversations
• Feedback from constituents
• Issues raised through programmes like The Island Pulse
This reflects a growing culture of participation - one that Councillors are keen to nurture.
Looking Ahead: Key Issues on the Horizon
The programme concluded with a look at upcoming priorities:
The Big Four Walk (19 April)
An international event promoting unity across St Helena, Ascension, the Falklands, the UK - and now France.
UK Financial Aid Settlement
Early indications suggest:
• A **three-year funding agreement**
• The return of a **capital programme**
While promising, details remain subject to final agreements.
Future Discussions
Next week's programme is expected to explore:
• Budget allocations and priorities
• The capital programme
• The International Recruitment Strategy
Final Word: Stay Informed, Stay Engaged
The *Island Pulse* continues to demonstrate the importance of open dialogue in a functioning democracy. By breaking down complex issues and inviting public input, the programme ensures that governance is not something done to the people - but with them.
As Councillor Julie Thomas reminded listeners: "This programme is about you—your rights, your future, and your voice in our democracy."
Tune in. Ask questions. Stay engaged. Because an informed community is a stronger community.



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. Apr 17
- 7am - 9am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 9am: Select Committee 2 Live Hearing
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Apr 18
- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 12noon-1pm: 80's hour
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Anita (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. Apr 19
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Donna
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Apr 20
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 1pm-3pm: Indie Waves with Sue
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 7:30pm: In the Know with Ministers

TUE. Apr 21
- 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. Apr 22
- 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

THU. Apr 23
- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 1pm: In the Know (repeat)
- 3-5pm: Vibes with Anita (repeat)
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna
- 7:30pm: The Island Pulse

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Bringing you the
BBC World Service
100.7 (Briars)
88.1 (High Knoll)
102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this Week





Sunday; the last day before returning to work on Monday - dont be sad :(

Let Donna turn that frown upside down :)

Yes Donna is back and will be on the airwaves from 7am to 12 noon this Sunday for the Sunday Morning Show on SAMS Radio 1!

Make sure to tune in for a great variety of music, you know she has you covered!

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

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

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Master'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

6	7	2	4	8	9	5	3	1
8	3	1	7	5	2	6	4	9
5	4	9	3	1	6	8	2	7
1	5	7	2	3	8	4	9	6
3	9	6	5	4	7	2	1	8
2	8	4	6	9	1	7	5	3
4	1	5	8	7	3	9	6	2
7	6	3	9	2	4	1	8	5
9	2	8	1	6	5	3	7	4

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		8		7	6	2		
			4					7
	6		3					

Throwback Thursday



16th April 2015:
SAMS announces a trial of locally-produced TV News, the first broadcast to be the following night.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

With Chicken being a freezer filler at the moment, this is an ideal time to try this mouth-watering recipe.

Diet Cola Chicken



Ingredients

- 4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized chunks
- 1 red, 1 yellow and 1 green pepper, cut into bite-sized chunks
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 330ml can Diet Cola
- 200ml hot chicken stock
- 8 tbsp passata with onions and garlic
- 4 tbsp tomato purée
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tsp gluten-free Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp dark soy sauce
- 1 tsp dried mixed herbs

Method

1. Spray a large non-stick pan with 1 cal cooking spray and put it over a high heat. Add the chicken, peppers and onion and stir-fry for 5-7 minutes, or until lightly browned.
2. Add the diet cola, stock, passata, tomato purée, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce and herbs and stir well. Bring to the boil, cover, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 12-15 minutes.
3. Add the sugar snap peas, stir and increase the heat to medium-high. Cook for another 10-15 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and the veg is tender.

Serve with boiled rice or mashed potato.

Ahoy Amera

MS Amera Cruise Ship visits St Helena for a day



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Tuesday, Cruise Ship, MS Amera, sailed into James Bay as she nears the end of her 134-day Easter-themed world voyage.

Described as a "classic cruise ship," the MS Amera is operated by the German travel company Phoenix Reisen. Known for its "small-ship" feel and "ability to visit niche ports inaccessible to modern giants," it is said to offer a traditional cruising experience, primarily for the German-speaking market.

The vessel has a gross tonnage of over 39,000, measures 205 metres in length, and has a passenger capacity of 835 guests, with around 450 crew. The predominant language onboard the Amera is German, while the main currency used is the Euro.

