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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Today I want to broach the very sensitive topic of "-isms" in my comment.

I am of course talking about things like sexism, colourism, classism, racism, xenophobia and all other forms of prejudice that leads directly to hatred, conflict and even violence.

I think a lot of the suspicion and dislike towards people who are in some way different from ourselves stem from misconceptions, cultural misunderstandings and a general lack of tolerance.

How many wars have been fought in the name of a supposed higher cause? It is often in our own households though that we perpetuate stereotypes and hatred through a lack of education and guidance towards the next generation. We do not consider the impact of what we say and how this forms and shapes our children's views. Their minds are a blank slate and we have a tremendous responsibility to write their future by our own words and example. Children do not naturally lean towards prejudice, rather this kind of behaviour is learnt and most often this happens at home. I will admit that peer pressure also plays a role, but they will most likely be drawn to like minds.

I am reminded of the lyrics of a song by the Black Eyed Peas from 2003, 'Where is the love' where they say it so aptly "to discriminate only generates hate, and when you hate you're bound to get irate, madness is what you demonstrate." Then they continue to capture my view perfectly when they advise, "We gotta get it straight, take control of your mind and just meditate, and let your soul gravitate to the love."

We can almost always find a reason and justification to perpetuate our feelings of prejudice and hatred, but I long for us as a small community to put our differences aside, show compassion and "gravitate to the love".

I hope you have an amazing week of acceptance and tolerance.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Who Decided Our Children Should Represent Destruction?

I write to raise serious concern about the new mascot names presented to students of St Helena Secondary School.

The names offered have no identity, dignity, or connection to St Helena Island. It is deeply troubling that the Education Department would introduce mascots that reflect neither heritage nor values. Instead of strengthening pride in St Helena's culture, these names risk pulling our children further away from it.

Despite repeated attempts to seek clarity from the Head Teacher, the Portfolio Assistant Director of Schools, and the Minister of Education, no meaningful response has been provided. Parents were told the names came from a "student led process." This is simply untrue. Students were not asked to create names that reflect St Helena; they were handed a list. Their voices were directed, not respected.

In all my years on this island, I have never encountered any story, tradition, or local creature resembling the proposed mascots. How can these names represent our people or our culture?

Names such as Cerberus, Leviathan, and Phoenix are not only irrelevant to St Helena—they carry meanings that are entirely inappropriate for a school:

- **Cerberus**: a three headed dog guarding the gates of hell. Its entire mythology is rooted in death ,darkness and the underworld.
- **Leviathan**: a symbol of chaos, destruction, and evil.
- **Phoenix**: a foreign mythical creature with no link to our island.

Other names follow the same pattern: dark, mythical, and disconnected from who we are.

Even when positive spins are offered, the core symbolism remains. And this raises a critical question: **How does giving children mascots rooted in destruction and chaos safeguard their wellbeing?** What are we teaching them when we ask them to rally behind symbols of darkness rather than symbols of resilience, pride, and identity?

This direction contradicts everything St Helena stands for: **Community. Tolerance. Family. Tradition. Charity. Compassion**. St Helena island is named after Saint Helena of Constantinople, a figure of humility, generosity, and devotion. These are the values children should see reflected in their school environment.

The proposed mascots do not honour St Helena's heritage. They do not reflect the identity. They do not uplift the children.

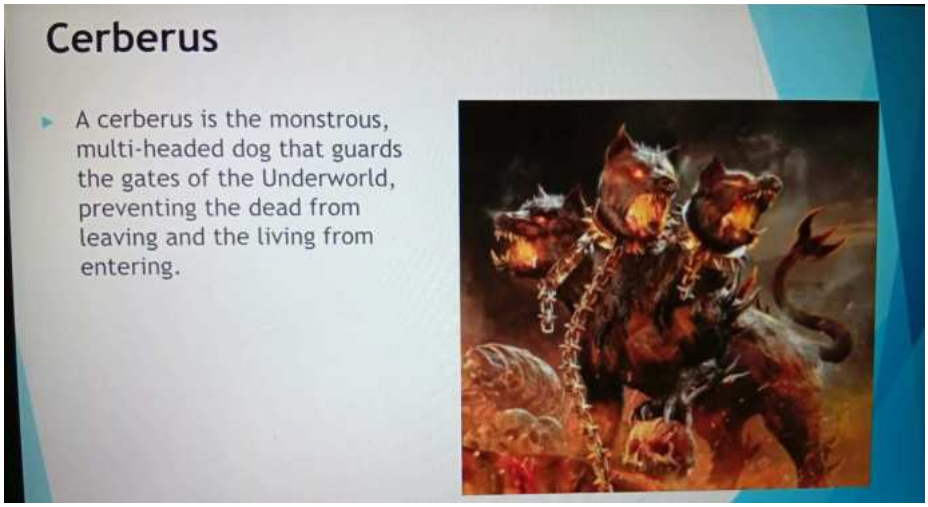
There are many meaningful alternatives rooted in our island's story:

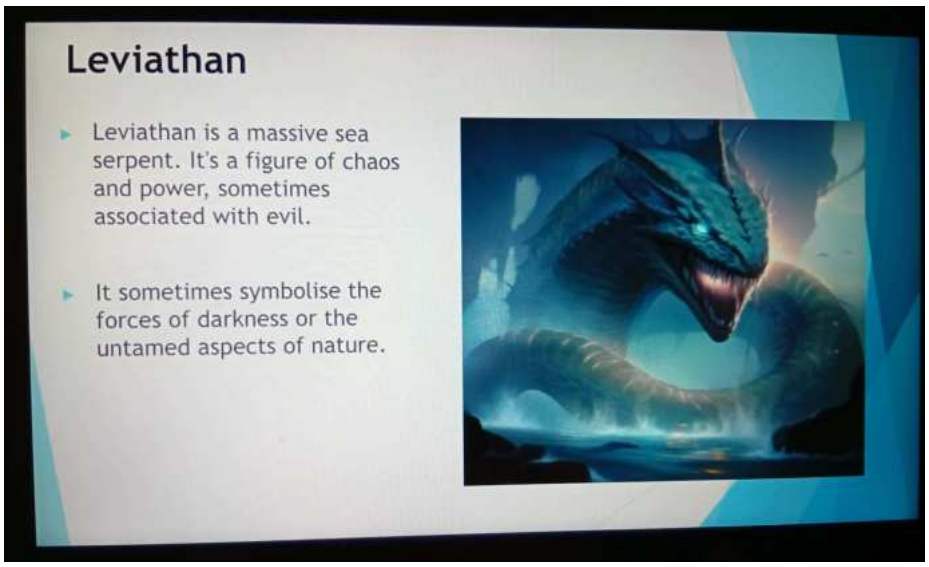
Wirebird (St Helena Plover) – Proud. Vigilant. Enduring. **Whale Shark** – Strength Through Calmness. **Jonathan** – Steady. Wise. Unstoppable. **Spiky Yellow Woodlouse** – Small but Mighty. **St Helena Ebony** – Rise Again.

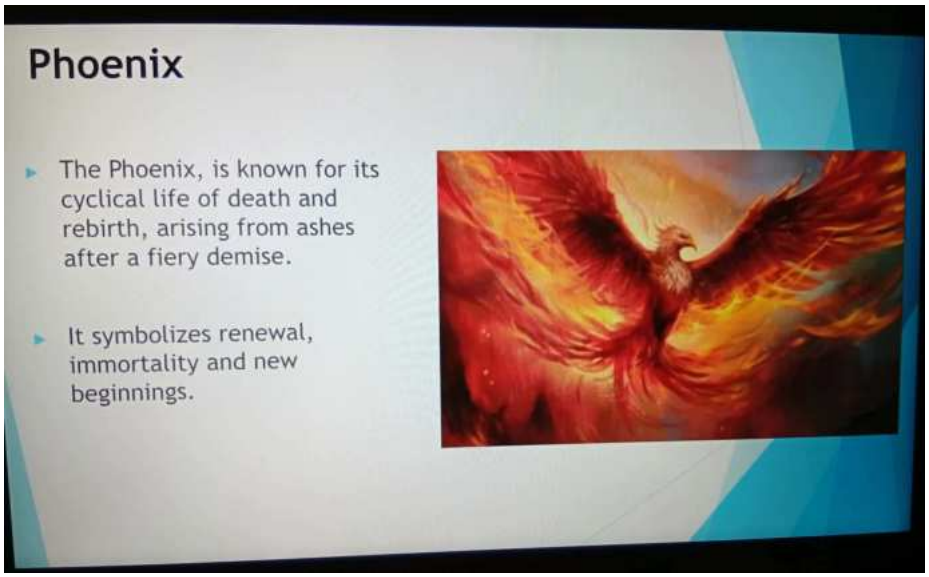
These names reflect St Helena's environment, St Helena's conservation legacy, and community spirit far more authentically than imported mythical creatures.

For these reasons, I call on the community to stand firmly against the proposed mascot names and insist that they be replaced with ones that truly embody the beauty, history, and identity of St Helena Island. The children deserve symbols that honour who the Saints are not symbols of chaos, destruction, or fantasy.

Shanon Cornelson







Dear Editor,

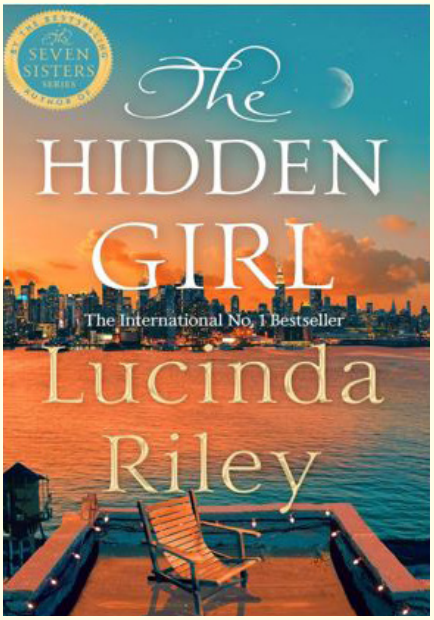
Be kind to dogs - and bankers
It was "World Dog Day" on May 28, focussing on honouring dogs and promoting their welfare.
I was once networking with a genial Irish banker contact whose job was to win new business for his bank. Late in the evening, he told me about a colleague's experience with some dogs.
Summoned to meet a family business at their premises high up on a cold, rain-lashed, wind-swept Scottish moor, he was shown into a large room and told to sit on a hard chair, facing a table, behind which sat the silent, stony-faced family, in front of a large, blazing fire.
He began his pitch: low interest rates, long-term commitment, all the things they say. Silence from the family. He ploughed on. More silence from the family.
As he looked along the row of faces in a futile search for some reaction, he noticed that at each end of the table sat a large, savage-looking Rottweiler. He ploughed on. Family - silence. Then, he began to hear a whining sound from off to the side and, looking in that direction, he saw a small poodle on the window sill. It whined. He ploughed on.
The whining grew louder. No reaction from the family. Should he lift down the poodle? He ploughed on. The whining grew louder still. He started towards the poodle; the Rottweilers growled; a family member said "Don't go near the poodle!".
"What did your colleague do?", I gasped. "Well," replied my contact, "He didn't go near the poodle."

