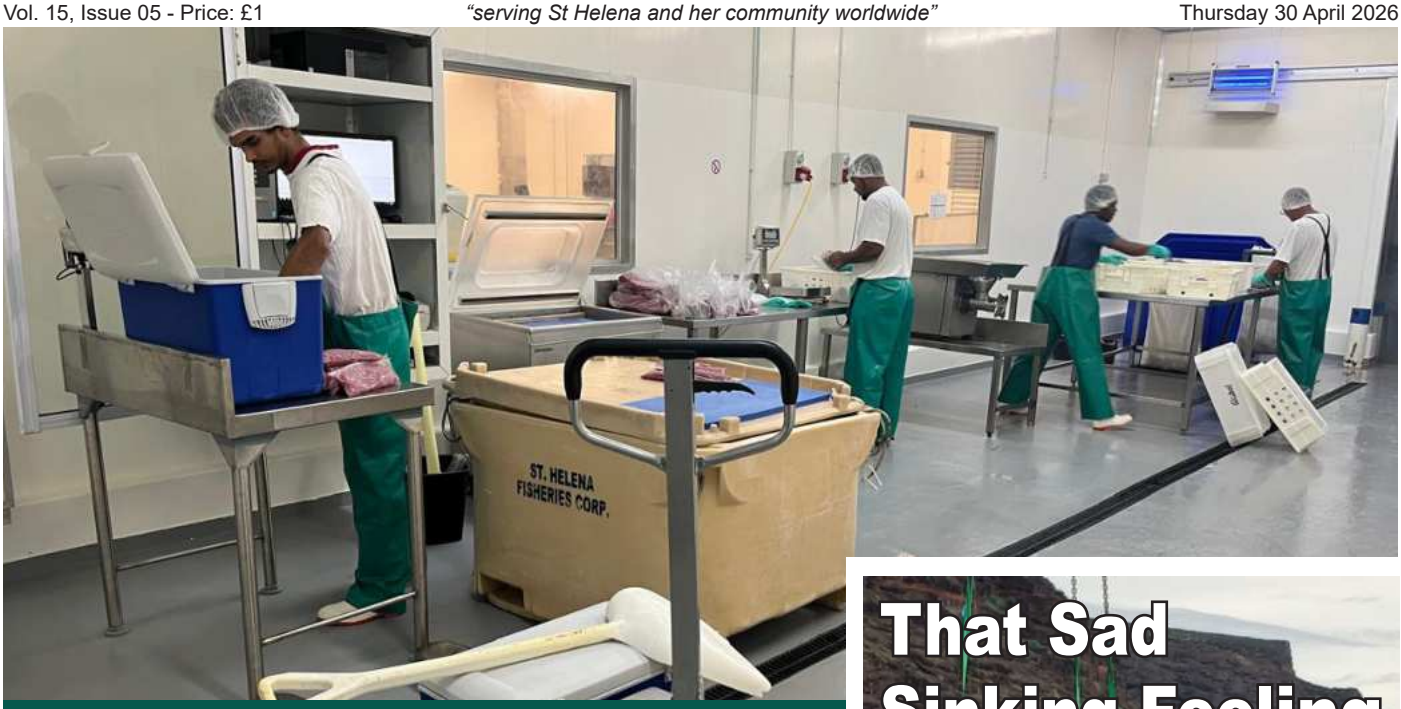
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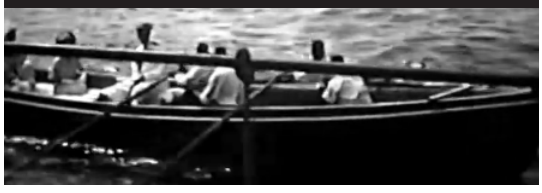
That Sad Sinking Feeling



'Celebrating understanding, inclusion and support'



Historic local vessel "Newcastle" sinks in James Bay as RSHPS investigate



OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Liam Yon, SAMS

Hi Readers, I hope 2026 is treating you all well so far – it's getting colder hey? Soon it will be time to get out the jackets and wellies (especially if you live in the country). Must be almost football season eh? Speaking of, my comment today is going to be based on the beautiful game (non-football fans, look away now!).

So, on Tuesday night, we witnessed one of the all-time classic Champions League match-ups between, arguably the two most entertaining and powerhouse teams in world football right now, Paris Saint Germain and Bayern Munich. What a match it was! End to end, quality, attractive football and, most importantly, the thing we all love as football fans – goals, and plenty of them! Five in the first half, four in the second half, with the score ending 5-4 to PSG. And guess what? We're just halfway through the tie, we've still got another ninety minutes minimum of this to come next week – and I, for one, cannot wait!

At the time of writing, we await the second UCL Semi-Final first leg between Arsenal and Atletico Madrid in Spain. I have my doubts, knowing the playing style of these two sides, that the entertainment levels will be anywhere close to Tuesday's clash for the ages – but I stand to be corrected. I anticipate a much more safe, defensive and cagy affair in this one, but who knows, me and Lukie will definitely digest it all during the Thursday morning show.

It really is the business end of the European leagues now and the Premier League in particular is coming down to the wire – we have Arsenal and Man City going toe-to-toe, tit for tat, in an enthralling title race that could very likely come down to goal difference on the final day. As a United fan, I know what it's like to lose the title in the final minutes of the final day of the season (Aguerooo, yes we all remember!) Good luck to both sides though, and may the best team lift the coveted Premier League title come May!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

In your last issue, I could read Jonathan is Alive and Well after fake news spoke of his death.
I am very glad that the oldest inhabitant of St Helena is alive and could reach his 200th birthday.
In 2008, I had the great pleasure to stay and work several months as an advisor on your unique Island.
For me and my wife, who followed me some weeks later, it was one of many great pleasures and events to see and meet Jonathan in front of the Plantation House. We are sure Jonathan's birthday in 2032 will be a very great and famous day on the Island and in our World.
Beside the heritage of Napoleon's stay and his end of life May 1821 on St Helena, the Island has more than seven wonders to celebrate e.g. the official opening of St Helena Airport.
May I share a few photographs which show Jonathan and a regard to the Island's coastline with Scrubwood in blossom.
Also, please forward many warm regards to Dr. Corinda Essex and to the Colleagues of the Statistic Office.
With love and best health to your pets and to my faraway friends,

Horst Beschmann















YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letter in your newspaper by 'Lucky Thomson' regarding St Helena's representation in the UK's Parliament, dated 2 April, as it referred to a discussion in 'the other newspaper' early last year, in which I had an exchange of views with someone known only as 'Contributed'. However, it was a source of disappointment to discover that there was no one by the name of 'Lucky Thomson' in or connected with St Helena, and the author of the letter was using a pseudonym or nom de plume.

While I appreciate that you should always play the ball, never the person, the decision of both 'Contributed' and 'Lucky Thomson' not to put their real names to what they had written undermined whatever arguments they were making, which is a pity, as constitutional and electoral reform are important issues, and need to be addressed.

For the record, 'Lucky's' idea of St Helena having someone to speak on its behalf, though not vote, in the House of Commons, is not a new one; back in 1858, it was proposed that colonial agents in London, the equivalent of the SHG UK Representative today, should have the right to do so, but nothing ever came of it, because few could see the point of it, and few would do so now. And while 'Lucky's' example of observers in the UN General Assembly is an interesting one, it is not a valid comparison, as this body is composed of diplomats, not democratically elected representatives; it is not a parliament, even in the sense of the European Parliament.

While there are people commenting anonymously in St Helena groups on Facebook, for fear of personal attacks, constitutional and electoral reform are not issues that arouse strong reactions anywhere, least of all in St Helena, so why have 'Lucky' and 'Contributed' felt the need for anonymity? This culture of fear, and unwillingness to speak out, is unhealthy in any society; in the St Helena of decades past, it might have been understandable, but in the St Helena of today, it is unacceptable, and if people on the island there are not prepared to put their heads above the parapet, it will never advance politically, and quite frankly, nor will it ever deserve to.

Regards,

Ken Westmoreland

Dear Editor,

For the attention of Saints!

My Great Great Grandmother (Mary Ann Seale) left St Helena in 1818 as a young child. Her family and both male and female lines were some of the original settlers. My direct ancestors arrived during this era (all dates approximate): Seale (1679), Doughtey (1679), Higham (1681), Gurling (1681), Coales (1682), Bazett (1684), Worrall (1684), French (1687), Box (1687), Gargen (1694) and Funge (1711). I have put together the lineage chart and some of the stories passed down within my family.

I am coming to St Helena from May 23 to May 30 and will be staying at the Mantis St Helena Hotel. While I have a good lineage chart of all lineages back to the immigrants from island records, I am on St Helena to add substance to my family's story, and understand what it feels like to live on one of the most remote places on earth.

So, if you see some strange 77-year-old wandering around town, it will probably be me - so introduce yourself, especially if your family happens to trace back to the above-mentioned families. I have a schedule that allows free time to mingle with locals and I would welcome to interact, and I can tell you about my Great Great Grandmother's connection to Napoleon.

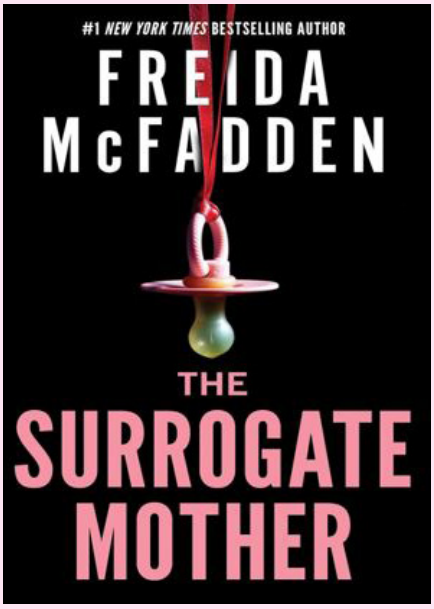
Best wishes,

Kenneth Gould



Book of the Week

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The Surrogate Mother by Freida McFadden

She was promised a miracle. She got more than she bargained for.