Early on Tuesday, she arrived at St Helena with approximately 684 passengers on-board eager to enjoy a day on our history-rich South Atlantic haven. In a boost to local taxi and tour operators, for this cruise ship visit, there were no pre-arranged bus tours booked by guests, meaning visitors were ready to book freelance taxis and tour operators once they landed at the Jamestown Wharf.

As always, while a number of guests took the opportunity to book tours and trips around the Island, others enjoyed walking through Jamestown, taking in the sights, grabbing a bite to eat from the many local establishments, visiting the Castle Gardens and learning more about the heritage of St Helena through a visit to the Museum of St Helena.

One of the talking points ahead of this cruise ship visit was the current closure of Jacob's Ladder due to the installation of new lights by Solomon & Company. As is well-known, Jacob's Ladder is one of the standout tourist attractions on St Helena and is always popular among visitors. According to a source, a member of the public had contacted St Helena Tourism in order to enquire whether the works on the Ladder could be put on hold during the visit of the Amera, to ensure one of St Helena's biggest attractions is available to view and climb. It was however informed that these efforts were unsuccessful, meaning Jacob's Ladder remained closed and restricted during the Amera's visit; which will no doubt be a huge disappointment to the visiting tourists.

The MS Amera blew her horn at around 4pm as she sailed away from the Island en route to Praia, Cape Verde, with an expected arrival of Monday, 20 April, as she nears the end of her world voyage; the final destination being Marseille, France Riviera, on 29 April.



APRIL OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

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

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30

Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Thursday, 23 April 2026	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 24 April 2026	09:30 – 13:00

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Services - Sunday, 19 April
Blue Hill Community Centre, 3pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 21 April: Baptist School Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, 22 April: Blue Hill Community, 7pm
Thursday, 23 April: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Adventure Kids – Age 4-11 yrs old
Saturday, 18 April:
Baptist School Hall, 10-11.30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22388

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 19th April 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Easter		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Thursday 23rd April	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Worship and Praise**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 19th April 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Easter		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 23rd April	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 19th April 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Easter		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthews
	Tuesday 21st April	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark





ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

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

This week the "Brown" bingo sheet will be used
Numbers to be read across, from left to right. Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner.

Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 18th @ 6pm. Winner for week 1 was Mrs Jean Young and last week's winner was Ms Alison Wade.

Prize - £20 per week

10	49	26	85	7	56	35	19	64	70
16	29	55	48	12	22	4	39	78	32
13	25	54	87	73	3	43	83	69	41
74	86	38	15	46	30	17	58	90	23
8	72	82	47	63	44	33	27	1	57
79	45	81	21	68	76	31	84	51	14
61	11	71	37	42	88	24	2	40	59

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At the James Town Community Centre
On the 30th April 2026
Starting at 8.00pm
In aid of the **ST HELENA RED CROSS**
Bring you friends and family along for a great cause and a great time,
all are welcome.
Exciting prizes to be won





We are looking for a friendly reliable & enthusiastic team member to join our team
Position : Sales assistant at Serena's Gift Shop
It's a full time position
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Or e mail SGS@helanta.co.sh



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting - Online

Saturday, 18 April at 8:30am

Contact Mercy – Prayer Co-Ordinator for details on 65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 19th April 2026 10.00am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 61707)

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.

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Easter Raffle Woman's Corona Society

Sheet & Ticket No.	Prizes	Name	Item
14, 6	1st	Amelia O Bey	Gammon
2, 2	2nd	Brian Young - Chubbs Spring	Pork
8, 3	3rd	Auriel Peters	Chicken
15, 19	4th	Shane Barry Williams	Tin Sweets
17, 6	5th	Carol Yon - Ruperts	Tin Sweets
17, 12	6th	Lucas Benjamin	Easter Egg
5, 7	7th	Bobby Essex	Easter Egg
18, 10	8th	Lily Williams - Sapper Way	Pot Plant
9, 17	9th	Mika Yon	Chamdor
14, 20	10th	Shane Barry Williams	Biscuilts/Coffee
3, 15	11th	Norma Herne	Baking Pan set
16, 20	12th	Barbara Henry - St Pauls	Cake