Regards,

Lucky Thomson

Book of the Week

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The Hidden Girl by Lucinda Riley

Born and raised in a small village on the Yorkshire moors, Leah Thompson grows more beautiful with each passing day. When she catches the attention of the influential, troubled Delancey family, she knows her life will never be the same again.
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The Storm is Over

SHG announce conclusion of Hantavirus Major Incident following successful completion of isolation periods by higher risk contacts, with no cases on the Island and "no further risk to the public"



Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Government (SHG), in consultation with Gold Command and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have informed that they are "pleased to officially announce the conclusion of the hantavirus Major Incident on St Helena," with the announcement issued by SHG on Monday, 8 June.

This announcement on Monday may have come as a surprise to those following the saga, as it had always been stated that Tuesday, 9 June, would be the final day of self-isolation for the 18 individuals on the Island identified as higher risk contacts with regard to the outbreak of hantavirus linked to cruise ship MV Hondius.

However, the reason for this welcome early announcement of the conclusion of the hantavirus Major Incident is due to the mandatory period of isolation for higher-risk contacts having been slightly reduced under instruction by the UKHSA; meaning those on-Island had, by Monday, successfully completed their lengthy isolation periods.

"All individuals who were identified as contacts and required to self-isolate have now successfully completed their mandatory 42-day isolation periods, following the revision of the isolation period guidance provided by the UK Health Security Agency, down from 45 days," SHG confirmed and explained.

Additionally, with isolation now over, SHG pleasingly advised, as confirmed by Public Health officials, "that there are no active, suspected, or confirmed cases on the island, and there is no further risk to the public regarding this incident."

This will be welcome and relieving news for the community of St Helena and means St Helena successfully traversed the risk of hantavirus on the Island with not a single case having been presented. As such, SHG, in their announcement on Monday, expressed plenty of gratitude to all involved in the successful on-Island response to what they described as a "rare event".

"SHG and Gold Command wish to express their deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the safe and successful management of this rare event," they said. "A special thank you is extended to the individuals who underwent isolation, as well as the family members and householders who lived in close contact with them. Your immense patience, resilience, and strict adherence to public health measures, especially during a period of uncertainty and throughout our recent St Helena Day celebrations, were vital to ensuring the safety of our entire community."

"Sincere thanks go to our Public Health and medical teams, Emergency Services, Sea Rescue, St Helena Airport, and border control staff," continued SHG. "We also extend our gratitude to the UK Government and the UKHSA for their rapid deployment of specialist personnel, testing equipment, and logistical support."

Finally, SHG issued a "thank you to the community across St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha for your calm approach, cooperation, and reliance on verified official information throughout this response."

In moving forward, with the hantavirus situation officially over, SHG advised that the "temporary hantavirus testing capability will be stood down and the deployed laboratory scientists will return to the UK" with thanks for their support over the past four weeks.

SHG add that their maritime tourism and border operations will continue to run as normal under "standard, robust international health regulations."

SHG concluded by confirming that Monday's announcement would wrap up their formal updates regarding the hantavirus response, reaffirming that the situation is now over.

No "single point of failure" identified

Health conclude investigations into recent histamine fish poisoning cases



Following a precautionary recall of STC tuna mince processed between 12 and 27 March, health officials confirm that no further poisoning cases have been reported

Liam Yon, SAMS

Earlier this year in late-March to mid-April, a number of cases of scombroid, or histamine, fish poisoning was experienced within the community following the consumption of tuna mince.

The sheer number of cases, all experienced around the same time, prompted an investigation by the Public and Environmental Health Departments to ascertain what caused the histamine poisoning and where the point of failure was along the food chain.

On Wednesday of last week, SHG advised that this investigation has now concluded.

They detailed how, in total, 20 human cases of probable scombroid poisoning were reported, however they recognised that "this is likely to be an underestimation due to unreported cases." Thankfully, it was confirmed how "none of these cases required hospitalisation and all made a prompt and full recovery."

When looking at the findings of their investigation, Health noted how "tuna mince processed by the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) between 17 and 23 March was found to be one possible source of the poisoning," and therefore, "STC were instructed to recall all tuna mince processed between 12 and 27 March as a precautionary measure."

Since this instruction, SHG confirmed that "no further cases have been reported."

As part of their investigation, Public Health conducted laboratory testing on multiple samples of the recalled tuna mince products which they say "demonstrated high levels of histamine, confirming the diagnosis of scombroid poisoning."

They did however add that "testing of tuna mince processed by STC at later dates in mid-April showed histamine levels well within the safe limits for human consumption."

When looking at the cause of the outbreak of histamine poisoning on the Island, Public Health revealed that, despite thorough investigations, no single point of failure was identified. "A thorough investigation of the food chain, including interviews and site inspections, did not identify a single point of failure but rather several areas for improvement across the entire food chain," they reported. "Recommendations have been issued to the relevant industry stakeholders and follow-up visits are planned to ensure compliance."

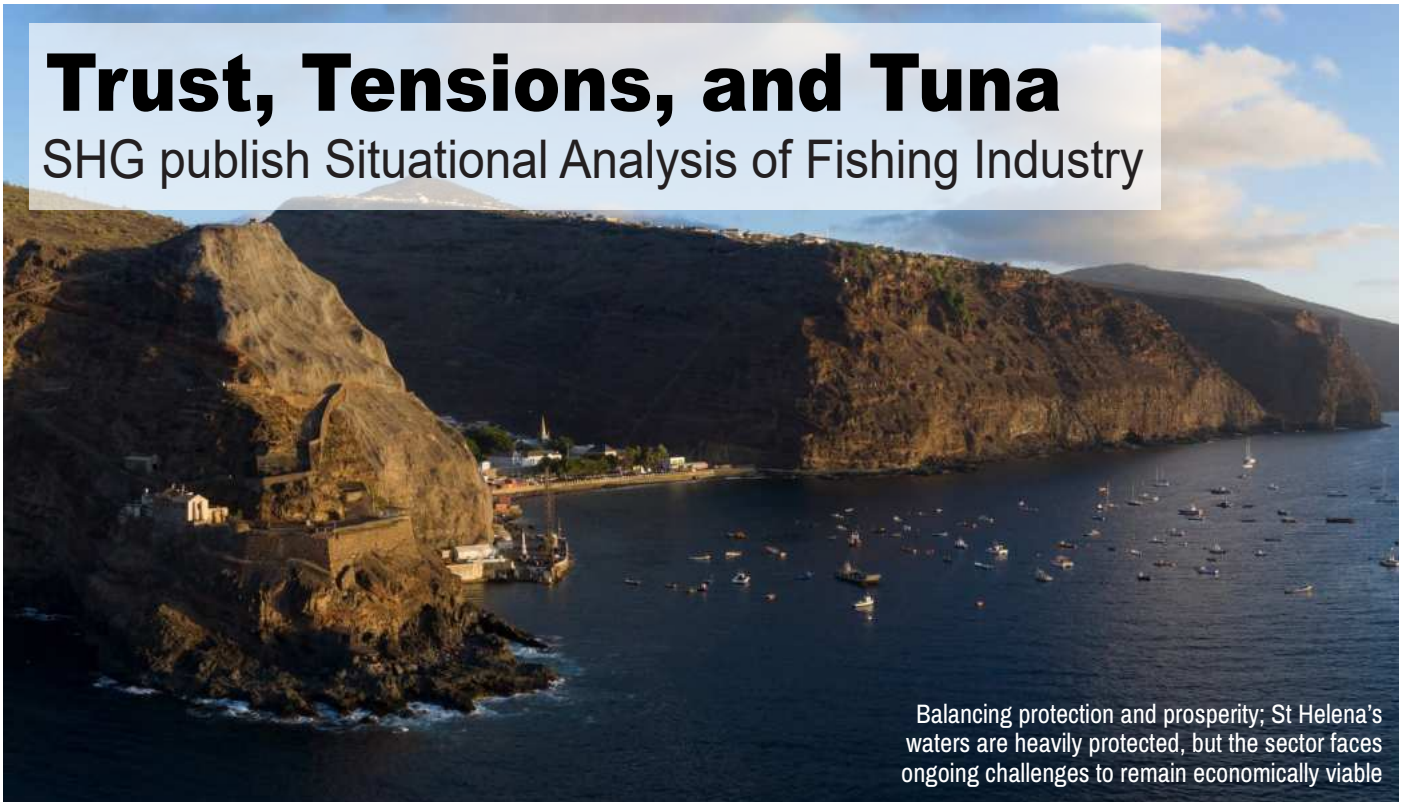
In addition, SHG add how, "an increased level of monitoring and laboratory testing of future batches, for both local market sales and export consignments, will be undertaken over the following months to ensure the ongoing safety of tuna products."

With no further cases of histamine having been reported since the recalling of tuna processed by STC between mid and late March, and with Public Health concluding their investigations, SHG ascertained that, "there are now no ongoing concerns regarding the safety of tuna products in St Helena."

This update, on the back of the publishing of SHG's Situational Analysis of St Helena's Fishing Industry, as well as a damning letter by a former fish factory worker on the Island in last week's edition of The Sentinel, has once again put fishing back in the spotlight, as it so often is, here on St Helena.

Trust, Tensions, and Tuna

SHG publish Situational Analysis of Fishing Industry



Balancing protection and prosperity; St Helena's waters are heavily protected, but the sector faces ongoing challenges to remain economically viable

Liam Yon, SAMS

On Tuesday, 2 June, St Helena Government (SHG) announced the publishing of their 'Situational Analysis of the St Helena Fishing Industry' - an extensive 97-page Situational Analysis Report assessing the status, challenges, and future prospects of the fishing industry, known by all to be a vital sector for the island's economy, culture, and environmental sustainability.

Prepared at the request of the Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Karl Thrower, the report brings together data, stakeholder insights, legislative analysis, and scientific assessments. The report does not however provide policy recommendations, instead offering what SHG see as a comprehensive foundation for informed decision-making.