Abby wants a baby more than anything.

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STC told "not to produce any mince" until investigation is completed

SHG identify Saints Tuna Corporation as "one possible source" of recent cases of tuna mince histamine poisoning on the Island as they issue update on ongoing Public Health investigation



Processing tuna at STC's Factory in Rupert's

Liam Yon, SAMS

As reported, the Environmental Health department have been investigating reports of histamine poisoning following a spike in cases on the Island after consumption of tuna mince via popular meals like fishcakes and tuna chutney, to name a few.

Last Thursday, SHG issued an update on their investigation, where they revealed how "the number of reported cases is fewer than twenty," and that their initial findings have identified the Saints Tuna Corporation fish processing plant in Rupert's as "one possible source" of the scombroid, or histamine, fish poisoning.

"Initial investigations and inspections conducted by Environmental Health and Public Health have identified that tuna mince processed by the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) in March 2026 may be one possible source of the scombroid fish poisoning," they report. "STC have been instructed to recall all tuna mince processed during the period between 12 March 2026 and 27 March 2026, which represents a wider range of processing dates than those reported to the health authorities as a precautionary measure."

Johan Bezuidenhout, Director of STC, confirmed with The Sentinel that Public Health officials had conducted a near three-hour inspection of the factory early last week and confirmed that "no fault was identified," which meant that they could continue to process fish, however he added that they received instruction, "not to produce any mince until the investigation was completed."

Johan did however acknowledge the potential issue identified by Environmental Health with tuna mince processed during sometime in March by STC, adding that, "it is important to identify the exact cause, or if not possible, then the possible contributing factors, that may have led to the above acceptable histamine levels." He also noted that, "the good news is, that after identifying and correcting possible problem areas, the product and service to the public will be even better that it has been."

In the meantime, SHG are advising the public to return any tuna mince products (with labelling to prove that it was processed by STC between 12 and 27 March) to the place of purchase for issuance of a refund, adding that retailers will then return products to STC for reimbursement.

Despite issues with a batch of tuna mince processed in March, Johan said he is confident that necessary corrections will be made and that STC will continue, as they have done so over recent years, to produce quality tuna products, safe for the public.

"We have processed and sold thousands of mince and cuts over the last 5 years and have never had any issues," he explained. "Our process and protocols have not changed and we are very strict with food safety standards. I'm confident that we'll correct whatever is identified to ensure the food processed by STC is of the highest quality and safe for our customers."

While SHG have confirmed STC as "one possible source" of recent histamine fish poisoning cases, they further inform that their investigations are not yet complete and that "further investigations and inspections across the fishing industry are ongoing, including laboratory testing to confirm the presence of elevated levels of histamine within certain fish products."

While this continues, they are further advising the public to "avoid consuming products or meals containing tuna mince until further notice," to "seek immediate medical care if developing difficulty breathing, blurred vision, tongue swelling or fainting episodes after eating tuna," and to "report any adverse reactions after eating tuna (including in the past three months) to Environmental Health."

SHG concluded by advising that a further update would be issued this week when "the majority of investigations and inspections will have concluded." The Sentinel will further report on this story once having had sight of this latest update.

Ready to Fly Away?

Island Minds Foundation offering three lucky participants a chance to 'fly away' through new fundraising initiative

Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Sunday, 19 April, the Island Minds Foundation held their inaugural fundraising event; the Big 4 Walk. This was the first community-based fundraising initiative by this newly-formed charity to kick off their work on St Helena in collaboration with participants in the UK, Ascension Island, Falkland Islands and France.

In a newly announced initiative dubbed 'the Flyaway Raffle' the Island Minds Foundation are looking to raise more funds for their important cause of supporting mental health and awareness, while also give back to the community.

Announced via their social media page, the Flyaway Raffle will give three lucky winners the opportunity to literally fly away, with prizes consisting of return tickets to various destinations; the first prize will be return tickets to the UK, the second prize, return tickets to Johannesburg, and the third prize, return tickets to our Sister Island of Ascension.

The cost of tickets will be £10 each, with only 1500 tickets to be released online.

Shelby Bargo, Chairperson of the Foundation, proudly told The Sentinel that "tickets will be going 'live' on Saturday, 16 May" with winners to be announced via a 'live' draw on SAMS Radio 1 at the end of May.

So, be sure to keep your eye on the Island Minds Foundation Facebook Page for more details and to purchase your ticket. With these amazing prizes valued at £5000, you do not want to miss out on your chance to win one of these three amazing 'flyaway' prizes.



The Foundation will soon go 'live' with their exciting Flyaway Raffle



Island Minds Foundation Team at the Big 4 Walk

‘Celebrating understanding, inclusion and support’

Autism Acceptance Month concludes with successful Sensory Walks



St Helena Autism Awareness & Support, Contributed

The St Helena Autism Awareness and Support charity (SHAAS) welcomed walkers on Sunday, 26 April, for a day of mindful moments, hands-on nature activities and community connection.

Families came together for two forest walks, marking the final celebration of Autism Acceptance Month. The first, an early, quieter, mindful walk led by Tegan Turner, drew around 25 participants, offering a chance to slow down, notice the natural surroundings and enjoy the route at a gentle pace.

Later, over 50 people joined the second walk, which featured a range of sensory-friendly activities designed to encourage exploration, creativity and play outdoors.

Along the way, walkers took part in























a lucky dip, rock painting and sensory nature play, mini-beast house building, wooden crafts, a scavenger hunt and a much-loved mud kitchen, giving children and adults plenty of opportunities to get involved (and messy) at their own pace.

The day rounded off with lunch and treats at Kingshurst Community Centre, where everyone was able to chat, recharge and reflect on the activities together.

SHAAS would like to thank all the organisers, helpers, donators, volunteers and everyone who took part for making the day a wonderful sensory, fun experience.

The walks were the charity's final event of Autism Acceptance Month, celebrating understanding, inclusion and support across the community.











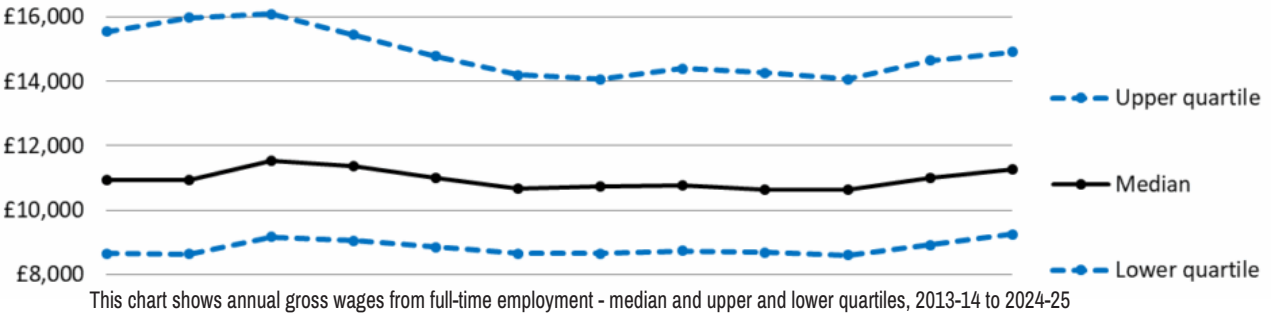




ST HELENA NEWS

Median Annual Wage: £11,250

Statistics Office release latest income estimates on St Helena for 2024/25



This chart shows annual gross wages from full-time employment - median and upper and lower quartiles, 2013-14 to 2024-25

Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Statistics Office have released new estimates of gross annual incomes of full-time employees on St Helena for the 2024/25 financial year.

These estimates, rounded to the nearest £10, measure gross before-tax incomes of persons in regular full-time employment only on St Helena; as reported through the Pay-As-You-Earn tax collection system. This means they exclude company and self-employment incomes, incomes of Technical Cooperation (TC) Officers, investment income, Income Related Benefits, incomes from pensions (including the Basic Island Pension), and part-time and part-year incomes, all as far as they can be identified in the dataset.

As such, Stats found that the median annual wage on St Helena in 2024/25 is estimated to be £11,250. They add that "when price inflation is taken into account, this is 2.2% higher than the median wage in 2023/24." Essentially, this tells that for 2024/25, half the people earning full-time wages from non-TC employment had gross wages that were less than £11,250, and half had gross wages that were higher.

In terms of the wage level range, for the reporting year it was found that half of all full-time employees earned between £9,240 and £14,920.

When looking at the difference in incomes for males and females in full-time employment, it was found that the gap is narrowing significantly. "For every year, the male median wage has been higher than the female median wage, but the gap has narrowed in recent years; in 2013/14 female wages were 80.3% of male wages, but in 2024/25 this was 97.5%," explained Stats.