200 Club Draw for Jan, Feb & March

	Jan	**1st**	tkt 197 Deborah Fowler Ruperts
		2nd	tkt 181 Jean Corker
		3rd	tkt Glyniss Maggott
	Feb	**1st**	tkt 137 Aliya Yon
		2nd	tkt 85 Sharon Clifford
		3rd	tkt 88 Jackie Thomas
	March	**1st**	tkk 81 Leatrice Vanguard
		2nd	tkt 169 Ann Henry
		3rd	tkt 66 Pamela Yong

Women's Corona Society AGM

The Women's Corona Society Worldwide (St Helena Branch) will hold its Annual General Meeting on:

Wednesday 22 April 2026 at the Baptist School Room in Jamestown at 3.30pm

All members, Friends of Corona and other ladies interested in our respected society are encouraged to attend.

Your attendance will be most welcome. We are desperate for new members.

For further information please contact Mrs J Patsy flag (Chairman) Tel 23727 or Mrs Mandy Constantine (secretary).

St Helena Government

PRESS RELEASE

Call for Nominations for UK State (2027 New Year Honours) and St Helena National Awards

Nominations are now being invited for the following awards:

- 2027 New Year Honours

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

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

Information on the above awards can be found on the SHG website at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/government/public-information/ or alternatively are available, together with nomination forms from Central Support Service at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee', by Monday, 27 April 2026.

SHG, 07 April 2026

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VACANCY

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

ELECTRICITY GENERATION ENGINEER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to join the Electricity Generation team to support the operation and maintenance of the electricity generation sources. The primary focus shall be on operation and maintenance of the Wind Farm and to provide support as required on electricity generation from diesel and solar sources. This is a senior post within the Company that will be required to deputise in the absence of the Electricity Generation Manager

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- 10 years Post Qualification Engineering Experience
- 3 years Management Experience
- Computer Literate (Intermediate)
- Working knowledge of SCADA systems operation
- 2 years' Experience in Renewable Energy (Solar & Wind) Operation and Maintenance, Health & Safety Risk Assessment and Training & Development experience
- Able to work at height and be physically fit
- Driving Licence C
- Proficiency in both written and spoken English

QUALIFICATIONS

- HND in Electrical/Electromechanical Engineering
- Authorised Person (Electrical) HV/LV

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Merril Lawrence on +290 22255 or email Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh by **9:00am on Friday, 15 May 2026.** To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html | connectsainthelenaltd | https://www.linkedin.com/company/connect-saint-helena-ltd/



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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

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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 Care Assistants - Social Care
(£11,935 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit Senior Care Assistants to work across the areas of Ebony View, the Community Care Centre, and Sheltered Accommodation. The successful candidates will be responsible for delivering care and promoting the well-being of service users in accordance with individual Care Plans, as well as established unit procedures and guidelines. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal skills and have experience of working with challenging behaviour within a care setting.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Latoya Thomas on Tel No. 23151 or Email: latoya.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 21 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 24 April 2026
Interview date: Week commencing 4 May 2026

Maintenance & Supplies Supervisor
(£11,604 per annum)

The Community Care Centre is seeking to appoint a Maintenance & Supplies Supervisor to join its small and dynamic team. The individual will be responsible for supervising Handymen/Drivers, including the daily allocation of work schedules, overseeing cleaning and general maintenance activities, and reporting any vehicle repairs to the Transport Section. The post holder will also be required to carry out maintenance tasks and minor repairs across all Social Care premises, as requested.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: Tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 20 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 April 2026
Interview date: Week commencing 11 May 2026

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Social Care Officer

(£13,569 per annum)

Are you interested in joining a small, dynamic team? If so, Social Care is offering an opportunity to become a Social Care Officer. In this important role, you will work directly with children and families, building meaningful relationships and contributing to the delivery of family and parenting support programmes. You will also support Social Workers with assessments by gathering information, carrying out direct work and delegated tasks, and contributing to observations. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Amy Martin on Tel No. 23312 or Email: amy.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 20 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 April 2026
Interview date: 04 May 2026

Teacher (Early Years)

(£14,725 - £19,061 per annum depending on qualifications & experience)