The report itself is authored by SHG's Head of Strategic Policy, Ann Muir, and aims to provide an evidence-based account of how the fishing industry has evolved over the past decades, highlighting significant policy, ecological, and economic developments. It underscores that, despite longstanding importance, the sector has faced persistent structural challenges due to the island's small scale, remoteness, high operating costs, and volatile global fish markets.

In terms of the historical context and industry transition, the analysis traces the sector's history from early efforts in the 1900s through to recent reforms, especially since 2020; notably, the closure of the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC), the refurbishment of the fish processing plant, and the establishment of Saints Tuna Corporation (STC). According to SHG, this marked a strategic shift towards a more commercially viable industry with greater private sector involvement, however the report notes how progress has been slower than hoped and has been affected by delays in licensing, Covid-19 disruptions, and ongoing community tensions.

Positively, the report emphasizes that recent years have seen a strengthening of the legal and policy environment, including the Fisheries Ordinance, 2021, the Marine Management Plan 2023-2027, and St Helena having established a designated Marine Protected Area (MPA). Emphasis is also placed on St Helena's one-by-one techniques and pole-and-line fishing for tuna, which it indicates reflect both scientific advice and local stakeholder preferences.

With that said, despite broad support for conservation measures, tensions persist over whether local stock assessments, including local Total Allowable Catches (TACs), adequately reflect biological realities versus scientific estimates. As such, the report notes how the sector continues to grapple with balancing environmental protection with the economic needs of fishers.

A key finding in the report is what is being labelled as the rise of an informal, and in some cases illegal, fish market that operates outside the regulatory framework. While historically existing since 1977, the report suggests that the informal market's normalization since 2020 presents complex policy challenges, especially related to food safety, regulation enforcement, and protecting public infrastructure investments.

The report highlights that trust, perceptions, and communication significantly influence sector compliance and cooperation, with historical grievances, a mistrust toward the government, and the community's strong cultural ties to traditional fishing methods, said to complicate policy implementation and sector cohesion.

As is almost common knowledge on the Island, the report reveals how, economically, the fishing industry remains fragile. It does however suggest that progress has been made toward developing an export fishery, with plans to utilize the fish processing plant fully — which can handle up to 2,000 metric tons — but again notes how progress is hindered by slow contractual arrangements and an evident hesitance from sections of the St Helena community.



Fishing is seen as a vital sector for the island's economy, culture, and environmental sustainability



The report highlights strong community ties to St Helena's sustainable, one-by-one fishing methods

The report notes how stakeholder perceptions are central to understanding the sector's dynamics, recognising that articulating diverse views — from fishers, industry players, government agencies, and environmental groups — is crucial to shaping effective policies. It adds that while broader community engagement remains a challenge, the government aims to foster greater trust and cooperation.

Looking ahead, it is said that this situational analysis will aim to inform future policy options, balancing conservation, economic viability, and community interests. As such, it highlights areas needing attention, including clarifying market arrangements, addressing informal trade, boosting sector cohesion, and improving data collection for science-based management.

In summary, the report portrays a sector in transition with significant progress in governance and sustainability frameworks, though a sector facing ongoing economic, social, and operational challenges.

Within the report, SHG commits to ongoing dialogue and reforms to ensure a sustainable future for St Helena's fishing industry. As such, in their announcement on the publishing of the report, SHG state how they "will soon be convening a series of workshops with representatives of the fisher's associations, processors, and others with interest in the industry to develop policy options."

They add that "invitations to the first workshop will soon be sent out," and that "two workshops and a final meeting will be organised and held and hosted by SHG's Head of Strategic Policy, after which fishers and public servants working in the marine environment will meet to discuss next steps."

SHG describe this as an opportunity that "will underpin future fisheries policy with the lived and experienced knowledge of fishers," adding that, "it is hoped to complete this part of the process by the end of June 2026."

To conclude, the Situational Analysis was described as "a working document which will be updated as the process develops." The Situational Analysis of the St Helena Fishing Industry document has been made publicly available via the SHG Website (www.sainthelena.gov.sh/documents/situational-analysis-of-the-st-helena-fishing-industry/).



The report notes how the refurbished fish processing plant at Rupert's is central to future export plans despite current challenges

Nothin' But Net

Tenders invited for installation of netting above Field Road


SHG is seeking a contractor to install netting at Field Road

Donna Crowie, SAMS

As part of the R2 Project – which saw key road rehabilitation works at both Side Path and Field Roads – an application for the installation of draped mesh netting was approved back in January 2025, for netting to be installed along the embankment directly above Field Road.

It was indicated that this netting would help to alleviate some of the erosion issues that is currently presenting along the section of road.

During the Land Development Control Meeting, back in January 2025, it was proposed that "the mitigation of having a brown colour netting would reduce the visual impact," and the development was considered acceptable.

As such, St Helena Government are now looking for a suitably experienced local contractor to install netting at Field Road.

According to the Invitation to Tender, a site visit took place at 9am on Wednesday, 10 June, for interested parties.

Those interested in undertaking this work are encouraged to contact Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, for more details and to obtain tender documents. Completed tenders must be placed in the Tender Box on the top floor of the Post Office by 12noon on Friday, 19 June.

Utility Tariff Hike

Utilities Regulatory Authority announce 10% uplift in quarterly drainage fees



Liam Yon, SAMS

Residents and business owners on St Helena will want to take note of some changes coming to their utility bills next month with the St Helena Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) having officially issued a new directive on Tuesday, 9 June, announcing an increase in local sewerage and drainage charges, via a St Helena Government Gazette notice.

Starting on 1 July this year, quarterly drainage standing charges across the island will see a 10% increase. For domestic households, this means your bill will go up by £2.40 per quarter, bringing the new quarterly standing charge to £26.36. For commercial and government properties, the quarterly rate is rising by £3.78, making the new standing charge £41.61 per quarter.

Chairman of the URA, Duncan Cooke, noted that all other utility charges previously established in Gazette 62 of 2025 will remain unchanged.

All published SHG Gazette Notices are available to view on the SHG Website.

The Communication Conversation

SHG launch Survey to seek public views on Government communications



SHG have launched a Communications Survey, accessible online via the QR Code below

Liam Yon, SAMS

Openness and transparency from the St Helena Government (SHG) is always a topic for debate on St Helena; many garnering varied views on the level of communication between the government and the island community. Now, SHG are looking to hear the views of the public directly through the launch of an 'SHG News, Updates and Communications Survey', where they are, "asking the public for their views and perceptions on how the government communicates with the community," by answering a number of questions around the current standard of SHG's communications.

"SHG regularly reviews its public information and media output to ensure it meets the needs of the audience and stakeholders," they said when announcing the survey. "By completing a survey form, either online or via hardcopy, you will be able to tell us how you view SHG communications in key areas such as accessibility, reliability, proactiveness, and how easy our updates are to understand."

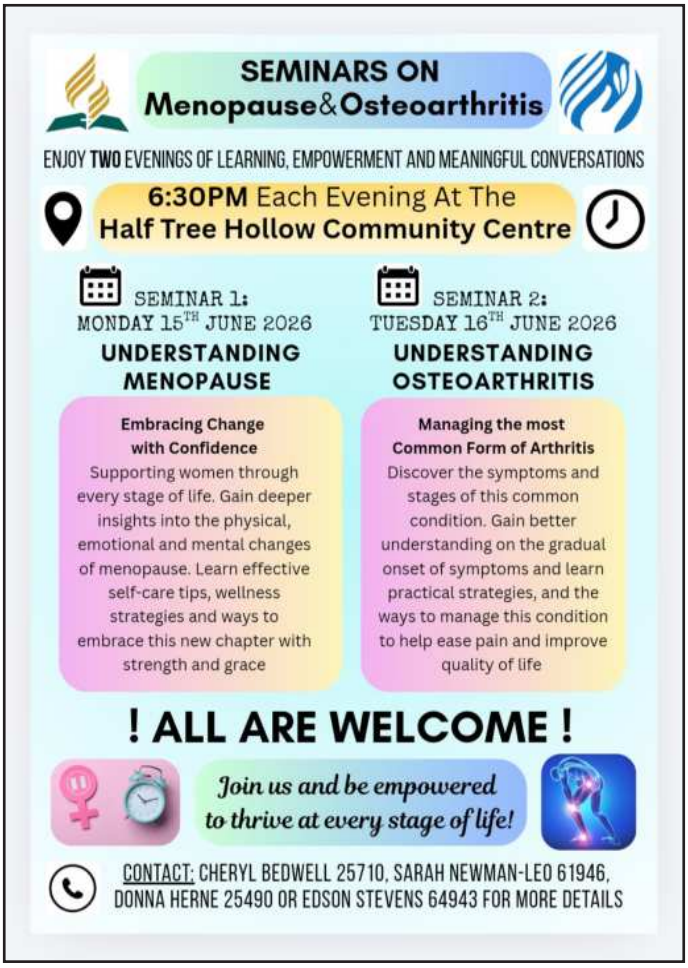
As such, SHG detail how "the survey will also ask for specific feedback on the ways you get your government news, such as via local newspapers, radio, social media, or the SHG website, and where you feel improvements can be made to ensure information reaches everyone effectively."

They go on to inform how the results from the survey "will help SHG improve the current information service it provides," before appealing to the community to, "please let us know what works well, what needs improvement, and how we can better keep you informed."

The survey, launched on Monday, 8 June, is available online via https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/shgnewscomms, while hard copies will be available via the Post and Customer Services Centre, the Public Library, the Tourist Office and the waiting area at the Hospital Outpatient Clinic. Surveys will also be placed in a number of shops and stores around the island.

In addition, and in order to "ensure everyone has a chance to participate," SHG have advised that members of their Communications Hub Team will be "out and about, approaching members of the public to assist them in completing the survey," where they will be visiting care homes on the Island make themselves available in Jamestown on Thursdays.

"Every piece of feedback is valuable and will directly shape how the government shares information with you in the future," concluded SHG. "We look forward to your participation and thank you in advance for taking the time to help us improve our services to the community."



Celebrating a Century – and beyond!

Liam Yon, SAMS

Althea "Dolly" Peters turns 102 as family celebrate fantastic milestone



102-year-old Althea 'Dolly' Peters enjoyed a birthday party with family and friends at the CCC

Last week on Sunday, 31 May, one of St Helena's oldest resident, Althea Peters, affectionately known to all as Dolly, celebrated her 102nd birthday, with a gathering of family and friends at the Community Care Centre (CCC), where Dolly resides.