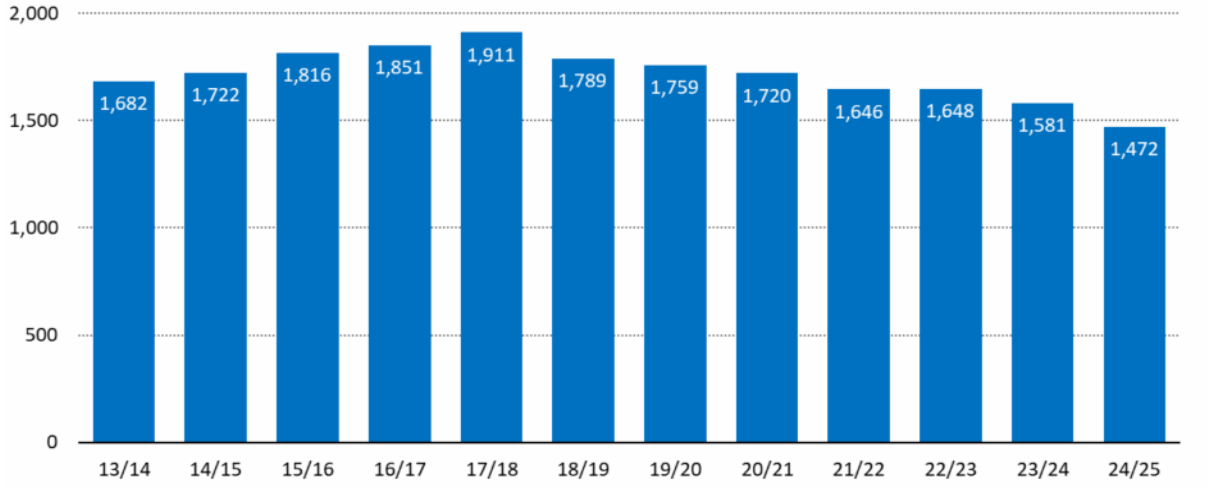
Delving deeper, they reveal how "the groups of occupations with the highest wages, on average, were Managers, Professionals, and Technicians and Associate Professionals," adding that "these groups accounted for 485 employees, or 33% of non-TC employees."

In contrast, "the occupations with the lowest wages, on average, were Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers, Services and Sales Workers, and Elementary Occupations, including unskilled labourers," with these groups accounting for 654 employees, or 44% of non-TC Officers.

When looking at the average wage levels by industry, the Stats Office found that, in 2024/25, the three groups of industries with the highest wages, on average, were Finance, Insurance, Information, Communication and Real Estate, Public Administration, and Transportation and Storage. On the flipside, the three groups of industries with the lowest wages, on average, were Professional, Scientific, Technical, Administrative and Support Service Activities, Education, Accommodation and Food Service Activities, and Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing.

Finally, Stats reported on the numbers of persons in full-time employment, which has fallen since 2017/18. "The total estimated number of persons with wages from full-time employment rose to 1,911 in 2017/18, the year when the new airport was opened and most construction activities were completed," they explained. "Since then, the number has tended to fall slightly each year; in 2024/25 there were an estimated 1,472 persons with wages from full-time employment, a drop of 23% compared to 2017/18."

The Stats Office full release and detailed datasets can be accessed via the SHG Website.



This chart shows the number of employees in full-time employment, 2013-14 to 2024-25

Dive a Little Deeper

St Helena National Trust inviting applications for Dive Scholarship on St Helena



Donna Crowie, SAMS

The St Helena National Trust is once again offering an incredible opportunity to young ocean lovers on St Helena, as they announce the next Dive Scholarship in partnership with Dive Saint Helena and the Blue Marine Foundation, with applications invited.

The Trust first introduced the dive scholarship back in 2015; back then led by the St Helena Dive Club with support from Beth Taylor, a former Trust employee, and local diving instructors. The aim was to give young people access to internationally recognised PADI qualifications.

Sheena Benjamin, St Helena National Trust's Education and Outreach Manager, explained that "since then, it has grown into a key youth development initiative on the island, supporting confidence, skills development, and pathways into marine-related careers," and that the courses are "delivered in collaboration with Sub-Tropic Adventures (Anthony Thomas) and Dive Saint Helena (Craig Yon)."

The Dive Scholarship is available to those on St Helena between the ages of 15 and 25 who have a passion and existing engagement with the ocean. Other requirements for applicants are that they must play an active role within the St Helena Dive Club and be an ambassador for diving on St Helena. Of course, the ability to swim is also a requirement for those wanting to apply.

Though the scholarship is for one year, the National Trust indicates that the duration of the course is completely dependent on the applicant, with pass scholars having completed the course anywhere from six weeks to three months.



Once completed, the successful scholar will be equipped with a PADI Open Water Diver Qualification and will then be able to undertake dive opportunities with the St Helena Dive Club, receive mentoring and support from participating partners, and will have opportunities to actively engage with critical marine conservation work on the Island.

"The Dive Scholarship continues to have a significant impact beyond individual achievement," Sheena further explained. "By providing internationally recognised qualifications, it opens pathways into marine tourism, conservation, sea rescue, scientific research, and other ocean-related careers both on and off the island. It also strengthens the island's marine sector and contributes to the long-term sustainability of St Helena's Marine Protected Area by developing a skilled, confident, and ocean-connected community. Scholars are encouraged to continue acting as ambassadors for marine conservation, sharing their experiences and inspiring others. The programme aims not only to support career pathways but also to foster lifelong connections with the marine environment."

The programme, to date, has successfully seen 13 young people gain their PADI Open Water Diver Qualification, which would not have been possible without funding from the Blue Marine Foundation.

Additionally, Sheena expressed "a big thank you to Dive Saint Helena, Sub-Tropic Adventures, and the St Helena Dive Club for their continued commitment to this long-standing and evolving initiative."



ST HELENA NEWS

A Purr-oud Moment for Shirl

St Helenian Double Award Finalist Representing Dorset



Saint, Shirl Osborne-Simpson, has had her new business shortlisted for two prestigious awards at the UK Small Business Awards 2026

Liam Yon, SAMS

Paws & Purrs Portland - a specialist one-on-one luxury pet grooming spa located in Portland, Dorset - has achieved a remarkable double milestone, being named a finalist in two distinct categories at The UK Small Business Awards 2026.

The luxury grooming spa has been shortlisted for both 'Best New Business' and 'Best Community Contribution', marking it as one of the most standout small businesses in the country. This double recognition highlights the business's dual commitment to excellence in specialist pet care and its dedicated support for the Dorset community.

This is relevant to St Helena because the owner of Paws & Purrs Portland is nonother than St Helenian, Shirl Osborne-Simpson. Originally from St Helena, Shirl now resides in the UK with her family and expressed immense pride in representing both her home and her current community on a national stage.

"We are incredibly honoured and proud to be recognised as a double finalist," she commented to The Sentinel. "Since opening our doors, the response from the local community has been overwhelming. Being named a finalist in two categories so early in our journey is a testament to the trust our Portland neighbours have placed in us. We are dedicated to giving back to the island, working closely with local partners to ensure our specialist care supports those who need it most."

The UK Small Business Awards celebrate performance, innovation, and excellence across the nation. A spokesperson for the awards noted that the standard of entries this year was "incredibly high," placing Paws & Purrs Portland among the National Top 10 for its categories.

According to Shirl, "the spa focuses on high-end, stress-free care, providing individual attention to every pet while maintaining strong community ties through local partnerships."

The final winners will be revealed on 19 December 2026 during a live-streamed ceremony at The Eastside Rooms in Birmingham. For more information, visit the Paws & Purrs Portland page on Facebook.





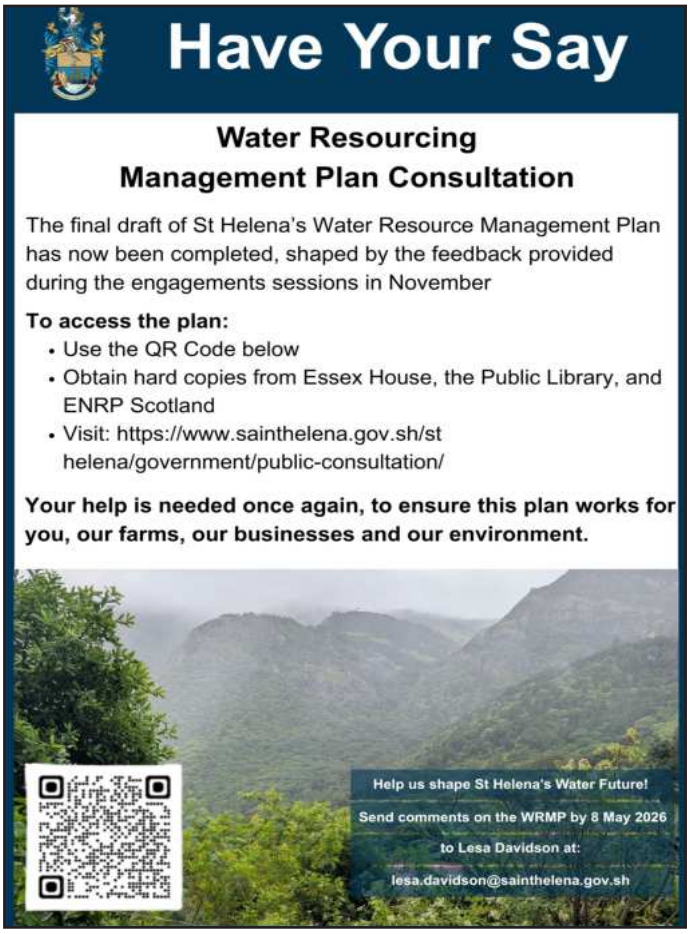




Photo by the St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Drip Drop!

Draft Water Resource Management Plan entering final stages as the public are encouraged to share their views before the deadline next week

Donna Crowie, SAMS

St Helena Government (SHG) and Connect St Helena, the island's only utilities service supplier, in collaboration with JBA Consulting, have been working for the past 18 months to formulate a Water Resource Management Plan that will guide St Helena towards maintaining a balance between water supply and demand over the next 40 years.

The aim of this management plan is to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of water to meet forecasted customer demand. SHG described the document as an "important plan" that "will guide how St Helena secures reliable and sustainable water supplies for homes, agriculture, businesses, and the natural environment over the coming years."

The draft plan is currently out for public consultation until 8 May 2026; this 20-page document is available on the SHG website and can also be found at the Public Library and the ENRD Office at Scotland. Public consultation meetings were hosted across the island, but were unfortunately not well attended.

"I was hoping there would be more active involvement," explained Eva Kordomenidi, representing JBA Consulting. "We've had some feedback from some people, but my hope would be that, even when I leave for the period of consultation, we have more people commenting on the plan, even just dropping us a line to say whether they think it's okay or not; positive and negative criticism are both constructive."