Are you passionate about shaping young minds and making a lasting impact in early education? We are looking for an inspiring and dedicated Early Years Teacher to join our vibrant school community and nurture the next generation of learners. In this rewarding role, you will deliver engaging, high-quality teaching within Key Stage 1, creating a positive and stimulating learning environment where every child can thrive. You will plan and deliver well-structured, creative, and differentiated lessons that meet the diverse needs of all learners, ensuring each child is supported and challenged appropriately. You will also set purposeful home learning tasks that reinforce classroom learning and encourage continued progress. A key part of this role is fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive school environment, promoting positive behaviour, supporting student wellbeing, and maintaining high standards of discipline both inside and outside the classroom.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

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

Enquiries: Carlean Crowie on Tel No. 24737 or Email: carlean.crowie@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 8 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 13 May 2026
Interview date: 22 May 2026

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Mechanic
(£11,604 per annum)

The Transport Division is seeking to recruit a Mechanic to join their team. If you are a motivated individual who has the ability to work independently when required and have a sound knowledge of practical mechanics and diagnostics with good attention to detail this could be a good opportunity for you. The role requires you to be fully conversant in applying health and safety procedures to guarantee the safety of employees and products/services ensuring that the vehicles and heavy plant equipment are maintained in a safe operational condition. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Theodore Fowler on Tel No. 23643 or Email: garage.manager@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 29 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 04 May 2026
Interview date: 11 May 2026

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: 22 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 24 April 2026
Interview date: 01 May 2026

Administrative Assistant
(£10,088 per annum)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Central Support team? If so, we are looking to recruit an Administration Assistant. The Administration Assistant is responsible for completing straightforward administrative processes that support the smooth running of Portfolios and delivering a high quality, customer focused service. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who works methodically and has a keen eye for detail that can provide administrative support across the Portfolios. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No. 23643 or Email: sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

St Helena's Day Celebrations 2026

Thursday 21st May

Will be hosted by the St Helena Football Association,
in collaboration with the St Helena National Trust.

FLOAT COMPETITION

Theme: *"St Helenian Food"*

A Fusion of Continents - A taste of home!

This year we want to celebrate the flavours that define us!
Explore and showcase the unique culinary heritage of our island.
From traditional roots to global influences - that has made our local cuisine truly one of a kind.

Open to: Districts * Community groups * Schools * Families * Businesses

CASH PRIZES will be awarded to 1st * 2nd * 3rd Places

More details of the day will be a advertised shortly

Contacts:

James Cairns-Wicks E: James06031997@gmail.com / **Shelley Magellan-Wade** Shelley.magellan-wade@trust.org.sh



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Policy, Projects and Communications Officer

Total package value up to £42,298 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £25,000 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

This is a unique opportunity to play a central role in shaping policy and communications at the heart of Ascension Island Government. Working closely with the Administrator, Senior Management Team and Island Council, you'll help develop clear, evidence-based policy and ensure key priorities are delivered effectively. You'll operate across a wide range of areas, combining strategic thinking with hands-on delivery, from shaping policy to leading projects and managing communications.

What you'll do

You will develop and influence government policy across all directorates, helping to ensure a consistent and effective approach to delivering strategic objectives. Alongside this, you will lead and support the delivery of key projects and initiatives, working closely with senior colleagues to turn priorities into action. The role involves providing clear, well-evidenced advice to decision-makers, and working collaboratively with legal experts to support strong governance. You will also take a lead on communications, managing external messaging and media enquiries, while supporting internal communications to keep staff informed and engaged. Building strong, trusted relationships with stakeholders both on the island and beyond will be an important part of the role.

What you'll bring

You'll have at least two years' experience in leading, or four years supporting, the delivery of policy development, strategic planning and/or operational delivery within central, regional or local government. With excellent oral and written skills, the ability to write effect reports and presentations, you will be able to adapt your communication approach to a variety of audiences. The role requires effective collaboration across a range of teams, forming strong, positive, professional trusting relationships with colleagues and island-wide stakeholders. A degree in a related subject would be beneficial, as would an awareness of legal frameworks.