Born on May 31, 1924, to Alexander and Cornelia Clingham, Dolly grew up in Deadwood, St Helena. Named for her fair skin and blue eyes, she married Charles Buckley and had two children, Felicity and Derek. Tragedy struck when Charles went to the UK as a wartime rifleman and never returned.

Soldiering on alone, Dolly expanded her family with a son, Patrick, and a daughter, Althea Dawn. She later remarried Kenneth Peters, moving the family to Alarm Forest. A resilient, hard-working woman, Dolly carried out laborious tasks to support her family, including walking to Jamestown for supplies, chopping wood, tending livestock, and using donkeys to haul goods. She even helped clean the area around Napoleon's tomb prior to ship visits.

Despite her demanding routine, Dolly embraced life, enjoying Sunday walks, watching tennis at the Briars, dancing, and baking. She also fostered a deep love for music, particularly songs like "Daisy Daisy." In 2005, she transitioned to care facilities, first at The Haven and later to the CCC in 2008. Though health declines eventually limited her activities, Dolly remains comforted by her trusty radio in her room.

Dolly's family was grateful to those who made her recent birthday celebrations special.

"Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful family and friends for celebrating Althea Peters' milestone 102nd birthday with us on May 31st," they said. "Your presence, love and warm wishes made her day truly memorable."

The Sentinel extends it's well wishes to Dolly for reaching such a fantastic milestone!

Evelyn Isaac joins the 100 Club



Evelyn Isaac turned '100 and fabulous' this week

Another local resident has also joined the 100 club, with Evelyn Isaac of Longwood, currently residing in the CCC, having celebrated her incredible milestone 100th birthday this week on Monday 8 June.

As is tradition, and a special honour, Evelyn will soon receive a special exclusive 100th Birthday card from His Majesty The King. As such, a celebration of Evelyn reaching 100 years young was held on Wednesday evening at Plantation House. The Sentinel will look to report on this in next week's issue.

Congratulations to Evelyn, the latest member of the St Helena '100 Club'!

Mildred John looks ahead to 104



Mildred John, the Island's oldest resident, speaking to HRH Prince Edward during his visit to the Island

Despite Dolly's incredible age, she is however not the oldest resident on St Helena.

That title belongs to Mildred John of Half Tree Hollow, where, incredibly, she still resides today; showing amazing strength and longevity.

Mildred who is currently 103 years young will turn an incredible 104 years old in September this year and The Sentinel will hopefully get to report and celebrate on that fantastic milestone birthday closer to the time.

What an inspiration!

"Proud of what it represents for me"

Ryan Stramrood receives Guinness World Record certificate for being the fastest man to swim around St Helena



Ryan recently recieved his official Guinness World Record certificate as the fastest man to swim around St Helena

Liam Yon, SAMS

Not long ago, St Helena was in the spotlight as the newest destination for extreme open water swimming athletes to visit, when Open Water Africa hosted the first official St Helena circumnavigation Open Water Swimming challenge on the Island.

The event attracted three elite athletes – namely Croatia's Dina Levacic, who became the first female to complete the challenge; South Africa's Angus McPherson, who is still the oldest person to complete the arduous swim; and finally, South Africa's Ryan Stramrood, who on March 19, became the fastest to ever do it, completing the solo, unassisted circumnavigation swim, totalling some 48 kilometres around St Helena Island, in an incredible 16 hours 50 minutes and 42 seconds.

While it was widely recognised at the time as a new world record, the swim, as is proper procedure, first had to be ratified by the World Open Water Swimming Association through details taken by the official observer of the swim, Open Water Africa's Howard James.

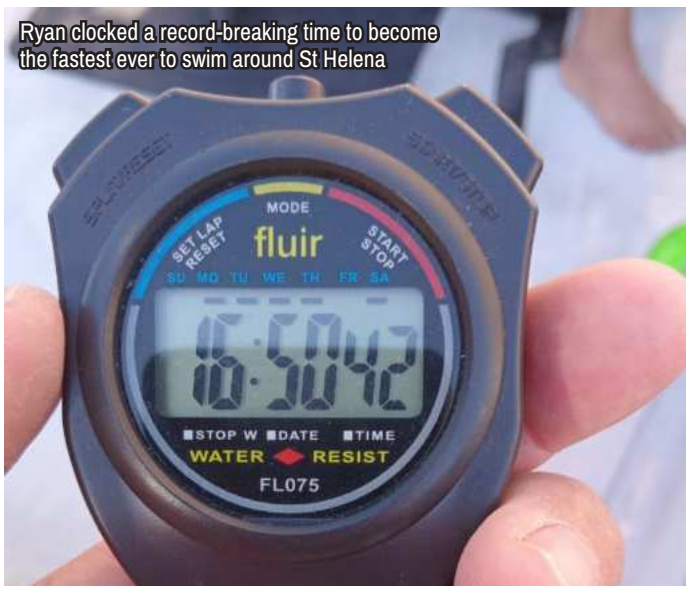
Last week however, multiple record-holder Ryan took to Social Media to share the exciting news that he has received his official Guinness World Record certificate as the fastest male swimmer to swim around St Helena Island.

"My fourth Guinness World Record certificate arrived yesterday," he updated to his Facebook page. "I've never pursued these challenges for records. For me, they've always been about growth and often pioneering. Exploring my limits, learning about myself, my mind and discovering what's possible on the other side of uncertainty. Yet I won't pretend I don't get a buzz when one of these arrives. Grateful for the recognition and proud of what it represents for me; far from the single achievement, but rather the journey behind it."

Congratulations to Ryan Stramrood, the official Guinness World Record holder for the fastest circumnavigation swim around St Helena Island by a male swimmer.

With Open Water Africa planning on making the St Helena Open Water Swim a regular event on the calendar, the question is, how long will Ryan hold on to the record?


Ryan Stramrood taking on the incredible St Helena open water swimming challenge



Ryan clocked a record-breaking time to become the fastest ever to swim around St Helena

The Waiting Game



The MV Karoline had to wait on transhipment cargo from the UK, causing delays on her voyage to St Helena

MV Karoline delayed due to late arrival of UK cargo for St Helena following "congestion" at Walvis Bay, as well as further issues at the port in Cape Town

Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Tuesday, St Helena's dedicated freight vessel, the MV Karoline, could be seen anchored on the outside of the dock in Cape Town, with service provider, MACS Shipping, confirming with The Sentinel that, at the time, her next voyage to St Helena was being "delayed by two days". MACS explained that the reason for this delay was "due to the St Helena cargo from the UK being delayed and the Karoline having to wait for the arrival." This was almost expected by MACS however, due to "congestion" being experienced at Walvis Bay. "The port of Walvis Bay has recently been delaying our southbound vessels due to congestion," MACS explained, before adding that they "expect this to get worse before it hopefully gets better again."

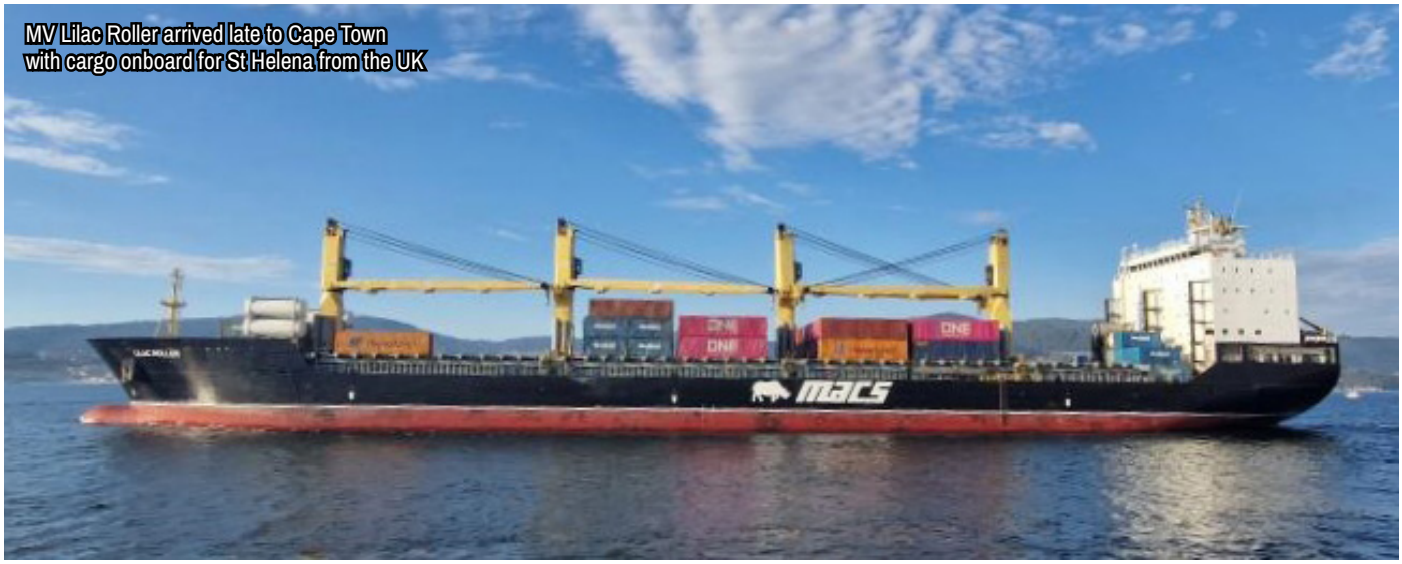
As such, the Lilac Roller, MAC's general cargo vessel, transhipping the UK cargo to Cape Town, arrived late to the Cape Town dock on Saturday, 6 June. The 170-plus metre long vessel can carry up to 1,158 20ft containers at any one time; it was informed by MACS that 26 containers needed to be transferred from the Lilac Roller to the Karoline for St Helena.

On Wednesday morning however, MACS informed The Sentinel of further delays expected due to a number of issues in Cape Town. "The port of Cape Town is currently 'fogbound'," they explained, "meaning that there are no movements taking place since yesterday."

This hindered the Karoline's operations schedule as MACS had anticipated to berth the Karoline on Tuesday night following cargo operations of the Lilac Roller.

The "fogbound" port is not the only issue currently being faced by the Karoline however, with a change to the berthing sequence also causing unforeseen delays. As informed by MACS, "the Karoline is now only due to berth tomorrow (Thursday) in order to sail on Friday and, therefore, her sailing has been delayed by another day."

Due to the numerous issues faced ahead of her sailing to St Helena, the MV Karoline is now scheduled to arrive three days later than originally scheduled, with a new ETA to St Helena of Saturday, 20 June.