With just under a week until the end of the consultation period, the public are encouraged to read the draft plan and respond to any of the stakeholders. Darren Duncan, Portfolio Director of the Environment, Natural Resource and Planning Portfolio informed The Sentinel what the next steps following the closing of public consultations will entail.

"From the consultation process, we will then put together all of the responses that has been provided and feed that back to JBA as the consultants, then to consider that," he informed. "Consider that, simply because some of the feedback that comes back might be relevant to the plan, but some of it, as we've seen often in public consultations, are related to operational things that are related to the plan, but not necessarily a plan or a strategy, has to be adjusted for that; so the considerations would have to be done by JBA in that respect."

Following this, Darren explained how the "Water Resources Project Board that has been set up to deliver this project," would then "consider a revised draft and approve that for submission to the ENRP Advisory Board, who would be the responsible agency to then approve or adopt the plan as a government-adopted plan for the island."

Eva from consultants, JBA Consulting, departed the island on Saturday, however before departing she encouraged the public to read this important document and send in any feedback by the end of the consultation period on Friday, 8 May.

"What I would like to say is that it's the first time we have a Water Resources Management Strategy on the island, and it's very important because it guides and shows us the direction of travel for the long term, for the next 40 years or so," she concluded. "So that is your opportunity to have your say, to make sure that you put your feedback in and everything we recommend is grounded in local realities and is formed by local perspectives, and the priorities as well. We believe, throughout the process, we have taken a good consideration of what people have told us, of what the communities and organisations have told us."

This project is being funded through the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP).



Eva Kordomenidi was on-Island representing JBA Consulting

Watching the Watchdog

Victor Marshall assists RSHPS in modernising their discipline and performance systems as he gives feedback to The Sentinel of his time on St Helena



Inspector Johnny Thomas with Victor Marshall OBE

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Victor Marshall OBE was recently invited by the Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHPS) to work with them to modernise their discipline and performance systems on-island. "It is important for the public to have confidence if there are concerns about an individual police officer, that there are robust systems and mechanisms in place to deal with those matters," Victor explained. This is even more critical as the police have enormous powers, necessary to perform their duties to keep the public safe.

Victor is a former Detective Superintendent with Sussex Police and a policing advisor to the Home Office in the UK, advising Ministers, the police service and policing oversight bodies on all aspects of police complaints systems, dealing with misconduct and unsatisfactory performance and attendance procedures. Considered a leading expert in his field, he has also advised the police in various other countries and overseas territories on creating complaints systems as well as implementing and training new conduct and performance arrangements. He has worked with various police departments to assist in creating discipline and performance arrangements, legislation, and regulatory frameworks to provide guidelines in this critical area.

Although it is important for the police to have the authority to perform their duties, it is also critical for the public to have confidence that when concerns are raised, these will be properly considered and dealt with, quickly and fairly. To facilitate this, robust procedures need to be in place to hold officers to account.

"It has been a pleasure working with the police service on St Helena; there is a real appetite for modernisation and change," commented Victor on his visit. He has managed to draft regulations to cover both discipline and performance aligned with the most modern and current police procedures. "We are also looking at vetting processes by which police officers are recruited," continued Victor, as he added, "if there are any concerns throughout their service that there are robust mechanisms by which to deal with any concerns." Recruitment procedures need to also encompass vetting for persons from abroad to ensure officers appointed on-island will fit in with the community here.

"The people are the police and the police are the people," said Victor. "They need to work with the public based on a system of policing by consent; if you don't have consent from the public, it will be a very difficult job for the police to perform their duties. The two have to work hand-in-hand."

The current procedures followed by the RSHPS are nearly 50 years old, and so are well overdue for a review and renewal. There is a combined drive from the Governor's Office, the FCDO and the RSHPS themselves to modernise procedures while ensuring accountability and equally fair procedures to protect officers and the public alike. In addition, working within this framework will also promote trust between officers working together as they will all be held to account against the same standards.

"Underpinning all of this is a new set of what we call standards of professional behaviour, written in a positive sense," elaborated Victor. These new standards will be on display so the public know what they can expect from officers. This system and procedures will be focussed internally, centred on the police service itself. "There will not be an outside body regulating this, but one thing that naturally follows from this is considering what changes might have to be made for the complaints system," said Victor, explaining that this often requires input from the public.

Another vital aspect to successful change is recording procedures and transparency. The public needs to know exactly what the standard is, and how officers will be dealt with if they transgress. The standards also cover police officers of all ranks, including special constables. Victor reiterated that he got a sense of the appetite by the local RSHPS to bring about this change and he commented, "I hope it will really help with embedding that trust between the police and the public because it is so important, particularly in smaller jurisdictions such as here."

A degree of independence will also be important to ensure as there may be cases where the Commissioner or Deputy-Commissioner cannot be di-

rectly involved in the decision making and investigation process. This independence will enable somebody with the relevant skills to investigate or sit in judgment in cases brought forward. To make sure that everyone is aligned with the new procedures and standards, training will be undertaken with all current and new officers. "The system is far bigger than just a set of rules," explained Victor. "You know rules is just the process that would need to be followed, but what sits under it is the cultural change and the change of understanding standards and the impact on that link with the public. With this in mind, it is clear that although initial training will be required, that it will ultimately lead to a longer-term change that needs to be embedded.

I was made clear how trust is key, as direct interaction with the police mostly takes place during a crisis experience and how the police conduct themselves and interact with the public at this time can affect their view of the wider police service forever. "The police need to understand how important their role is in that community engagement," stressed Victor. In any community, it is vital that police officers understand that they are never really off-duty. "It is part of a police officer's DNA to assist. It does not matter whether a sheet says you are off-duty at that time. If the public sees a police officer behaving badly off-duty, this is not going to instil the confidence in that person when they are on-duty. So the new standard and the processes absolutely apply to both on and off-duty, and rightly so," explained Victor. This places a huge responsibility on anyone applying for a position with the police service. Victor, who was a police officer for over 30 years, stated that "it was a huge privilege to wear the uniform and to be able to assist people. Policing is a vocation; it is not just a job. It is a mindset. What a privilege as a police officer to be entrusted when people make that call and ask for help to know that DNA within you want to do the best you can for them." Victor said that all police departments need to aspire to instil public trust, respect and pride in their police service. "We all make mistakes," he admits, "but when things go wrong, we need to be in a position within the police service to explain what we do and why we did it and to give people the opportunity to raise their grievances if they think they've been unfairly treated."

In cases where an officer misbehaves, the full force of the procedures should kick in, including potential dismissal from the service; and this should not be a longwinded process. "That damages the public's confidence, because the public thinks nothing is happening because it is being covered up," said Victor. Transparency during investigations is also critical in ensuring public confidence. "You have to be in or out. You either want to be a police officer and then you sign up to everything these standards entail," said Victor as he continued, "the good behaviour, understanding the public's need etc., or it is not the job for you and not the vocation for you."

Inspector Johnny Thomas of the RSHPS confirmed that they are working hard to ensure they have all the information and training that they need to evolve into a professional service with the appropriate standards and codes of ethics in place, supported throughout by their twin service in the UK, the Hampshire Police Department. Hampshire will continue to provide assistance as well as disciplinary advice and independent review.

When mentioning the public meeting in January, where the public sought to highlight their grievances and concerns pertaining to police actions on the island, Victor again reiterated that public meetings and discussions are to be welcomed and embraced as this provides a valuable platform for discussion and gaining insight into public opinion as well as providing relevant information. "The timing of the public meeting, although purely by chance, has been so fortunate as this can be built into what we are talking about now and to be having those conversations, otherwise the worst thing that can come about is that the public can sit there festering about concerns, feeling that their voice is not being heard; that is not good for any community, let alone a small community," Victor asserted. "It is important to hear from the public about their concerns, valid or otherwise. It is important that concerns be aired because we live in a world of misinformation and only by sharing information can we counteract this."

Victor ended off by assuring that "even when I leave here, they have my support because I am very passionate about making this happen, because I am passionate about policing and I'm passionate about the public having confidence in their police service. Everyone here has a vested interest in making this work. You want this island to be a safe place for the people who live here, those who visit here and those who work here. That's Utopia. Of course, sometimes things go wrong; that is when you need to deal with it, but it is much better if the public and the police are working together to address and resolve grievances. I would encourage any Commissioner here to aim to be as transparent as they possibly can, because this greatly assists in embedding trust and confidence. People want to be informed. Transparency and information are critical to balance power and accountability in the public eye."

Johnny concluded by reasserting that the RSHPS is excited about the new standards and procedures and are looking forward to the process of change ahead to transform St Helena's Police Service to one that the island can respect, trust and be proud of.



New Police Recruits are inspected before their first foot patrol, October 2025

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. May 01

- 7am - 9am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Sweepstake Draw
- 3-5pm: Happy Days with Olivia
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. May 02

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 11pm: Northward Sounds
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Anita (Repeat)
- 5pm: in the know (repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. May 03

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Donna
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: Island Pulse (repeat)
- 7pm:Salvation Army church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. May 04

- 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. May 05

- 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. May 06

- 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. May 07

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

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BBC World Service

100.7 (Briars)

88.1 (High Knoll)

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Featured this Week





Are you missing out on the interviews because you might be working or busy running errands?

Remember, we always have you in mind!

So if you missed out on any interviews that took place during the week, make sure to tune in on Sunday's from 1pm for Interview hour!

See we have you covered here at SAMS Radio 1!

Local news and notices:

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'medium'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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



30th April 1921: Sayyid Khalid bin Barghash Al-Busaid leaves St Helena after four years exile here.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Potatoes! We all love some crispy roast potatoes, creamy mash or even some homemade French fries. But have you tried this out yet?