What we offer

In addition to a salary of up to £25,000 per annum (depending on qualifications and experience and taxable on Ascension), this role offers an accompanied status contract along with the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- A food allowance of £7,800 a year accompanied or £3,900 single status per year (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 per year
- A water allowance worth £3,202 accompanied or £1,921 single status per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment for you and your family
- 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
- Free schooling for children from 4 up to 16 years
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Standard Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing date: Friday 08 May 2026 **Interviews:** Week Commencing 11 May 2026 (via MS Teams if off island)
Start date: As soon as possible

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/
If you have any queries about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Healthcare Assistant

Total package value up to £22,983 pa

(comprising salary of £11,693.00 per annum plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're offering a unique opportunity for a committed and compassionate individual to join the team at Georgetown Hospital as a Healthcare Assistant. You'll play a vital role in delivering high-quality care to the Ascension Island community. This is a hands-on position working alongside experienced nurses and medical professionals in a small, dynamic team that supports both primary and secondary care needs for the island's population of around 800 residents and their dependants.

What you'll do

As Healthcare Assistant, you'll provide direct patient care and assist with routine hospital procedures under the supervision of nursing and medical staff. You'll be responsible for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene within the hospital environment, ensuring a safe and sterile space for all patients and staff. You'll also be part of the island's emergency response team, carrying out standby duties as an ambulance driver and first responder (full training will be provided). In addition, you may be required to assist with X-ray procedures following appropriate training and supervision. This is a varied and rewarding role where flexibility, teamwork and a commitment to patient care are essential.

What you'll bring

We're looking for someone with experience in a healthcare, hospital or care home setting who is calm, respectful, and empathetic in their approach. You'll have a strong understanding of confidentiality and patient dignity, and a willingness to undertake training in areas such as X-ray techniques and emergency first response. A clean and valid driving licence is essential, as you'll be required to drive the ambulance as part of your duties.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £11,693 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance of £3,900 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,140 per year
- A single status water allowance worth £1,850 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
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VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Bank Teller

Commencing at £10,908 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of a Bank Teller on a full-time basis.

This position will incur significant contact with the public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. Must have a keen eye for detail, 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.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact the Teller Services Manager on + 290 22390 ext 211 or email tellerservicesmanager@sainthelenabank.com or Operations Manager on email operationsmanager@sainthelenabank.com or on +290 22390 ext 205 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.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 01 May 2026.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.

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THE EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STAFF CELEBRATES

THE UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL WELLNESS DAY

The United Nations marks 15 April 2026 as International Wellness Day, an opportunity to reflect on the importance of wellbeing not just as a personal goal, but as a fundamental human right.
Wellbeing is closely linked to human rights principles such as dignity, equality, safety and the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.
In workplaces and communities, protecting wellbeing means creating environments where people feel respected, supported and able to thrive without fear of harm or discrimination.

International Wellness Day is a reminder that promoting wellbeing is not a one-day activity, but an ongoing commitment. Small actions - such as encouraging rest, listening to staff voices, supporting healthy boundaries and fostering inclusive and respectful workplaces - contribute to stronger, more resilient communities.

Marking International Wellness Day 2026, staff at the Equality & Human Rights Commission came together to prioritise wellbeing with a dedicated wellness lunch and afternoon activities designed to encourage rest, reflection and connection. The initiative gave colleagues the opportunity to step away from their desks, unwind, and de-stress, highlighting the organisation's ongoing commitment to staff wellbeing and mental safety.
The afternoon programme included gentle grounding techniques, guided breathing exercises and moments of reconnection with nature. Simple and inclusive by design, the activities were accessible to colleagues of all ages and abilities, demonstrating how easy-to-manage initiatives can have a meaningful impact in any workplace. The event served as a reminder that creating space for wellbeing not only supports mental health but also strengthens
workplace culture.
By valuing wellbeing, we uphold the human rights of individuals and reinforce
the importance of dignity and care in everything we do.

For more information about what we do please contact us on Tel: +290 22133 | Email: info@humanrightssthelena.org

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

Water Resourcing Management Plan - Consultation on the Draft Plan

The St Helena Government (SHG), in partnership with Connect Saint Helena Ltd and JBA Consulting, invites the community to take part in the public consultation exercise for the island's Draft Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP). The Plan has been commissioned by SHG to support long-term planning for water resources on the island. It is a strategy for maintaining the balance between supply and demand for water over the next 40 years, aiming to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of water to meet forecast customer demand.

This important plan will guide how St Helena secures reliable and sustainable water supplies for homes, agriculture, businesses, and the natural environment over the coming years. Following stakeholder and community engagement and technical analysis of water use, supply, and future risks across the island, the draft Plan is now ready for consultation and review. It brings together local feedback and evidence-based assessment to set out practical, long-term solutions that strengthen resilience to climate change and drought while protecting our environment.