MV Lilac Roller arrived late to Cape Town with cargo onboard for St Helena from the UK

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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. June 12

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

SAT. June 13

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 1:00pm: Northward Sounds (Repeat)
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna (Repeat)
- 5pm: In the know (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: OUT! OUT! with Liam (Repeat)

SUN. June 14

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

MON. June 15

- 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. June 16

- 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. June 17

- 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.June 18

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

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What is the 'Vibe' that gets you going?

Over the next few weeks, Anita will be featuring her vibe of 'Awesome 80's', bringing you a selection of her favourite 80's songs.

Tune in and listen along to see whether your favourite is featured on one of these shows.

Tune in on Tuesdays at 11am or on Thursdays at 3pm for the Vibe show, only on SAMS Radio 1!

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Hard'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

2	9	8	4	1	6	7	5	3
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Throwback Thursday



11th June 1903:

The Longwood Sports Club (later the St Helena Golf Club) is opened by Governor Henry Gallwey.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Tuesday, 16 June, is known as National Fudge day! We all like a bit of sweetness, right? Nowadays, there are so many ways to make fudge, either using the old fashion wooden spoon and beating away to slow cooker recipe. Make sure to get those arms warmed up before you take on the fudgy challenge.

Recipe from www.saintcooks.com

Fudge



Ingredients (Makes about 15+ pieces)

- 410g Evaporated milk (1 Large Tin)
- 680g Granulated sugar
- 60g Margarine
- 7tsp Vanilla essence

Method

1. Grease a baking tray well. Set it aside for quick and easy access later.
2. Add all ingredients to a large pot.
3. Using a low heat bring the mixture to the boil. Do not leave the pot unattended as it might boil over if not in a large enough pot. Can gently stir the mixture to prevent boiling over.
4. After roughly 10-15 mins the mixture will start to thicken. Stir the mixture. Start stirring when the mixture begins to reduce in volume and starts to catch on its edges.
5. Continually stir the mixture until it thickens. A good consistency for the mixture is when after running the spoon through it, it takes about a second to combine back together.
6. After the desired consistency is reached, remove from the heat.
7. Beat the mixture continuously until it loses its glossy shine. Approximately 5 mins or as the mixture starts to come away from the sides of the pot and sticks well to the spoon. Be careful as the longer you beat the mixture, once it starts to thicken, it will become crumblier and less creamy. You should still be able to pour the mixture.
8. Pour into the greased baking tray and smooth out with a pallet knife. Work fast as the fudge will start to set almost immediately.
9. Cut into squares whilst fudge is still warm to reduce it crumbling and cracking. Remove from the baking tray as you cut, and allow to cool on a rack. Enjoy!

The Island Pulse

Island Resilience, Critical Infrastructure and BIOT Funding Under the Spotlight



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

The latest edition of The Island Pulse on SAMS Radio 1 focused on two significant issues currently facing St Helena: the island's preparedness and resilience in the face of emergencies, and the recently announced extension of the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) Agreement.

Drawing heavily on discussions from Minister's Question Time (MQT) held on 2 June 2026, elected members reflected on the responses provided by Ministers and shared their perspectives on what further work may be required to strengthen the island's preparedness and future sustainability.

How Prepared is St Helena for a Major Emergency?

The first half of the programme centred on the theme of **Island Resilience and Critical Infrastructure**, which formed the focus of the June Minister's Question Time session.

Opening the discussion, Councillor Dr Corinda Essex raised concerns about whether St Helena Government has an overarching policy governing the maintenance and replacement of critical infrastructure.

Her question sought clarification on the management of essential assets such as cliff stabilisation systems, cranes, government buildings, schools, hospital facilities, emergency vehicles and other infrastructure vital to public safety and service delivery.

While acknowledging that emergency response plans appear to be in place, Dr Essex said she was disappointed that the answers provided did not clearly demonstrate the existence of a strategic, island-wide programme for maintaining and replacing critical assets before they become emergencies.

She highlighted the cliff stabilisation measures in Jamestown and Rupert's as an example of infrastructure known to be approaching the end of its operational lifespan.

Dr Essex argued that a rolling replacement programme would not only improve planning but also strengthen future funding applications by enabling government to anticipate needs well in advance. "*I was hoping to hear that these things had already been identified and included within a rolling programme*," she explained.

Questions Over Emergency Supply Agreements

Councillor Ronald Coleman focused his questioning on the island's ability to secure critical supplies during a major emergency.

His concern centred on whether the St Helena Resilience Forum has formal agreements with regional or international partners to guarantee access to fuel, food, medicines, shipping and aviation services if normal supply chains were disrupted.

Councillor Coleman noted that while contracts exist for shipping, aviation and fuel procurement, it appeared there were no dedicated emergency agreements specifically designed to operate during a crisis.

Ministers advised that support would be coordinated through the UK Government and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), which would assist Overseas Territories during significant emergencies.

However, the discussion left several Councillors seeking greater clarity on exactly what practical arrangements would come into effect if St Helena faced an immediate crisis requiring urgent action.

Councillor Julie Thomas observed that recent events such as airport disruptions and the Hantavirus response did not necessarily test the island's ability to respond to a sudden emergency requiring an immediate and large-scale logistical response.

Is the Private Sector Being Properly Included?

Councillor Derek Thomas focused his question on engagement with private businesses, infrastructure operators and community organisations.

Drawing on his previous experience in emergency planning, he explained that private businesses often possess equipment and skills that could prove invaluable during emergencies.

He questioned whether government maintains an up-to-date inventory of private sector resources that could be called upon during a crisis.

Councillor Thomas also suggested that greater emphasis should be placed on training community members and private sector employees for specific emergency support roles.

Examples included training individuals as first aid responders, cordon officers and other support functions that could relieve pressure on emergency services during major incidents.

While acknowledging that disaster management plans exist, he said he remained uncertain whether sufficient work is being undertaken to maximise community resources. "*Resources are limited, which makes preparedness even more important*," he said.

Several Councillors supported this view.

Councillor Denis Leo pointed to what he viewed as contradictory responses from Ministers regarding partnerships, noting that resilience was described as built through partnerships while little evidence was presented

regarding formal engagement with private sector organisations.
Councillor Clint Beard similarly questioned how businesses are being consulted, particularly in relation to current concerns surrounding Foot and Mouth Disease and its potential impact on the island.

Positive Signs from Risk Management Processes

Not all feedback from the MQT session was critical.
Councillor Robert Midwinter explored government's strategic approach to risk management and received what several members described as one of the more reassuring responses of the day.
Discussion confirmed that the National Risk Register is reviewed regularly, with updates taking place every six months.
The Chief Minister reportedly confirmed that another review meeting was scheduled within days of the MQT session.
Councillor Midwinter sought assurance that risks identified within individual portfolios are escalated appropriately for corporate decision-making.
The responses suggested that advisory boards and senior management structures exist to ensure significant risks are considered at higher levels of government when necessary.
Dr Essex described this area of discussion as one of the more positive aspects of the session, saying it should provide some reassurance to the public that formal risk management systems are in place and continue to be updated.
However, concerns were also raised regarding cyber security.
During the discussion, cyber security was identified as one of the island's strategic risks, yet members noted comments suggesting there is currently no dedicated funding available for the wider Digital Strategy.
Several Councillors expressed concern that investment in health, education and other services must be matched by adequate investment in digital infrastructure.

Food, Fuel and Supply Security

Councillor Denis Leo's question explored practical arrangements for maintaining supplies of food, fuel and other essentials if St Helena became isolated from the outside world.
Responses highlighted several existing measures.
Government confirmed the existence of a Fuel and Food Security Working Group, which monitors global developments and potential risks to supply chains.
It was also revealed that the island currently holds approximately three months' worth of fuel reserves.
Discussions referenced contingency arrangements involving shipping contractor MACS and airline operator Airlink, both of whom would be expected to source replacement vessels or aircraft if operational issues arose.
Minister Brooks also reportedly highlighted a food and fuel issues monitoring framework currently used within government.
While these measures were welcomed, Councillors again stressed the importance of ensuring wider community participation and preparedness.

Testing Emergency Plans

Councillor Julie Thomas questioned Ministers about the last time emergency plans had been tested through realistic exercises.
She was advised that Exercise Black Swan, conducted in November 2025, served as a major resilience exercise.
The exercise reportedly identified areas requiring improvement, including communications, triage processes and resource allocation.
However, Councillor Thomas queried whether the exercise focused primarily on airport-related incidents and questioned whether similar preparedness exists across other sectors, particularly maritime operations.
She also raised concerns about succession planning and the need for multiple layers of trained personnel capable of stepping into critical roles during emergencies.
Councillor Midwinter asked whether future exercises could test simultaneous failures across multiple critical services rather than focusing on a single incident.
Ministers reportedly indicated that such scenarios could be considered for future planning.
Dr Essex recalled previous island-wide emergency simulations involving cruise ship fires, school incidents and hazardous materials emergencies, arguing that large-scale exercises involving the wider community have previously provided valuable learning opportunities.

Seeking Stronger UK Engagement on Infrastructure Funding

The final MQT question, posed by Councillor Clint Beard, focused on preventative maintenance funding and engagement with UK Ministers.
Councillor Beard argued that visits from the FCDO's Financial Aid Mission (FAM) team create important opportunities for St Helena to communicate its infrastructure needs directly to decision-makers in the UK.
He expressed disappointment that there appeared to have been limited Minister-to-Minister engagement beyond discussions relating specifically to BIOT.
In his view, broader conversations are required regarding infrastructure, economic development, cost of living pressures and long-term sustainability.
Councillor Midwinter added that future external funding programmes should be linked to measurable resilience outcomes and long-term maintenance objectives.

BIOT Agreement Extension Brings Additional Funding

The second half of the programme turned to the recently announced extension of the BIOT Agreement.
Councillor Robert Midwinter welcomed the agreement, which will provide £9.05 million in funding and extend arrangements until 2028.
He reminded listeners that the current agreement builds upon the original BIOT arrangement reached in 2024.
Importantly, he noted that the anticipated migrant arrivals linked to the agreement have not materialised, reinforcing previous assessments that the likelihood of relocations to St Helena remains very low.
The Councillors emphasised that the agreement only applies in the event that migrants arrive within the British Indian Ocean Territory and require relocation.