Fried Mashed Potato Balls



Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups cold leftover mashed potatoes
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella (about 2 oz.)
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese (about 1 oz.), plus more for serving
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped, plus more for serving
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- 1 large egg
- ¾ cup dried breadcrumbs
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- Salt, to taste

Method

1. In a large bowl, mix together the mashed potatoes, mozzarella, flour, parmesan, parsley, pepper, and egg. Place the bread-crumbs on a large plate.

2. Form the potato mixture into 12 golf-ball-size balls (about 2 1/2 tablespoons each). The balls will be a little sticky, so wet your hands a little as you go. Roll the balls in the breadcrumbs, pressing to make sure they adhere. Place the balls on a clean plate as you go.

3. In a deep skillet or Dutch oven, heat 2 1/2 inches oil to 375°F, or until it bubbles when you add a small pinch of breadcrumbs.

4. Add the potato balls to the oil and fry until golden brown on all sides, 3 to 5 minutes, turning occasionally. Transfer to a paper towel-lined sheet pan or plate and imme-diately sprinkle with salt. Serve with more parmesan and parsley.

Note: For a twist, you can also add bacon!

The Island Pulse

Community Spirit, Scrutiny and Shared Purpose



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

This week's edition of The Island Pulse offered more than a roundup of events and policy discussion - it painted a broader picture of a community mobilising around inclusion, accountability and collective wellbeing. Through conversations on autism awareness, economic development, mental health and the business ahead in Legislative Council, one message resonated throughout: ***when people engage, progress follows.***

Autism Awareness Month Builds Momentum for Inclusion

Opening the programme, the Autism Awareness & Support Group shared how World Autism Acceptance Month has become a platform not simply for awareness, but for meaningful action.

Chair Nicky O'Donnell and member Laura Stroud reflected on the growth of the charity and an April programme that has seen strong public participation, educational outreach and fundraising support.

Events have included awareness displays at the Canister, High Knoll Fort lit in blue, student-led fundraising initiatives, a widely supported Wear Blue Day, radio talks, social media campaigns and the now much-talked-about Music Bingo fundraiser, which raised more than £700.

Yet one of the month's standout events was a leadership discussion held at the Mantis Hotel, where the Chief Minister and her ministerial team were present alongside senior officials, Councillors and private sector representatives, signalling growing institutional recognition of the importance of neurodiversity and inclusion.

The event focused not only on awareness, but on what an autism-informed and inclusive St Helena could look like in practice.

As Nicky O'Donnell explained, *"We want to work towards how we make things more inclusive and accessible... and support people through life's transitions."*

That future-facing approach was echoed in discussion around neuro-inclusion in the workplace, where Laura Stroud outlined early work taking place across the public service to consider how systems and processes can better accommodate neurodiversity.

Importantly, the conversation extended beyond services to culture.

There was a shared view that understanding is growing, conversations are becoming more open, and stigma is giving way to confidence and dialogue.

Councillor Julie Thomas reflected candidly on how perspectives have shifted over time: "*You walk into schools and expect inclusion to be there, but when people leave school those same support needs don't disappear. What's encouraging now is seeing that journey being looked at much more holistically.*"

That observation captured a key theme of the segment - that inclusion is not a stage of life issue, but a lifelong one.

The Forest Walks (held over the weekend on Sunday) designed around differing sensory needs through both calm and activity-based experiences, further reflected that ethos of practical, thoughtful inclusion.

And perhaps one of the strongest messages from the discussion was simple but powerful: awareness is moving beyond campaigns into community culture.

Economic Scrutiny Focuses on Investment and Opportunity

The programme then shifted to governance, as Select Committee 2 members unpacked feedback from their recent live inquiry into delivery of the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy, with particular attention on investment.

Chair Dr Corinda Essex framed the issue plainly: economic development remains one of St Helena's defining challenges, and enabling sustainable investment is central to addressing it.

The inquiry examined five themes, including investment processes, operation of the Approved Investor Scheme, safeguards and due diligence, resident needs and whether an efficient enabling framework is genuinely being delivered.

Among the key figures shared during the discussion was confirmation that **17 businesses have achieved Approved Investor status over the last five years, with 11 currently operational.**

Members highlighted that while the scheme offers meaningful incentives - notably customs duty exemptions - there is room to improve accessibility of information and continue refining the system.



St Helena Autism Awareness & Support Group Members

Councillor Clint Beard noted that while progress has been made, the approach remains labour intensive and should continue evolving.

There was also emphasis on safeguards.

Councillor Derek Thomas said scrutiny had provided reassurance that due diligence around finances, ownership and background checks is not superficial.

"*There are checks and balances in place*," he said, stressing that confidence in those processes is critical to public trust.

While committee recommendations are still to follow, members described the hearing as constructive rather than adversarial.

Dr Essex was clear that scrutiny is about strengthening systems, not simply criticising them. "The purpose of scrutiny is... *to work with officials to make improvements going forward.*"

There was also acknowledgement of practical tools already informing progress, including barrier reduction work and updated prospectuses aimed at reducing obstacles to investment.

Significantly, Councillor Julie Thomas reinforced the value of such hearings in making complex policy accessible to the public and encouraging wider engagement in economic issues that affect everyone.

Big Four Walk Demonstrates Saints United Across Borders

Community spirit came vividly to life in discussion of the inaugural **Big Four Walk**, organised by the Island Minds Foundation and held at Kingshurst in support of mental health awareness.

By every measure, the event was a success.

A total of **407 people took part across the four territories**, with:

•254 participants on St Helena
• 31 participants in the United Kingdom
• 64 participants in the Falkland Islands
• 58 participants on Ascension

Under the shared motto "**One Mind, One Heart and Saints Together**," the event became more than a walk - it became a symbol of connection.

Locally, organisers offered three routes — long, medium and short walks — ensuring accessibility for a wide range of participants, while Kingshurst itself hosted food stalls, family activities, mental health information stands, live music and wellbeing sessions.

Councillor Ronald Coleman described the turnout as "*overwhelming*."

The inclusion of painted rock scavenger trails for children, yoga warm-ups before departure, and activities for those not walking helped create a true community event.

Councillor Julie Thomas, who took part in the long walk, reflected on the significance of what unfolded: "*St Helena and St Helenians, both here and overseas, demonstrated that we can be united and come together for good causes. That was extremely pleasant to experience.*"

That sentiment captured why the event mattered.

It was not only a fundraiser or awareness event; it was an example of social connection in practice - something increasingly recognised as central to wellbeing itself.

The launch also marked an important milestone for the Island Minds Foundation as it begins its public campaign work.

With strong participation, broad support and early fundraising success, the inaugural walk has laid promising foundations.

Legislative Council Prepares for Important Session

The final segment looked ahead to the 7 May Formal Legislative Council sitting, where amendments to the Civil Litigation Costs Ordinance 2025 are expected to be central business.

Councillors outlined that debate will focus particularly on provisions linked to conditional fee agreements, "After the Event" insurance and concerns around ensuring equality of arms.

Dr Essex indicated she intends to pursue further clarification publicly during the sitting, stressing the importance of public reassurance on the legal principles involved.

Alongside legislation, members previewed what is expected to be a substantial round of oral and written questions touching on cross-cutting public concerns - including cost of living, preventative healthcare, essential services and progress on long-standing policy matters.

Frustration at delays surfaced candidly. Councillor Derek Thomas again called for practical "*quick wins*," while Councillor Beard argued better communication could reduce the need for repeated formal questioning.

Councillor Julie Thomas underscored why those questions matter: "*My written questions require substantive answers... so that we can get that level of detail into the public domain whilst also holding the ministerial team to account.*"

That statement neatly captured the spirit of the discussion - scrutiny not as confrontation, but as part of public service.

A broader concern also emerged around unresolved issues lingering too long.

As Dr Essex put it, the public is entitled to progress, especially where improvements may be achievable without major financial cost.

Taken together, the discussion suggested a Legislative Council sitting likely to be both substantive and closely watched.

A Common Thread: Progress Through Participation

Though diverse in subject matter, the programme's themes converged around a shared principle.

Whether supporting autistic individuals and families, scrutinising economic systems, walking together for mental wellbeing, or pressing for accountability in the Chamber - participation matters.

Communities showing up matters.

Constructive scrutiny matters.

Transparent communication matters.

And perhaps that was this week's deeper story.

Not simply what happened - but what becomes possible when community spirit and civic responsibility move in step.

As *The Island Pulse* demonstrated once again, St Helena's strength lies not only in its institutions or initiatives, but in the willingness of people to engage with them.

And when that happens, the pulse of the island grows stronger for everyone.



Island Minds Foundation

That Sinking Feeling

Investigation underway as local vessel "Newcastle" sinks in James Bay



The Newcastle being lifted out of the water after the incident

Liam Yon, SAMS

On Friday of last week, the St Helena Government (SHG) issued a Press Release to advise "that they are aware of an incident involving a local vessel, The Newcastle, which sank in James Bay early this morning."

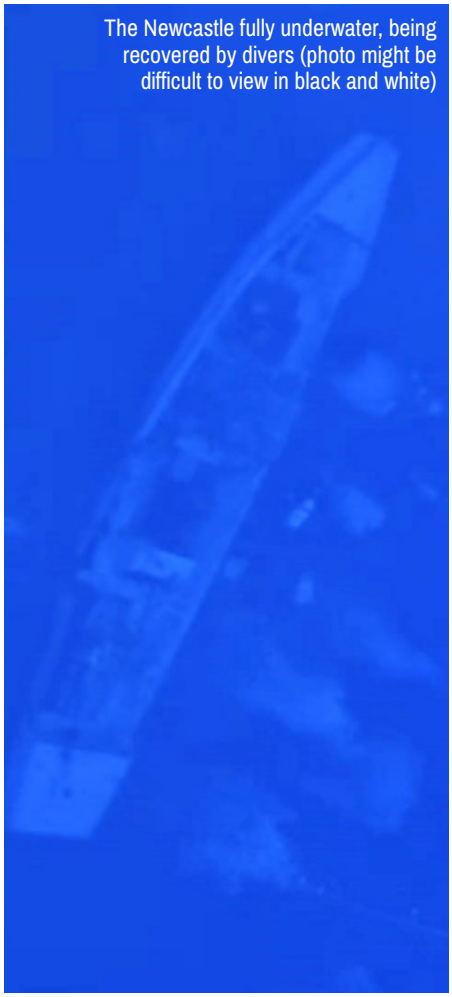
While not stated by SHG, the boat is known as boat number 5, owned by local resident Cheddy Lawrence. Thankfully, SHG confirm that "there were no injuries reported" and that "all debris has been recovered" resulting in "minimal pollution."