WHY YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Water affects everyone on St Helena. Reviewing the draft Plan is your opportunity to see how your views have shaped the proposals and to ensure they reflect the island's priorities. Your continued involvement helps guide how water is managed and invested in – now and for future generations.

HOW TO TAKE PART

Join one of our community consultation events as follows:

- **Jamestown Community Centre – Tuesday 21 April at 7pm – 8.30 pm.**
- **Longwood Community Centre – Wednesday 22 April, 7pm – 8.30 pm.**
- **Jamestown Museum – Thursday 23 April ,1pm – 3pm (Day Time Drop-In Session – Come and chat about the draft with the Consultation Team).**
- **Kingshurst Community Centre, St Pauls – Thursday 23 April, 7pm – 8.30 pm**.

Consultation materials will also be available online and through hard copies at the following venues: Jamestown Library, Essex House and Scotland Offices Reception areas, with opportunities to submit feedback in writing.

Written feedback on the draft Plan should be submitted to Project Manager, Lesa Davidson via email at lesa.davidson@sainthelena.gov.sh or via hard copy at Essex House Reception Desk by no later than 8 May 2026.

This project to develop a Water Resources Management Plan has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the FCDO.

SHG
13 April 2026

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https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Technical Resources to Support EDIP

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

CS-2046-SHG – Technical Resources to support the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP)

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 01 May 2026, clearly marked **"Tender CS-2046-SHG"**.

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

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13 April 2026

Golf Report

Captain's Challenge Cup 2026 Produces Thrilling Playoff Finish



CCC 2026 Group Photo

SHCG, Contributed

A superb day of golf unfolded last Sunday as 19 players teed it up in ideal weather conditions for the Annual Captain's Challenge Cup. With sunshine overhead and no cold showers to trouble the field, conditions were perfect for scoring.

The competition, generously sponsored by Club Captain Bramwell Bushuru, produced a thrilling finish as Neil Joshua and Larry Legg tied at the top of the leaderboard on 69, forcing a play off on the 18th hole.

The playoff provided high drama. Larry Legg teed off first and found the fairway, applying early pressure. Neil Joshua, playing next, fired his tee shot out of bounds and looked momentarily deflated, almost conceding the contest. Encouraged by Larry, Neil regrouped, re teed, and this time produced a superb shot that landed on the green of the drivable par 4, keeping his hopes alive.

However, the momentum shifted again when Neil missed his putt, opening the door for Larry. Larry's second shot found the green, leaving him with two putts for victory. Showing great composure, he safely parred the hole to claim this year's Captain's Challenge Cup and first prize, with Neil Joshua settling for a well earned second place.

The Captain and Paddo Johnson tied on net 70. The Captain, as the sponsor, conceded to Paddo Johnson, handing him third prize.

Both longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for the ladies were won by Laura Buckley and the longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for the gents by Freddy Thomas. There was also success in the two ball pool, where Lawson Henry birdied the 7th hole to scoop all the balls. Congratulations to Larry Legg and all the prize winners of this year's event.

At the prize giving, the Captain thanked all players for their excellent turnout and sportsmanship, and also acknowledged last year's winner, Keith Joshua, who finished a credible 10th on this occasion.

Next competition: Sunday, 19 April - 4 Ball Better Ball (Choose your partner). Tee off at 12noon.

Happy Swinging!



CCC 2026 Winner



Playoff

WSA Volleyball Report

Angels Shattered by the Vixens, Unbeaten Streak Comes to a Stunning End





WSA, Contributed

On Sunday, 12 April, a pair of exciting matchups in the WSA 2026 Volleyball League kept everyone on the edge of their seats. The day kicked off with an exhilarating contest between the Ace Angels and the Volley Vixens, a game that was destined to go the distance. The Vixens took an early lead in the first set, outlasting the Angels in a tense battle of rallies. But the Angels bounced back in the second set, finding their rhythm and leveling the match with a dominant performance. The final set was a high-energy contest, with both teams pushing hard for victory. Despite a spirited comeback from the Angels, the Vixens held their nerve to win by just two points, breaking the Angels' undefeated streak. Merle Peters of the Volley Vixens was named Lady of the Match for her standout performance, while Katelyn Benjamin of the Ace Angels earned Young Lady of the Match honors for her composed play, despite the loss.