Remembering How the Original Deal Was Negotiated

Councillor Julie Thomas highlighted an important point often overlooked in public discussions.
She reminded listeners that when St Helena was first approached regarding participation in BIOT-related arrangements, no funding had initially been offered.
Instead, St Helena successfully negotiated financial support as part of the discussions.
She argued that the additional funding secured through the original and extended agreements broadly reflects the level of budget uplift that previous administrations had sought through normal budget negotiations.
Nevertheless, she expressed concern that the island continues to rely on special agreements to secure resources that many believe should be available through regular recurrent funding settlements.
Importantly, Councillor Thomas also sought to remind the public that the original agreement was not entered into hastily. She explained that while only a small number of indi-

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viduals were directly involved in the negotiations due to the sensitive nature of the discussions, considerable work had gone into assessing potential risks, protecting St Helena's interests and ensuring the island would be operationally prepared should migrants ever need to be received.

Questions Raised About Changing Positions on BIOT

The discussion also touched on the evolving political positions surrounding the BIOT Agreement and the importance of transparency as public understanding of the arrangement continues to develop.

Councillor Thomas noted that some members of the current Ministerial team, including Ministers Thrower and Turner, had previously expressed significant reservations about the original BIOT Agreement when it was first negotiated. Given their more recent support for the extension, she said it would be useful for the public to better understand what had influenced that change in position.

The discussion was not presented as criticism of the agreement itself. In fact, members generally welcomed the additional funding secured for St Helena. Rather, the point raised was that public confidence is strengthened when elected representatives openly explain how and why their views have evolved on major policy decisions.

Reference was also made to recent public communications surrounding the extension agreement, which suggested that lessons had been learned from the original negotiations and that aspects of the first agreement may have been approached differently had those lessons been known at the time.

However, panel members noted that no specific details have yet been provided regarding what those lessons were. Councillor Thomas observed that, to date, no adverse consequences arising from the original agreement have been publicly identified, nor has any evidence been presented to suggest that the initial negotiations were rushed or undertaken without appropriate consideration.

Members felt that greater clarity on this point would be beneficial, particularly as the suggestion that lessons had been learned could reasonably lead the public to ask what shortcomings, if any, had been identified in the original process.

As a result, Councillors agreed that once the Memorandum of Understanding and associated annexes become available, there may be value in seeking further clarification regarding the lessons learned, any substantive changes made to the extended agreement, and the reasons behind the shift in support from those who had previously opposed the arrangement.

Several panellists felt this would contribute to a more informed public discussion and help ensure that future debate remains focused on evidence, transparency and accountability.

Awaiting Further Details

Several Councillors stressed the importance of reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and associated annexes before reaching final conclusions.

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex said she would reserve judgement until the full documentation becomes available.

While welcoming the funding, she emphasised the need for transparency regarding any commitments St Helena has made under the agreement.

Particular interest was expressed regarding the allocation of the £250,000 discretionary element included within the package.

Dr Essex argued that these funds should be directed towards initiatives that improve living standards across the island rather than simply supplementing departmental budgets.

Continuing Questions Around Pensions and Student Finance

Councillor Midwinter also highlighted two areas where St Helena was unsuccessful in securing concessions.

The island's longstanding efforts to achieve parity on UK State Pension uprating and access to maintenance loans through UK Student Finance were both rejected during negotiations.

While discussions continue through the UK Overseas Territories Association (UKOTA), UK Government officials reportedly made clear that no separate arrangements would be made exclusively for St Helena.

Looking Ahead

As the discussion concluded, members broadly agreed that the BIOT extension represents positive news for St Helena.

However, they also emphasised the importance of accountability, transparency and ensuring that funds are spent wisely.

Likewise, while the Minister's Question Time session confirmed the existence of resilience planning structures, many Councillors felt important questions remain unanswered regarding infrastructure maintenance, community engagement, emergency preparedness and long-term strategic planning.

The consensus from The Island Pulse panel was clear: St Helena has made progress, but there is still significant work ahead to strengthen resilience, improve preparedness and ensure that future funding delivers lasting benefits for the entire community.

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EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- Knowledge of Computer Systems, hardware, software, networking, cyber security and cloud technologies
- Current experience working in IT Environment providing computer hardware and software support (1 year).
- Ability to troubleshoot and solve technical problems.
- Driving Licence, Class A.

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
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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 Saheed Oyewo on +290 22255 or email Saheed.Oyewo@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 Monday, 15 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

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Wind Farm Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within our Electricity Generation team for Wind Farm Technician. This role involves delivering professional installation, planned preventative maintenance, fault rectification, and infrastructure refurbishment of mechanical power generation equipment—primarily associated with the Wind Farm—to ensure a safe, reliable, and high-quality power supply to customers. Also, this position provides cover for the Power Station Operator and Assistant.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- 5 years Technical Experience Power Generation
- 3 years Power Generation Operational Experience including SCADA
- Driving Licence, Class C.

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- City and Guilds Mechanical engineering- Level 1
- Possesses awareness of, or have relevant Health & Safety qualifications, including First Aid and Fire Safety

BENEFITS

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

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EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- 5 years Technical Experience in Power Generation
- 3 years Power Generation Operational Experience including SCADA, Plumbing, welding & fabrication.
- Driving Licence, Class C.

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- City and Guilds Mechanical engineering - Level 1
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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

R2 Field Road - Netting Installation

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

PMO-0526-SHG - R2 Field Road - Netting Installation

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 10 June 2026, at 09:00, meeting at Field Road Junction to Side Path Road.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 19 June 2026, clearly marked **"Tender PMO-0526-SHG"**.

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

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.

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 **Thursday, 18 June 2026**

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

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

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

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is seeking a motivated and detail-driven Freight Agent to join our Shipping & Travel Department.

In this dynamic position, you will be responsible for coordinating both sea and air freight operations, ensuring the smooth and efficient movement of cargo. You will handle all aspects of freight management—from documentation and cargo handling to responding to customer enquiries—while providing outstanding service and supporting the daily operations of the Shipping & Travel Department.

Interested Persons Should:

- Hold GCSE Maths & English at Grade C or above (or equivalent), and be confident using IT systems
- Have strong customer service skills with a friendly, professional approach
- Demonstrate excellent organisational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Be analytical with strong attention to detail
- Have experience in cash handling and general administrative duties
- Be committed to learning and professional development, including the ability to undertake overseas training when required
- Thrive in a fast-paced environment—able to multitask, prioritise, and meet tight deadlines
- Be driven to achieve targets and deliver exceptional service
- Work well independently, using initiative to solve problems proactively
- Be flexible and willing to work weekends (on a rota basis) and outside normal business hours when needed.

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

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via 22523 asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

Since 1790

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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

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

NOTICE BOARD

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.

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
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure.

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Vacancy

Safety & Compliance Officer

Salary for the post will range between £18,513.00 - £20,000.00 per annum;
depending on qualifications and experience

Job Outline:

Responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing all elements of safety and compliance, through Business Operating Unit Managers, in accordance with laws, regulations, standards and ethical practices as applicable to the Company in respect of environmental management and workplace health and safety.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have IOSH or similar Health & Safety Certification
- Have experience in a Health & Safety / Compliance role
- Ideally be knowledgeable of Food Safety practises
- Ideally have supervisory or experience in a management role
- Have grade C or above in English and Maths or equivalent
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Applications
- Have excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Be analytical and have a high degree of accuracy with attention to detail
- Be able to maintain total confidentiality within the Company

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

Paul Gasteen, Chief Operations Officer via 22380 paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh

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- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

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Vacancy

Assistant BFI Manager

Salary for the post will commence at £16,596 per annum (£1,383 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for an Assistant BFI Manager.

As the Assistant Manager you will assist the Manager with the day to day running of the Bulk Fuel Installation, and to deputize for the Manager in their absence.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working within bulk fuel storage, distribution and handling or similar environment, and related Health & Safety knowledge
- Be committed to the continuous improvement of Health & Safety performance, developing, and maintaining effective safety systems, and promoting a positive safety culture
- Have GCSE Maths & English or equivalent at Grade C or above and excellent ICT skills
- Have strong leadership skills and experience in developing and coaching a team
- Be able to undertake administrative duties including report writing and produce work with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Have strong interpersonal & organisational skills and be able to communicate effectively on all levels.
- Be analytical with strong technical skills and the ability to confidently make decisions.
- Have the ability to multi task & work under pressure.
- Be in possession of a valid driver's licence in class C
- Be knowledgeable of general maintenance of fuel equipment and facilities
- Be flexible to work outside of normal working hours as and when required

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

Mr Rico Yon, BFI Manager via 22332 bfi@helanta.co.sh

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Select Committee 1 – Call for Information

Following our previous call for information earlier this year, Select Committee 1 has decided to extend the deadline for submissions of evidence by members of the public to 31 July 2026. The next two key topics that will be scrutinised are:

- **Labour Market Strategy**
- **Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Enhancing Our Natural Capital**

These topics have been selected due to their importance to the long-term well-being, development, and resilience of St Helena. The Committee welcomes contributions from all members of the public to support these inquiries.

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

Submissions can be sent to the Committee Secretary via email at marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh, or by letter addressed to: **Committee Secretary, Legislative Council Office, Jamestown.**

All submissions must be received by **4pm on Friday, 31 July 2026**. Your contribution could help shape future policy —thank you for taking part.

Legislative Council, 9 June 2026

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Ladder Hill Tennis Court Improvements

St Helena Government invites suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract – Ladder Hill Tennis Court Improvements.

A site visit to view the works will take place at 10:00 on 17 June 2026, meeting near The Crown Supermarket in Ladder Hill.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date, will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Economic Development Officer, Marcella Mittens, located at The Castle, Jamestown on telephone no: 22470 or via email Marcella.mittens@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be submitted via email to Marcella.mittens@sainthelena.gov.sh by 12:00 noon on Friday, 03 July 2026, clearly marked 'Tender for Ladder Hill Tennis Court Improvements'.

SHG
09 June 2026

Women's Corona Society Worldwide St Helena Branch

Sponsored Busy hands

The Women's Corona Society held this FUNDRAISER WITH A DIFFERENCE on Saturday, 30 May 2026 at "Harlyn".

This was the 10th such session, having been introduced over 20 years ago. Some 18 people including 3 Children gathered at 2pm to keep their HANDS BUSY FOR 2 Hours; each person had decided what activity they would do and invited members of the public to sponsor them for this.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and ALL ACTIVITIES officially started at 2.30 pm meanwhile the Corona Treasurer and members were very busy, sorting/checking each sponsor form and money raised to determine those eligible for 1st 2nd & 3rd prizes

A very happy 2 hour session of fun, chit-chat and laughter as activities progressed – with hands busy. Activities ranged from sorting photos to cross stitch macramé code breaker knitting crochet and colouring in.