While no details around the incident and how the boat came to sink was given by SHG, they did inform that "the matter is currently under investigation by the Royal St Helena Police Service and Port Control" before adding that, "as this is a live investigation, SHG will be unable to provide further comment at this time."

Since this news broke, many have commented on the sad loss of an iconic local vessel which has a storied history on St Helena, including in particular, being the vessel chosen to transport the Royal Family to St Helena during their 1947 visit *(see 'Lifestyle & Culture' article by Cyril Gunnell on Pages 19 and 20).*



The Newcastle showing the devestation caused by the incident and sinking



The Newcastle fully underwater, being recovered by divers (photo might be difficult to view in black and white)

The 1947 Royal Family Visit

'Newcastle' made iconic by transporting the Royals ashore



Disembarking the 'Newcastle' to land at St Helena

Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

Wednesday, 29 April 2026, marked the 79th anniversary of the historic Royal Visit to St Helena by the Royal Family in 1947. They were brought ashore in the black gig, boat number 5, Newcastle.

The SHG press release of Friday, 24 April, which informed the public that this boat had sank in James Bay that morning, have since had people trying to recall some finer details of the Royal Visit.

The late Mr Sonny Clingham was the proud owner of the boat selected to transport the royals ashore. One of the later proud owners of this vessel, Mr Chadwin Lawrence, had a plaque attached in memory of the visit.

On the evening before the royal visit, Mr Edward Clarke and Mr Reginald George, Public Works Department painters, white-washed "Welcome Royal Family" on the wall of Shy Road above Jamestown. Although everyone appreciated that the government had declared a public holiday, and people did know of the Royal Navy visit, word apparently had not got around to all that the Royal Family were on board, so the welcome sign was a pleasant surprise.

King George VI was accompanied by his consort, Queen Elizabeth, and also Princess Elizabeth (who later would become Queen Elizabeth II) and Princess Margaret. King George was the last Emperor of India and first Head of the Commonwealth. He was the only reigning monarch to visit St Helena.

Besides his own family, a host of others travelled with the King, including an entourage, as well as commanders and crew. His press secretary, Captain Sir Lewis Ritchie recorded the journey; his official diary is held by the Royal Archives at Windsor, United Kingdom, and the visit was filmed by Pathe News while seasoned journalists, Frank Gillard and Richard Dimbleby, provided media coverage.

The Royal Family arrived on the Battleship, HMS Vanguard, the biggest and fastest of the Royal Navy battleships. Vanguard was escorted by HMS Nigeria, a Fiji-class light cruiser of the Royal Navy.

The Harbour Master, Mr Robert Bizarre, accompanied the visitors ashore. They were met at the landing steps by the Acting Governor Col. Gilpen. The former Governor, Major William Bain Gray, had left the island on 14 August, 1946, and his replacement, Governor George Andrew Joy would not be arriving until 31 May 1947.

A large crowd had gathered at the wharf, all the way up to Thompson's Crane to greet the royal visitors. To get a better view, some men had reportedly climbed to the top of the cranes.

An inspection of the island's unified contingents was carried out. Two Girl Guides, Leonora Bennett and Janet Leo, and a Brownie, Pat Benjamin (later Pat Musk), were selected to do a presentation of flowers. Mrs Musk told The Sentinel she had the honour of presenting her bouquet to Princess Margaret; apparently it was the badges they had accumulated which put them in favour. Reciprocating, a Royal Standard was presented to the people of St Helena.

Other events programmed included a visit to The Castle, Jamestown, and tour of the island including Napoleon's House and Tomb, and other places of interest. While on the island, the royal visitors stayed at Plantation House, there they met the island's oldest inhabitant, Jonathan.

Crowds of people later returned to the wharf to wave goodbye to the royal family.

On Radio News-Reel on 29 and 30 April, in his broadcast from HMS Vanguard, Frank Gillard said: "The bell at St James Church rang in commemoration of today's great event in the history of



The Royal visitors were brought ashore on Boat number 5 'Newcastle'

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the reigning Sovereign and his consort and family. Never before has St Helena been so honoured, and as the bell rang out from the steeple, under the brown 600ft block of cliff face tight behind it, crowds were pouring down the village street of Jamestown, school children singing as they followed the Boy Scouts bugle band. All the other organisations of the town and island were there, all mustering to give the Royal family a warm friendly welcome.

"For all of its volcanic origin, radiating from the central ridge the King and Queen and the Princesses drove over it, a green, soft looking place, easy on the eyes. There were superb views across the Island and over mountain sides thickly covered with flax plantations. Roads were lined with plots of aloe, prickly pear and flowering sub-tropical shrubs of brilliant colours, for instance, South African lilac and flaming poinsettias.

"Again and again the royal cars stopped for the visitors to talk with Islanders, admiring those wonderful views across the main ridges to the deep blue sea beyond, clumps of magnificent wild arum lilies, and the Ladder of 699 steps down the rails of which a couple of local lads obligingly slid."

Frank Gillard said that the core of the visit was the half-hour spent on a small plot of French territory with tricolour waving over it at Napoleon's House, Longwood, where their Majesties examined all the Napoleonic relics and walked in Napoleon's garden.

"It is a lovely spot; crown of a beautiful Island. Someday people will really discover St Helena for the splendidly beautiful place it is. The Island may have broken the heart of Napoleon, but today in all its loveliness, it certainly charmed the hearts of its Royal Visitors."

The visit by the King and family followed their royal tour of South Africa in 1947. By the time the Royal Family arrived back to Portsmouth, England, from where they had departed in February, they would have travelled some three months.



79 years later and the 'Newcastle' now sits on the Wharf, broken and battered, following last weekend's incident



King George VI feeding Jonathan


Royal Family at Longwood House


Royal Family at the Wharf before departure



Saint children presenting flowers to the Royals after landing

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 3rd May
Sandy Bay Chapel, 8.45am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45am
Jamestown Chapel, 6pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 5th May: Baptist School Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, 6th May: Blue Hill Community Centre, 7pm
Thursday, 7th May: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Adventure Kids: Age 6-10 yrs old
Saturday, 2nd May: Baptist School Hall, 10-11.30am

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 6th May: Baptist School Hall, 10.30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22388

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 3rd May 2026 - 4th Sunday after Easter		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 3rd May 2026 – 4th Sunday after Easter		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	**Service to commemorate the birth of the community of St Helena and the island's community involvement in the abolition of the Slave Trade.**	**St Michael Ruperts**
	Monday 4th May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
	Thursday 7th May	
7.00 p.m.	**Patronal Festival**	**St John**
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 3rd May 2026 – 4th Sunday after Easter		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 5th May	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting-Online

Saturday 02nd May 2026 at 8:30am
Contact Mercy –Prayer Co-Ordinator for details-65880 or 24212

Men's Fellowship

Saturday 02nd May 2026 at 5.30pm
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 03rd May 2026 10.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 05th May 2026
Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)
Wednesday 06th May 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.



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 "Green" bingo sheet will be used – the last sheet. 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 2 May at 6 pm. There were no claims last week.

Prize - £20 per week

21	7	55	25	74	86	42	56	37	13
32	84	26	90	33	6	51	17	64	23
83	43	24	36	77	80	5	58	63	20
41	79	85	16	40	52	34	11	19	9
45	72	59	89	61	29	50	3	44	18
27	73	15	88	48	30	66	38	62	12
10	81	68	4	60	57	46	87	28	35

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

ENVIRONMENT NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Renewal of ENRP Agriculture Assets

The Environmental Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio wishes to advise Tenants that licences for their agriculture assets for the period 2026-2027 will be available for signing from Monday 27 April to Friday 29 May 2026 from 09:00 to 15:30.

No licences will be sent out, therefore all Tenants must visit the ENRP Office at Scotland to sign their licence.

For further information, please contact the Farmers Support staff on telephone 24724 or email martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh or frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ENRP ASSETS FOR LICENSING

ANRD wishes to advise the public that the following assets are available for licensing from May 2026:

Arable land at Ropery Field	0.30acres	LWN pt of 176
Arable land at Mulberry Gut	0.40acres	LWN pt of 491
Arable land at Willowdene	0.24acres	LWN pt of 491
Arable Land At Piccolo Hill	0.40acres	LWN pt of 365

Application forms can be collected from the Reception at ENRP Office or by contacting the Farmers Support Officer, Mr Fred Green on tel: 24724 or via email Frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Farmers Support Assistant, Martina Leo on tel: 24724, or via email martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh respectively.

Closing date for applications is 16:00 on 08 May 2026

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Unplug any electrical device that is not being used.

Many appliances, especially computers and televisions draw power even when turned off.

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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/

A Festival for Saint Helena

Festival Mass concelebrated by Bishop Richard Fenwick & Canon Stephen Gallagher followed by an address from Bishop Dale Bowers and Afternoon Tea.

13:00 - 9th May 2026
St Chad's, Haggerston, London E2 8JR

organised by
St Helena Diocesan Association (Charity Number 247660)
Patron: HRH The Princess Royal

NOTICE BOARD



CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS TO SERVE ON THE ST HELENA HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS CHAIRPERSON

St Helena Hotel Development Ltd. is seeking Expressions of Interests from suitably qualified persons interested in serving as the Chairperson of the Board.