The afternoon's second match saw the Net Ninjas go head-to-head with Hits N Giggles in a contest that would mark the end of round two for Hits N Giggles. With their backs against the wall, this was their final chance to secure a win. Hits N Giggles struggled to keep pace with the dominant Net Ninjas. The Net Ninjas took the first set with an eight-point lead and went on to win the second set by a nine-point margin, sealing the match in straight sets. While Hits N Giggles showed improvement, particularly with their defensive efforts, the Net Ninjas were simply the stronger side on the day. Jaymie-Grace Lawrence of the Net Ninjas was named Young Lady of the Match for her exceptional all-round performance, helping her team secure the victory.

With round two of the 2026 Volleyball League quickly drawing to a close, all eyes are now on the final games set to take place this coming Sunday, 19 April. After round two wraps up, the District Tournament will take center stage. It's been several years since District Volleyball made its return to the WSA, but there is an air of anticipation as the committee and players alike are hoping for a successful and competitive tournament.

Additionally, the WSA will host a Mixed Volleyball Fundraiser on Saturday, 25 April, at the SHSS Hall. The event promises fun, food, and community spirit, with a tuck shop and Chicken Plo on sale. It's the perfect opportunity to support the WSA while getting active and also, of course, enjoying some great food.



SPORTS ARENA



Getting back to it

Cricket gets back underway with start of RMS T20 League

Luke Bennett, SAMS

The local cricket season got back underway over the weekend at Francis Plain with the start of the RMS T20 League 2026.

In the first game on Saturday, League Champions, Challengers, faced up against the Jamestown Heat. Challengers batted first and got off to an impressive start with Player of the Match, Andrew Yon's 52 and Captain Cliff Richards' 45, seeing them establish a solid partnership. A good spell of bowling by the Heat would however see them claw themselves back into the game, led by Captain Jamie Essex who came away with three wickets. A solid 32 from Joey Thomas would add significantly to Challengers overall total, which reached 205 by the end of the innings.

Jamestown Heat then took to the bat and, after losing their opener early in the innings, it was young Zach Francis with 34, alongside Jamie Essex with 59, who would steady the ship. However, the scoring rate was just too low to chase the total, despite an impressive effort from Bob Vettill who knocked 60 runs off 25 balls. In the end, Challengers took home the win to kickstart their RMS T20 campaign in the best possible way.

Over to Sunday when fans were treated to a highly-anticipated match between Sandy Bay Pirates and Levelwood Allstars. Pirates batted first but got off to a poor start when they lost six wickets in just the first six overs. This was thanks largely to some outstanding bowling from the Allstars, led by Player of the Match, Brendan Leo, who took three wickets for 12 runs. A 24-run knock from Ronan Legg would help Pirates to a total of 102. During the reply, despite losing two wickets, Allstars would dominate proceedings led by Delroy Leo with 42, helping his side reach the total in 13 overs.

In the final game of the weekend, Western A Mustangs took on the Cobras. Cobras elected to bat first but fell victim to some outstanding bowling and fielding from Mustangs with Jamie Ellick taking three wickets for just four runs accompanied by his son and Player of the Match, Tyler Anthony with an outstanding bowling and fielding performance. Kyle Snow and James Andrews would both score 15 each to help Cobras put up a respectable score, however they would eventually be dismissed for just 56 runs. During the reply, Cobras gave it a great effort with youngster Kirk Lawrence taking four wickets to help swing the game back in the balance. Despite this, the total to chase was just too low and Mustangs were able to reach the required runs in 12 overs to take the win.

With the first weekend of RMS T20 action done, Allstars sit top, however with many more games to play this looks set to be an exciting tournament with plenty of ups and downs in the weeks to come.



Fixtures for Saturday 18th April

08:00 - Cobras v Levelwood Allstars
(Umpires: Barry Stroud and Gareth Johnson)
11:00 - Jamestown Heat v Western A Mustangs
(Umpires: Dane Leo and Stefan Leo)
14:00 - Challengers v Sandy Bay Pirates
(Umpires: Delroy Leo and Clayton Leo)