All activities ended at 4.30 pm

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their support, participation and happy company indicating how great this is, to help swell Corona funds for the planned Christmas events for the Island Community, this fundraiser was introduced some 20+ years ago - taking place on alternate years. She was delighted to report that this current event had raised £651.60

A prize giving session then took place for most money raised, with the most raised being £82.50

1st Miss Elli Hewitt with £82.50
2nd Miss Rosie Mittens with £65.50
3rd Mrs Pat Musk £52.00

Each Participant was also given a token gift with a THANK YOU CARD of acknowledgment of the sum they raised.

To round of this happy event everybody was invited to have tea and refreshments

J P Flagg, Chairperson

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BENEFITS

- → **Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- → Paid sickness absence

Head of People

(£30,560 to £36,271 per annum)

We are in search of an outstanding Head of People who merges professional credibility with emotional intelligence, resilience, creativity, and strategic insight. The ideal candidate will showcase a proven history in organisational development, transformational leadership, and the provision of high-quality people services within the public sector.

Holding a degree (or equivalent professional experience), you will possess a CIPD Level 7 qualification and be a Chartered Member (MCIPD) or Chartered Fellow (FCIPD) of the CIPD or have an equivalent professional accreditation. You will offer extensive experience in leading people functions, supported by a strong dedication to employee engagement, wellbeing, and the provision of customer-focused services.

With a thorough understanding of UK employment law and best practices, you are adept at analysing complex information, pinpointing opportunities for enhancement, and crafting effective, pragmatic solutions. Your background includes the creation and execution of people policies and strategies, engagement with senior-level stakeholders, and the leadership of high-performing teams. Through your inspirational leadership, you have effectively driven organisational change, implemented transformational programmes, and achieved measurable results.

Closing date: 28 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 07 July 2026
Interview date: 24 July 2026

For a discussion about the role please contact our recruitment partner, Gatenby Sanderson at orla.brennan@gatenbysanderson.com

For more information about St Helena Government terms and conditions please contact Nicole Stevens on email: nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh

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- → **Training and Development**
- → **Paid sickness absence**

HOW TO APPLY

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Principal Statistician & Methodological Lead for preventative interventions

(£30,560 per annum) plus market enhancement £28,000
Fixed term – 2 years

The principal statistician and methodological lead for preventative interventions will contribute to enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community and support the island's prosperity by bolstering the infrastructure and skills base to facilitate improved monitoring of the prevention and management of chronic illnesses. This position aims to enhance both the data management systems and the capabilities of the preventative health team. Essential responsibilities of this role include offering guidance on the design and evaluation analysis, aiding in the development of infrastructure, and mentoring staff involved in data management and analysis. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:Tracy Poole Nandy on Tel No.22500 or Email: tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 June 2026
Interview date: 07 July 2026

Apprentice Solicitor/Paralegal

(£13,569 per annum)

To improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by contributing to the legal team within Chambers. The Attorney Generals Chambers will invest the time and resources into ensuring our paralegals are fully equipped with the tools for success in the legal sector. Paralegals will be allocated a supervisor to provide them with quality training and opportunities to develop, as well as feedback and guidance. In return, we expect commitment, motivation and a genuine interest in helping our clients.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Andrew Duncan on Tel No.25526 or Email: andrew.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 June 2026
Interview date: 06 July 2026

Internal Auditor

(£13,095 per annum)

We are seeking an internal auditor to assist the internal audit service in delivering its mandate of providing independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve SHG's operations. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Tineyi Chiseya on Tel No.22692 or Email: tineyi.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 24 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 29 June 2026
Interview date: 09 July 2026

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Police Constable
(£13,569 per annum)

A unique and challenging opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual, to join the Royal St. Helena Police Service (RSHPS). The Royal St. Helena Police Service covers both Ascension Island and St. Helena and, at full strength, consists of 34 officers. We are seeking to recruit further Police Constables to support current Policing on both Saint Helena and Ascension.

In line with the requirements of the Police Service Ordinance 1985, the post holder must be under the age of 60 on the date of appointment.

Why join us?
Career Progression – Clear pathways for advancement within the Service, with opportunities to specialise and take on supervisory roles.
Training & Development – Access to professional training, accredited courses, and continuous development to help you grow in your policing career.
Salary Advancements – Competitive incremental pay structure as you gain experience and qualifications.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Julianne Stevens on Tel No.22626 or Email: julianne.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 24 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 29 June 2026
Interview date: 09 July 2026

Horse Point Landfill Site Operator
(£10,088 per annum)

We are seeking a Landfill Site Operator to help deliver the Government's waste management services at the Horse Point Landfill Site. This is a key service that contributes to delivery of the Island's Waste Management Policy.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Karl Martin on Tel No.24724 or Email: karl.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 24 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 29 June 2026
Interview date: 08 July 2026

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Safeguarding Strategic Delivery Manager
(£30,560 per annum)

We are looking for a safeguarding strategic delivery manager, aimed at enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and fostering the island's prosperity. This role entails effective leadership, coordination, and operational management of all facets of the St Helena Safeguarding Board (SHSB).The individual in this position will assist statutory partners in developing, implementing, and continuously refining multi-agency safeguarding frameworks for children, young people, and vulnerable adults. This role is pivotal in providing strategic leadership to promote safeguarding throughout St Helena, ensuring that partners fulfil their statutory obligations and that safeguarding measures are effective, proportionate, and responsive to local needs. You will lead and oversee the daily operations of the SHSB, ensuring it functions effectively and complies with statutory requirements and established safeguarding guidelines (including the Working Together principles relevant to St Helena). Additionally, you will develop and uphold a multi-agency performance and quality assurance framework that mirrors the safeguarding duties and activities of all partners. Furthermore, you will manage the SHSB budget in line with Board directives, ensuring the efficient and transparent utilization of resources and oversee the daily operations of the SHSB to guarantee it runs effectively and efficiently. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Nicole Plato on Tel No. 22470 or Email: nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 26 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 30 June 2026
Interview date: 08 July 2026

Chair of the Safeguarding Board
(£30,560 per annum)

St Helena Government is seeking an experienced and independent safeguarding professional to serve as Independent Chair of the St Helena Safeguarding Board. This high-profile, non-executive role provides independent leadership and professional challenge to support strong, effective safeguarding arrangements for children and adults at risk across St Helena. Working collaboratively with senior leaders and partner agencies, the Chair will help ensure safeguarding activity is focused, coordinated and outcome-driven. The role would suit a senior professional with substantial leadership experience, a strong understanding of multi-agency working and the ability to operate with influence, sensitivity and independence. Experience of safeguarding leadership is highly desirable. The position is offered for an initial 3-year term. The successful candidate will receive an annual retainer fee of £1,200, paid quarterly in arrears, as well as a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for any mileage incurred using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at Board meetings, which are generally held once per month. In addition, they will also receive a monthly payment of £6.65 towards internet costs.

Due to the requirement to be independent, St Helena Government employees and holders of official office are not eligible to hold the position as Chair.

For further information about the duties of Chair of the Safeguarding Board and/or to obtain the 'Expression of Interest – Safeguarding Board Chair', interested persons may contact Nicole Plato on Tel No: 22525 or via e-mail Nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed expression of interest forms should be returned to Nicole Stevens, HR Assistant, email nicole.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh

Shortlisted persons will then be invited to a discussion with the Chief Secretary, and the successful applicant will be appointed subject to receipt of a satisfactory vetting certificate.

Closing date: 26 June 2026

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Portfolio Director – Education, Skills & Employment
(£46,631 to £51,812 per annum)

We are seeking a Portfolio Director of Education, Skills & Employment for a crucial Executive level position, overseeing a wide-ranging and impactful portfolio that includes education, skills development, and employment services. You will establish the strategic direction and ensure effective delivery throughout the system—from early childhood education to lifelong learning and workforce engagement—guaranteeing a cohesive, inclusive, and high-performing offering.

Education, skills, and employment are vital for unlocking economic growth, enhancing resilience, and improving life opportunities. With a strong commitment to investing in individuals and cultivating a workforce prepared for the future, this is a unique opportunity to create significant, system-wide impact—where leadership is evident and results are measurable. you will spearhead improvements in educational outcomes, enhance teaching and leadership capabilities, and align skills development with the island's economic goals. You will build robust partnerships across government, businesses, and the community to establish clear, accessible pathways to employment and lifelong opportunities.

This is an exceptional opportunity to lead comprehensive system transformation in a highly interconnected environment. You will possess a proven track record of leadership in education, skills, or employment, with the capacity to achieve sustained improvements in complex contexts. As a confident and collaborative leader, you will influence at the senior level while engaging genuinely with communities and stakeholders.

Portfolio Director – Safety, Security & Home Affairs
(£46,631 to £51,812 per annum)

We are looking for an exceptional Portfolio Director, a confident and values-driven leader who excels at establishing trusted relationships with communities, partners, and political leaders. Resilient, adaptable, and composed under pressure, you will flourish in an environment that requires both strategic oversight and hands-on leadership. Most importantly, you will be driven by purpose and inspired by the chance to create a lasting impact on a community you can genuinely connect with.

The Safety, Security & Home Affairs portfolio is at the forefront of this ambition—protecting the island, ensuring the safety of its residents, and fostering prosperity. It encompasses a complex and vital system that includes policing, immigration and customs, fire and rescue, sea rescue, prison services, emergency planning, and critical national infrastructure. Together, these services are essential in upholding security, resilience, and public trust throughout the island.

This is a unique opportunity to lead a comprehensive safety and security function in a highly interconnected environment, where the effects of your leadership are both immediate and apparent. You will possess a proven track record in senior leadership roles within safety, security, justice, or related fields, with experience in managing intricate operational services and addressing evolving risks.

Closing date: 28 June 2026
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Interview date: wk. commencing 20 July 2026

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ENCOMPASS

VACANCY NOTICE

TRAINEE RIGGER/RIGGER

Job Description

Encompass are looking to recruit a Trainee Rigger or Rigger on Ascension Island. The post holder will form part of the Rigging Team, primarily responsible for antenna maintenance of the Transmitting Station and other rigging and aerial maintenance related duties.