The Chairperson & the Board of Directors have a collective responsibility for the strategic direction of the business and for monitoring the performance of the Hotel, in line with the Hotel Management Agreement in place with the Operator, Mantis.

A copy of the terms of reference for the Board, and a form to register an interest may be requested from the Company Secretary, Miss Nicole Plato via email nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh or collected from the Castle, Jamestown.

Expressions of Interest should be made using the form and should be submitted, along with a current Curriculum Vitae to the Company Secretary, Miss Nicole Plato via email, or in hardcopy addressed to the Secretary at the Castle, by **Friday, 22 May 2026**.

Please note that registering an interest does not guarantee an appointment to the board as this is subject to applicant's having the required knowledge, skills and experience. This position attracts a monthly fee.

NSASH

The National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) are inviting athletes to submit their expressions of interest (EOI) to compete at the following games:

- International Island Games in Faroe Island from 3 to 9 July 2027
- 8th Commonwealth Youth Games in Malta from 29 October to 4 November 2027
  (Athletes must be between 14 and 18 years old at the time of the Games)

Closing date for the EOI is **4pm UTC** on **Tuesday 26 May 2026** and the selection process and trials will be undertaken towards the end of 2026.

Please email nsash@helanta.co.sh

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Date of Birth
- Which competition you interested in or both
- The sport you would like to compete in

Commonwealth Youth Games

Athletics – Netball –Sailing –Squash – Swimming – Triathlon – Water polo – Weightlifting

International Island Games

Archery – Athletics – Badminton – Basketball – Cycling – Football – Gymnastics – Judo – Shooting – Swimming – Table Tennis – Tennis – Triathlon - Volleyball

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The National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) would like to thank everyone who volunteered, supported, and contributed to making the St Helena leg of the King's Baton Relay (KBR) a success.

Reimagined for a new era, the KBR saw each nation and territory receive its own baton for the first time, with batons decorated locally ahead of the relay. A central part of the KBR activities focused on tackling plastic pollution, bringing athletes and communities together to prevent one million pieces of plastic from entering Commonwealth waterways before the Glasgow Games commence in 2026.

Over the four-day programme on St Helena, 118.305 kg of plastic was collected from Sandy Bay Beach, James's Bay, and the Jamestown waterfront.
Pictures of the event can be viewed at https://www.nsash.org.sh/photo-gallery/

Thank you all for your support.

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

Sea Turtle nesting season is underway. Here's how you can help!

As part of the Darwin Plus 223 Project the St Helena National Trust is looking to monitor any signs of turtle activity on Sandy Bay Beach.

If you are visiting Sandy Bay Beach, keep an eye out for the following signs of sea turtles:

- Symmetrical flipper tracks in the sand, often marked by a straight line down the centre
- Tracks measuring approximately 100–130 cm wide, typical of green turtles
- A large, shallow depression in the sand, created when a turtle attempts to dig a nest to lay her eggs

If you see any of these signs, or suspect turtle activity, please contact the St Helena National Trust immediately on **22190** or email emma.holborn@trust.org.sh

Please follow these guidelines when you are observing sea turtles:

Do not approach the turtle or make sudden movements.

Do not approach a turtle if she is laying her eggs.

Do not touch the turtles.

Do not take any flash photography at any time.

Please keep noise to a minimum.

If a turtle is on the beach, please keep pets away.

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PART TIME VACANCY

We are hiring part-time tellers

Are you looking for a little extra flexibility? We have part time vacancies that are suitable for those wanting to boost their weekly earnings, work around family commitments, or enjoy a fresh change of scenery for a few days each week

Get in touch with us for further details.

Interested persons can contact the Operations Manager on +290 22390 ext. 205 or email operationsmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

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UNCLAIMED DORMANT ACCOUNTS



If you've forgotten a bank account you have with us, we can help reunite you with your money.

If you've held a Bank of St Helena account in the past and think you may still have accounts and funds within these accounts, please get in touch.

To begin the process, please give us a call or contact us at www.sainthelenabank.com

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UNCLE BORBS ICE CREAMS
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WATCH THIS SPACE!


PLEASE JOIN SHSS FOR AN
AGRICULTURE DAY
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FRIDAY THE 8TH MAY
STARTING AT 10 AM TO 12PM
A SHUTTLE BUS
WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ST HELENA SECONDARY SCHOOL STARTING AT 10AM.
AS THIS IS A SCHOOL EVENT
NO ALCOHOL
NO SMOKING IS PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES.
FAMILY MEMBERS WANTING TO TAKE PICTURES MUST ONLY TAKE PHOTOS OF THEIR OWN CHILDREN AND NOT OF OTHER CHILDREN.
Pot Plants for Sale!
THERE WILL ALSO BE A SELECTION OF POT PLANTS FOR SALE.
FARMING ON ST HELENA TODAY IS VERY MUCH CARRIED OUT BY OUR OLDER GENERATION,
so please come along to support our young farmers of tomorrow.
Support Our Farms Support Our Future!
All are welcome
TO COME ALONG!

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Vacancy

Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent

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

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent to join the team at St Helena Airport.

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertaking the required training as well as the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with accuracy and a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to multitask in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to undertaking continuous learning and development.

For further information contact:

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

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **07 May 2026**

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner

Rate of pay will commence at £5.60 per hour, increased to £6.50 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner to join the team at St Helena Airport.

The Aircraft Cleaner will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal on the days of aircraft operations and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training including both classroom and online-based training
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
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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.

Handyman-Driver (Local interest only) (£9,573 per annum)

The handyman driver is dedicated to enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and fostering the island's prosperity by assisting with the daily operations of the Central Support Service across various service areas. This includes performing minor maintenance tasks and taking on driving responsibilities as needed.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No.22470 or Email: sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 06 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 11 May 2026
Interview date: 27 May 2026

Emergency Planning Officer (Local interest only) (£11,604 per annum)

As Emergency Planning Officer you will join a very small team to assist with planning and preparing to ensure that St Helena can respond effectively to major emergencies and business disruptions. You will work with a range of partners to plan, prepare and practice our response arrangements.

In the event of an incident occurring you will play a vital role, responding to the event, supporting the management of the response, end enabling the recovery and restoration following on.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or demonstrable experience:

- GCSE Math's and English at Grade D or above
- Clean driver's license in Class A
- Proficient in IT skills i.e. Microsoft Office
- Previous experience of working with the Emergency Services
- Ability to remain calm under pressure and in intense emergency situations

Some working out of normal hours, especially during Emergency Incidents this includes being on-call on a rotation basis. If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anel O'Bey on Tel No 25052 or Email: anel.obey@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 8 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 14 May 2026
Interview date: 27 May 2026

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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

Driver – CCC (Local interest only)

(fixed-term to 31 July 2026)
(£10,088 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Driver within the CCC who will be responsible for the transporting of service users which includes to and from day care, hospital appointments and social outings. The Driver will support staff in helping service users to safely get in and out of vehicles including those who have mobility needs, sensory impairment, learning disabilities and those with limited or no verbal communication skills. This requires the post holder to be caring, compassionate and flexible. If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Tinevimbonashe on Tel No 23090 or Email: tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 8 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 13 May 2026
Interview date: 20 May 2026

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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: 13 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 15 May 2026
Interview date: 28 May 2026

Harbour Master & Port Manager (£26,000 per annum including market enhancement)

The Harbour Master/Port Manager role is focused on enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community and fostering the prosperity of the island by overseeing the management of St Helena's Port, ensuring safety, efficiency and international compliance. The port and cargo management facility is part of the Islands critical national infrastructure handling over 95% of all food, fuel, equipment and general supplies to St Helena. The Harbour Master/Port Manager serves as the authoritative figure for coordinating the daily operations, management, and development of the port of Jamestown, along with any other designated harbours and landing sites, and will undertake any additional responsibilities necessary for the effective management of the position.

You know if you have succeeded if the Port continues to meet its international security obligations, is maintained to a high-standard, and continues to operate efficiently, safely and securely.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Mia Henry on Tel No. 25970 or Email@ mia.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or Derek Henry on derek.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: Wk. commencing 13 May 2026
Shortlisting date: Wk. commencing 18 May 2026
Interview date: Wk. commencing 25 May 2026

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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.

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Tender Notice

The Ascension Island Government invites tenders for the following items, marked as Lots 1 - 10 as listed below. These items will be sold on an 'as is' basis, and whilst some of the vehicles are currently not operational, they can be brought to a running order.

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	REGISTRATION
1	TRACTOR UNIT – Year 2005. Iveco Stralis 430 4 x 2 articulate lorry, diesel. Currently not running	1998	A728
2	TRACTOR UNIT – Year 2005. Iveco Stralis 430 4 x 2 articulate lorry, diesel. Currently not running	2009	A963
3	FIRE ENGINE – Volvo FL6 14. Currently not running, good engine and could be repurposed.	2000	A770
4	FIRE ENGINE – Volvo. Currently not running, good engine and could be repurposed.	1994	A1273
5	FORD TRANSIT TIPPER – 2.2L puma diesel. Currently not running, but can be made road worthy or used for spare parts	2012	A1323
6	FORD TRANSIT TIPPER – 2.2L puma diesel	2012	A1324
7	FORD TRANSIT TIPPER – 2.2L puma diesel	2012	A1325
8	FORD TRANSIT MINI BUS, 16 SEATER – 2.2L puma diesel	2012	A1331
9	LAND ROVER DISCOVERY- 3.0L V6 petrol. Mileage 35044 (formerly Administrator's official vehicle). Well maintained and regularly serviced, this vehicle is in a very good condition, and bids should reflect consideration of these facts.	2019	A1261
10	PASSENGER LAUNCH – Queen Atlantis 2 x 6 Cylinder Perkins Engines, Diesel - Port Engine 3711K05A-5 Starboard Engine 3712L02A-4 Carrying capacity of 50 passengers and 3 crew. Primarily used as a passenger transfer, the vessel has had minimal use since the withdrawal of the RMS St Helena. It has now been out of the water for approximately two years.	2006	NA

LOT 1



LOT 2



LOT 3



LOT 4



LOT 5



LOT 6



LOT 7



LOT 8



LOT 9









LOT 10







Any questions regarding the lots 1-9 or viewing requests may be directed to the Motor Transport Team Leader, Mr Mark Thomas by telephone on 45900 or by email through mark.thomas@ascension.gov.ac. For lot 10, please direct your questions or viewing request to David Beard, telephone 40273 David.beard@ascension.gov.ac. All tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked 'Tender: Lot No. x' to the Secretary of the Tender Board, Administrator's Office, Georgetown, no later than 16:00 on Friday 08 May 2026. Bids may also be emailed with the subject line 'Tender: Lot No. x', and sent to aig.enquiries@ascension.gov.ac. Any tender received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

Please be advised that each lot is marked with a reserved price and the Board does not bind itself to accept any tender, nor will it assign any reason for the rejection of a tender.

Resources Directorate
23 April 2026

SPORTS ARENA

WSA Volleyball 2026



WSA, Contributed

END OF LEAGUE TABLE 2026

POS	TEAM	PL	W	L	PTS
1	ACE ANGELS	8	7	1	22
2	NO DIG'GITY	8	6	2	20
3	VOLLEY VIXENS	8	4	4	16
4	NET NINJAS	8	3	5	14
5	HITS N GIGGLES	8	0	8	8

Successful Mixed Volleyball Fundraiser

On Saturday, 25th April, the action continued with a Mixed Volleyball Fundraiser. The Round Robin Tournament, which featured six teams, was a fun-filled day of competition. The teams battled it out for the £60 team prize, and it was team Organised Chaos who walked away with the win, thanks to their undefeated streak. A total of £148 was raised during the event, all of which will support the ladies at the Volleyball Presentation. A huge thank you goes out to all the teams for their participation and to SHSS for running the Tuck Shop. Without everyone's help, this event wouldn't have been possible.

Angels Fly High in the League

The Volleyball League came to an exhilarating close on Sunday, 19 April, with two highly anticipated matches. First up, the Net Ninjas and Volley Vixens clashed in a fiercely contested three-set battle for third place. Both teams gave it their all, but in the end, the Net Ninjas emerged victorious.

The final match of the league saw the top two teams, Ace Angels and No Dig'gity, go head-to-head for the coveted first-place spot. The game lived up to expectations, showcasing impressive tactical rallies and sportsmanship from both sides. After a tense showdown, the Ace Angels proved to be the stronger team, securing the win and the league title.



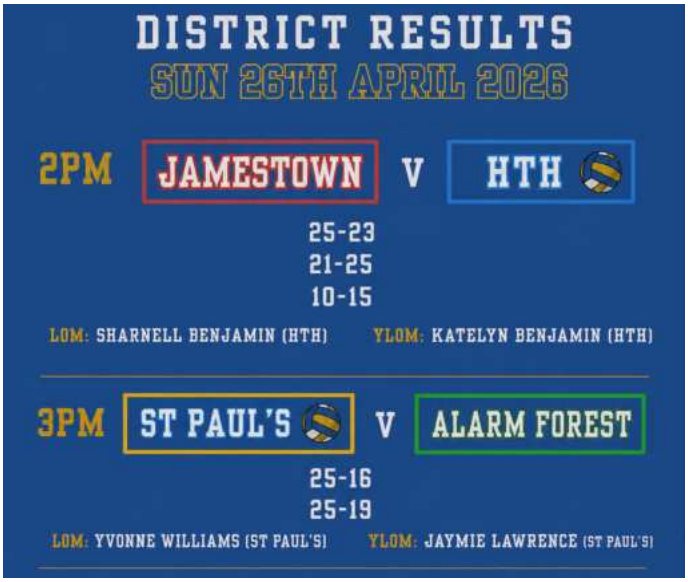


Riley Yon, Katelyn Benjamin, Danielle Benjamin, Danni Thomas, Ma-kyle Fuller, & Ashton Benjamin (missing)

Battle of the Districts

The Women's Sports Association served up opening-day drama on Sunday, April 26, as four teams took to the court for Week One of the District Tournament featuring Jamestown, Half Tree Hollow (HTH), St Paul's, and Alarm Forest.

The tournament spiked off with Jamestown facing neighbours HTH. Jamestown struck first, clinching a narrow 25-23 win in the opening set. HTH regrouped in the second, finding their rhythm to level the match 25-21. With the decider finely poised, both sides traded points early in the third before HTH pulled away late to seal a 15-10 victory and take the match 2-1. The win was anchored by standout performances from HTH's Sharnell Benjamin, named Player of the Match, and Katelyn Benjamin, who earned Young Player of the Match honours.





The second clash saw St Paul's, in yellow, meet Alarm Forest, in green. The opening set stayed within a point for much of the exchange before St Paul's proved the stronger side down the stretch, taking it 25-16. Alarm Forest came out firing in the second and grabbed an early lead, but St Paul's weathered the surge and reclaimed control to close out the set 25-19, securing a 2-0 match win. Yvonne Williams was awarded Player of the Match for St Paul's, while teammate Jaymie Lawrence took home Young Player of the Match.

With two competitive fixtures setting the tone, the District Tournament is poised for an intriguing run over the coming weeks. The next District matches are scheduled for Saturday, 2 May, instead of Sunday. Spectators are warmly encouraged to join the excitement at the SHSS Hall and cheer on their favorite teams. And, for those who want to keep the fun going, there will be a friendly game afterwards!

Golf Report

Captain Edges Foxy in Weather-Tested Monthly Medal



SHCG, Contributed

Seventeen golfers braved the elements on Sunday, 26 April, to contest the club's Monthly Medal stroke play competition. The event got underway in a light shower, setting the tone for a testing but thoroughly enjoyable round. While a significant portion of play was completed in dry conditions, players were kept on their toes by occasional cold showers that, fortunately, did little to dampen spirits.

Early confidence belonged to Jeffrey Stevens, better known as Foxy, who teed off in the second group and returned an impressive net 65. With that score in the clubhouse, Foxy was convinced he had done enough for victory.

However, his celebrations were short lived.

Drama unfolded when the fourth group arrived, led by Club Captain Bramwell Bushuru, who produced a superb net 64 to claim first prize by a single shot. Foxy had to settle for a well-earned second place, despite his strong finish was not entirely content with. The remainder of the field returned scores in the 70s.

Adding to his haul, Jeffrey Stevens also scored two in the Two Ball Pool, sweeping up all the balls on offer for the day.

The club was delighted to welcome Roeland Van Der Hoeven, who participated in his very first round of golf on the island. Roeland was presented with a Certificate of Participation, formally handed over by the Club Captain, Bramwell Bushuru, marking a memorable introduction to island golf.

Prize presentations were conducted by Handicaps Manager, Laura Buckley, and the club extends its congratulations to all the winners.

The next competition takes place on Sunday, 3 May, featuring a Tombstone Competition. Tee off 12 noon. Registration closes on Saturday, 2 May.

Happy swinging!



SPORTS ARENA



Sixes All Around

Brooklyn smashes 23 sixes, while Allstars stand firm at the top

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The RMS T20 continued on Saturday with Challengers facing up against the Western A Mustangs. A ten-man Challengers elected to bat first and got off to a reasonable start. However, after the top three batsmen were dismissed, Challengers were unable to hold a sustainable partnership. An impressive fielding and bowling display from the Mustangs would collapse the Challenger's formidable batting attack, led by farther-son duo Jamie Ellick, three wickets for 21 runs, and Tyler Anthony, two wickets for 19 runs. Amongst the chaos, it would be player of the match Sean-Lee Thomas, with an impressive 43 runs, who would help bring Challengers total to 118 runs. Mustangs would then take to the bat, but fell victim to some fantastic bowling and fielding from Challengers. With a relatively low score, by their standards, on the board, Challengers' would show their quality and duly took their turn to collapse the Mustangs batting order. With some solid bowling right through the innings, including Ashton Benjamin's three wickets for six runs, the Challengers would make an incredible fight back to dismiss the Mustangs for 88 all out.

The first game on Sunday would see Levelwood Allstars put in another dominate display to defeat Jamestown Heat. Allstars batted first, but got off to a shaky start, losing two of their top order batsmen within the first three overs. Heat would somewhat contain the explosiveness of the Allstars, however it was Man of the Match, Clayton Leo, with 46 runs, who would help Allstars post a reasonable total of 150 runs. Allstars took to the field where they would dominate proceedings with the ball. A devastating bowling spell from David Francis, with three wickets for six runs after four overs, would help Allstars tear through the Heats batting line-up, dismissing them for 62 all out.

The final match of the weekend saw Sandy Bay Pirates defeat Cobras in devastating fashion. The Pirates would bat first, getting off to somewhat of an unsteady start, losing four wickets within seven overs. However, this only gave Player of the Match, Brooklyn Fowler, the opportunity to explode on the scene, posting a devastating score of 169 off just 51 balls, consisting of four fours and an astonishing 23 sixes, a possible record-breaking innings. A vicious 90 off 40 balls from Rhys Francis would see Pirates post an incredible total of 351 runs after 20 overs. During the reply, Pirates would also show dominance with the ball; a three-wicket haul from Ronan Legg, accompanied by brothers Kieran and Kyle Williams with two wickets each, would see Cobras dismissed for 60.

A brutal, yet incredible, batting innings from Brooklyn and his Pirates and a courageous fight back from Challengers, shows that this title race is far from over. However, it's the lethal Levelwood Allstars who stands undefeated, firmly at the top of the RMS T20 League.