Requirements

- A thorough knowledge of safety regulations relating to rigging work and RF hazards.
- Qualified Category 1 climber. Operation and maintenance of specialised rigging equipment.
- Competent use of hand, power and specialist rigging tools and be familiar with workshop practise and safety.
- Be proficient at tying the various knots commonly used in the rigging department.
- Qualified winch driver.
- Knowledge of pneumatics systems.
- Mechanical/electrical aptitude with an understanding of basic mechanical/electrical systems.
- Knowledge of various components used in the different equipment such as HF switches and associated equipment.
- Able to interpret complex antenna and support structure drawings.
- Good communication, organisational and Time Management skills.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy and to use one's own initiative.
- Experience of PC use and basic keyboard skills.
- Possession of a current full driving licence.

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Practical Experience of motor vehicle mechanic.
- Certification in driving and operation of heavy plant.
- Formally trained welder.
- Experience with either a marine, masonry, construction or mast -painting department.

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two-year contract with Single Status and the salary is dependent on experience – please enquire for more details. You will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A food allowance of £4,350
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of recruitment during your contract period

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory medical clearance, valid travel documents, basic criminal vetting check and references.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact JJoshua@encompass.tv.

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 12th June 2026.**

NOTICE BOARD

WILLS AID

MAKE A WILL WEEK IN SUPPORT OF ISLAND MINDS FOUNDATION

THIS WEEK ONLY 15-19 June 2026

MAKING A WILL – WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

It's easy to put off making a will. But if you die without one, all that you own (your assets) may be distributed according to the law rather than your wishes. This could mean that your partner receives less, or that the money goes to family members who may not need it. It is important for you to make a will, whether or not you consider you have many possessions or much money, because: -

- if you die without a will, there are certain rules which set out how money, property or possessions should be allocated. This may not be in accordance with your wishes.
- unmarried partners cannot inherit from each other unless there is a will, so the death of one partner may create serious financial problems for the remaining partner. There is no such thing as a '*common law wife or husband*'.
- if you have children, you will need to make a will so that arrangements for the children can be made if either one or both parents die.
- if your circumstances have changed, it is important that you make a will to ensure that your money and possessions are distributed according to your wishes. For example, if you have separated and your ex-partner now lives with someone else, you may want to change your will. If you are married this may make any previous will you have made invalid.

Wills Aid has been running since 1988. Wills Aid is a special partnership between the legal profession and charity. The idea is that, instead of paying a solicitor's fee, clients are invited to make a donation to charity for the cost of the will. **The Public Solicitor Office is supporting Wills Aid and has nominated Island Minds Foundation as our charity for 2026.**

If you would like further information about making a will or updating your existing will please contact the Public Solicitor office. Based on current charges, the donation to the charity will be £20 for a simple and straightforward will. For a more complicated will, charges will be between £20 and £50.

For an appointment please contact: office@publicsolicitor.com or by telephone 23008

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 14th June
Sandy Bay Chapel, 8.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 16th June: Baptist School Hall, 7.00 pm
Wednesday, 17th June: Blue Hill Community Centre, 7.00 pm
Thursday, 18th June: Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT
Adventure Kids: Age 6 – 10 yrs old
Saturday, 13th June: Baptist School Hall, 10-11.30am

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 17th June: Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday, 21st June: Jamestown Community Centre, 3.00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
For further information contact: Tel No 22388

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 14th June 2026 - 11th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
	Thursday 18th June	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise and Worship**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 14th June 2026 – 11th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 18th June	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 14th June 2026 – 11th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 16th June	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

NOTICE BOARD



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Ladies Fellowship

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.
Saturday 13 June 2026 at 3.00pm (Contact Priscilla for details-51919)

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Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 14 June 2026 11.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 16 June 2026
Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)

Wednesday 17 June 2026
Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 53227)
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.

Scout Jackpot Draw

The winners of the May
Scout Jackpot were as follows:

1st Prize - £100 – Gillian Francis
Ticket No. 524

2nd Prize - £50 – Jacob Bowers
Ticket No. 439

3rd Prize - £25 – Patricia Essex
Ticket No. 255

4th Prize - £25 – Ethel Henry
Ticket No. 228

The June draw will take place on 3 July.

Remember to have any chance of winning, you must participate.



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 "red" bingo sheet will be used.

Numbers to be read across, from left to right.

Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner. Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 13 June at 6 pm.

Prize - £20 per week

64	72	25	11	44	89	58	3	34	23
2	63	19	28	43	32	18	71	66	30
73	85	46	9	62	88	77	27	61	39
20	41	67	68	35	21	6	84	50	14
31	54	26	65	17	80	45	4	76	90
5	24	33	51	79	81	13	38	74	22
52	75	86	82	55	7	12	47	36	60



How it works
the post will go live on Facebook on Friday 12th June at 7pm on the St Helena Medical support Sweepstake page.
Request how many numbers you would like, and a number/s will be allocated to you. DO NOT ask for specific numbers.
If you do not have Facebook then ask a friend or family member to request a number for you.
Connie Johnson will be taking calls on 23840 from 7pm only on Friday evening, once the sweepstake goes live, if you don't have someone else to request a number for you. She will request a number for you on the Facebook page, and she will call you back with your allocated number. We politely ask not to call before this time.
All numbers must be paid for at the bank -
BOSH Account - St Helena Medical Support Fund
02146002
Payments to be made by 27th June. Draw will be done on the 30th June.
Please include your name and sweepstake number/s in the reference on the transfer slip or in the credit narrative if doing online banking.

SPORTS ARENA

Golf Report

2026 Furrows Stroke Play Competition



SHGC, Contributed

Sunshine, smiles, and superb scoring set the tone as twenty golfers teed it up on Sunday, 7 June, for the ever-popular Furrows Stroke Play Competition, proudly sponsored by Fox Motors. With the weather absolutely perfect for golf - high clouds, occasional sunny spells and gentle breezes - the stage was set for a memorable day on the fairways.

And the players did not disappoint.

Leading the charge in style was **Arthur Francis**, who found his rhythm early and never let go. His impressive gross 77, combined with his handicap of 11, gave him a winning **net 66**; good enough to claim not only the Furrows title but also the first prize.

Hot on his heels was **Jason Hopkins**, who delivered a composed and consistent round to finish just one shot back on net **67**, earning him the runner-up spot and second prize. Jason clearly had his eye in all day, adding a Nearest the Pin prize and one of the competition's "twos" to his tally.

Completing the podium was **Patrick Johnson**, whose solid play saw him post a net **68** to secure third place and prize.

Only five players managed to break into the 60s, a true reflection of the competitive edge and quality of play on the day. Among them were **Martin Buckley** and **Bramwell Bushuru**, both carding excellent net 69s, with Martin edging into fourth place after a countback decision.

Leading Results (Net Scores)

1. Arthur Francis – 66 (77–11)
2. Jason Hopkins – 67 (77–10)
3. Patrick Johnson – 68 (85–17)
4. Martin Buckley – 69 (81–12)
5. Bramwell Bushuru – 69 (79–10)

Special Prize Winners

- **Nearest the Pin (Ladies, 7th Hole)**: Laura Buckley
- **Nearest the Pin (Gents, 14th Hole)**: Jason Hopkins
- **Longest Drive (Ladies, 9th Hole)**: Laura Buckley
- **Longest Drive (Gents, 4th Hole)**: Bramwell Bushuru

The excitement didn't stop there, with **four "twos" recorded** during the round—always a crowd-pleaser. Well done to: Jeffrey Stevens (1st hole), Keith Joshua (7th hole), Jason Hopkins (14th hole) and Gerald George (16th hole)

As the dust settled on a fantastic day of golf, the St Helena Golf Club once again extended its sincere appreciation to **Fox Motors** for their continued sponsorship. Their support plays a vital role in making events like the Furrows Competition such an enjoyable and successful occasion for all.

With perfect weather, great company, and top-class golf, this year's Furrows will surely be remembered as one of the highlights of the season.

Next Sunday, 14 June, the weekend before the biggest competition on St Helena's calendar, the club will host a choose your partner Texas Scramble Strokeplay competition. Tee off 12noon. Registration closes on Saturday, 13 June, at 3pm.





batsmen in just the first four overs. This was thanks to some excellent bowling from Allstars, led by Clayton Leo, with one wicket for 19 runs in his spell. However, it was brothers, Brett Isaac with 36, and Player of the Match, Ronan Legg with 67, who would stabilise the innings for Pirates, dragging them out of a tough spot and pushing them to a healthy total of 158 runs in the innings.

During the reply, Allstars got off to a slow start with the bat, though this was largely thanks to some excellent bowling up front from the Pirates, led by Captain Rhys Francis, who took two wickets for just eight runs after 3.2 overs. Despite this, Delroy Leo with 33, and Aiden Leo with 53, would keep Allstars in the game as they chased the total and their spot in this year's final. However, eventually the total slipped away, with Allstars ultimately succumbing to the excellent bowling of Pirates, who kept the score to 133 all out for Allstars, seeing Pirates progress to 2026 Knockout final.

This means that, after another successful T20 Knockout tournament, Sandy Bay Pirates will once again line-up against the Challengers in a replay of last year's final, which Pirates edged in a highly entertaining and competitive matchup. All eyes will be on these teams as they battle it out for the final piece of silverware in this year's cricket season during the 2026 Presentation Day this weekend. Good luck to both finalists – may the best team win!



SPORTS ARENA



We Meet Again

Challengers and Pirates set to write another chapter in their rivalry as they meet again in SHCA Knockout Final 2026

Luke Bennett, SAMS

The semi-finals of this year's St Helena Cricket Association's T20 Knockout tournament got underway on Sunday, 7 June, with Challengers taking on the Cobras. Challengers elected to bat first and got off to a flyer with both openers, Andrew Yon and Captain Cliff Richards, pushing their team to 86 after four overs before the first dismissal – both players finishing with 46 runs each.

Cobras were able to take wickets with Jamie Peters and Mark Anthony grabbing two each, however the runs kept racking up for Challengers with Player of the Match, Joey Thomas, being the standout batsmen, knocking 60 runs to help Challengers to a total of 247 runs by the end of the innings.

Cobras then took to the crease where they fell victim to another bowling masterclass from Challengers. Jamie Peters would follow-up his bowling spell with a vicious 46 runs off 17 balls for Cobras, however Challengers bowling ultimately proved too strong with Jordan Yon taking one wicket for just 12 runs during his spell, as youngster, Harry Winfield, grabbed two wickets to help his team restrict Cobras to a total of 117 runs, taking the win and progressing yet again to the Knockout final.

The second match on Sunday was the highly-anticipated semi-final matchup between Levelwood Allstars and reigning knockout champions, Sandy Bay Pirates.

Pirates elected to bat first, however got off to a shaky start, losing two



Knockout Finals 12pm, followed by SHCA presentation